

Family Guide for week of February 11th

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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 16:16-33
Day 2 – John 17:1-26
Day 3 – John 18:1-14
Day 4 – John 18:15-24
Day 5 – John 18:25-40

**Read Revelation 2:18-29 in preparation for church on Sunday, February 18, 2024*

Prayer (Talking to God)

Pray about one thing you read in Scripture together.
Pray for a few church members on pg. 30 of our church directory.
Pray for any specific needs of you and your family.

Sing together

"Are you Happy in Jesus?" – use the bulletin from Sunday

Memory verses for the month

Psalms 86:7 *"In the day of my trouble I call upon you, for you answer me."*

Proverbs 18:10 *"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe."*

Catechism question for the week¹

Question 31

What do we believe by truth faith?

Answer: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

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