

Family Guide for week of January 28th

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Suggestions on getting started:

- Decide on a time & place (breakfast, dinner, before bed, etc...)
- Start simple and short (ten minutes or less). Start with three things: 1) Read God's word, 2) Pray together and 3) Sing together. Scripture memory and catechism questions are *optional* if you have the time. Better to start small than bite off more than you can chew and give up.
- Be flexible. It doesn't need to look cookie-cutter similar for every family. Know yourself and know your kids: their personality, age, maturity, etc. [For younger kids consider starting with a good children's Bible like [The Big Picture Story Bible](#).]
- If you don't know the answer to a question someone has, don't act like you do! Say something like, "Great question, let me look into that." Study, ask a pastor or Christian friend and get back to them.
- Embrace the chaos. Kids are kids – don't expect it to be a perfect roundtable discussion with quiet, attentive children every time. Be patient and persistent. Patterns and habits help to set expectations over time.
- To learn more about family worship check out Donald Whitney's book (available at our church bookstall): [Family Worship: In the Bible, In History, and In Your Home](#).

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Bible Intake (*Listening to God*)

Day 1 – John 12:20-36
Day 2 – John 12:37-50
Day 3 – John 13:1-20
Day 4 – John 13:21-30
Day 5 – John 12:31-38

**Read Revelation 2:8-11 in preparation for church on Sunday, February 4, 2024*

Prayer (*Talking to God*)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.
Pray for a few church members on pg. 28 of our church directory.
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Sing together

“A Mighty Fortress” – use the bulletin from Sunday

Memory verses for the month

Psalms 121:3-6 *He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. ⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 29
How can we be saved

Answer
Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross.

¹ New City Catechism (<http://newcitycatechism.com/>)