

Home Devotionals -- Five Acts of Worship: Preaching

- Begin by listing the five acts of worship
 - Singing, Praying, Preaching, Giving, Taking the Lord's supper
 - Have different individuals share one at a time until all have been said
- Explain this week of study will be devoted to studying the act of preaching
 - Ask your children what preaching is
 - Discuss and define preaching
 - As the week goes on, quiz each other with basic definitions of preaching
 - Depending on age level discussions
 - Gender roles and preaching
 - What ought preachers preach about
 - What the role of the listeners are
 - How well do you know the local preacher and his work
- Transition to a singing period
 - If you have already done devotionals on singing, quiz each other with the memory verse on our commandment to sing (Ephesians 5:19 or Colossians 3:16)
 - Have each family member pick a devotional song
- Transition to prayer period
 - If you have already done devotionals on praying, quiz each other with a memory verse(s) on prayer (I Timothy 2:1)
 - Talk to one another about prayer requests letting each individual share a turn
 - Pray -- have different individuals lead each night
- Transition to study of God's word
 - Try to select stories where preaching is the main topic
 - Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5,6,7)
 - Peter preaching on Pentecost (Acts 2)
 - Paul's sermon on Mars Hill (Acts 17)
 - Paul preaching till midnight (Acts 20)
 - And many others
- Go over the week's memory verse (**II Timothy 4:2 -- Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.**)
 - Step 1 - repeat phrase by phrase
 - Step 2 - you say one phrase someone else says the next phrase
 - Step 3 - individuals take turns saying the verse out loud
 - Young children are helped by memory devices like hand signals or melodic phrasing
- Close with another song and/or prayer