

Fathers' Studies: Family Responsibilities

"...that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

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FAMILY WORSHIP

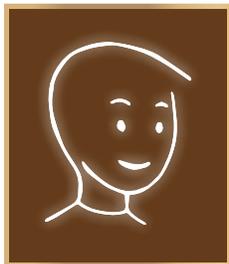
LESSON AIM: To learn the value of worship for the family.

KEY VERSE:

1. **JOHN 4:23-24** God wants His people to _____ in spirit and in truth.
2. **ROMANS 12:1** The worship that pleases God is to give your _____ as a holy and loving gift to Him.
3. **GENESIS 22:5-6** Abraham and his son _____ walked on together to the place where they would _____ .
4. **1 SAMUEL 1:3-5** Every year, Elkanah took his family to _____ at the altar in _____ .

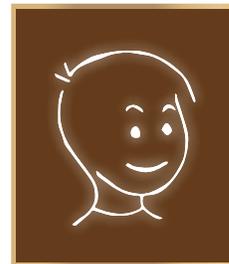
PERSONAL NOTES:

For You To Do



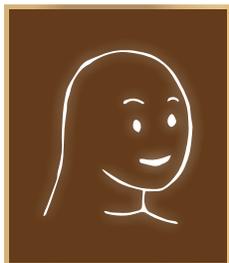
By Yourself

Commit yourself to a time of worship alone with God each day. First thing in the morning is a very good time.



With Your Children

Schedule a time for daily family devotions. Just after a meal is a good time because then it does not take a special effort to get the children together.



With Your Wife

Have a time of prayer together every day, just the two of you.

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God asks fathers to be spiritual leaders to their families and to teach them His Word. One way to do this is by family worship. This is a regular time every day when the family meets for spiritual teaching and worship.

Schedule your family worship at a time when everyone can be together and when you won't likely get interrupted. Keep the time short enough that children do not lose interest.

Here are some ideas for family worship.

FAMILY WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

SINGING Let the children choose songs. Sing songs for all ages. Learn new songs.

PRAYER Let the children make prayer requests. Make a prayer list and check off the requests as they are answered. Get prayer lists from churches and missions and pray for Christians around the world.

BIBLE READING Read a chapter or group of verses. Let the children take turns reading.

BIBLE MEMORY Have a memory project. Recite verses during family worship.

READING STORIES Read a Bible storybook or stories that show Bible truth. Act out stories.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION Encourage children to ask questions about what you read. Discuss what the Bible readings mean to your family life.

HELPS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

OUR DAILY BREAD Order from RBC Ministries, Box 1622, Windsor, ON N9A 6Z7 Phone: 1.519.979.1073, canada@rbc.org; or RBC Ministries, PO Box 2222, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49501-2222; Phone: 1.616.974.2210, usa@rbc.org.

FAMILY WALK Order from www.amazon.com

KEYS FOR KIDS Order from Keys for Kids Ministries PO Box 1001 Grand Rapids, MI 49501-1001

PROVERBS 22:6, DEUTERONOMY 11:19-20, PSALM 145:4

...WE WILL TELL THE CHILDREN-TO-COME THE PRAISES OF THE LORD, AND OF HIS POWER AND THE GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE. (PSALM 78:4)

Family worship—a regular daily event.

Keep it short and meaningful.

Use different kinds of activities.

Look for family worship helps with material for all ages.

WINDOW TO LIFE

Fred was a godly man whose greatest desire was to have all of his family grow up to serve the Lord. Every evening before bedtime Fred gathered all his children around him for family worship. They began by singing a song. Then Fred's wife read a story which taught a Bible truth and the verse that went with the story. Fred then explained the verse and showed how to apply it to their lives. They finished their worship with prayer.

Even if someone was there to visit, Fred's family still had their worship at the regular time. They invited their guests to join them. Fred was not content until he had everyone in his house gathered in a circle for the family worship time.

This has taught all of Fred's children to have a strong respect for family worship, for God's Word, and for what is right.

