

Family Worship Time (FBC Westwego)

Sunday, March 22, 2020

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INSTRUCTIONS:

[Youtube Video: How to approach family worship](#)

This order of worship is meant to be used as a guide. Feel free to make changes or adapt it to suit your needs. Our intention is that you dedicate some time on Sunday morning to worship with your family. After that, you tune in to watch Pastor Jay's sermon.

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<https://www.facebook.com/firstwego/>

<http://firstwego.org/online-sermons/march22>

I. Use one of these two opening prayers (or something similar).

For adults	<i>Fill our worship with grace, Lord Jesus Christ, that every thought, word, and deed may be acceptable to you, our Rock and our Redeemer. Amen</i>
For children	<i>Dear God, we come to worship you today. We come to sing, pray, and listen. You always hear us. Help us to hear you. Amen</i>

II. Sing a song together. I'd recommend "We Believe". [Youtube link here](#). Lyrics below.

We Believe

Verse 1

In this time of desperation
When all we know is doubt and fear
There is only one foundation
We believe we believe
In this broken generation
When all is dark You help us see
There is only one salvation
We believe we believe

Chorus

We believe in God the Father
We believe in Jesus Christ
We believe in the Holy Spirit
And He's given us new life
We believe in the crucifixion
We believe that He conquered death
We believe in the resurrection
And He's coming back again
(We believe)

Verse 2

So let our faith be more than anthems
Greater than the songs we sing
In our weakness and temptations
We believe we believe

Bridge

Let the lost be found and the dead be raised
In the here and now let love invade
Let the church live loud our God will save

We believe we believe
And the gates of hell will not prevail
For the pow'r of God has torn the veil
Now we know Your love will never fail
We believe we believe

Ending

He's coming back again
He's coming back again
We believe we believe

III. Read Psalm 23 together as a family. Use the version you are used to, use the version I've included below (CSB), or for those with young children, consider reading aloud the Jesus Story Book paraphrase.

Psalm 23 (CSB)

The Lord is my shepherd; I have what I need.
He lets me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside quiet waters.
He renews my life;
he leads me along the right paths
for his name's sake.
Even when I go through the darkest valley,
I fear no danger,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Only goodness and faithful love will pursue me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord as long as I live.

Jesus Storybook Bible

God is my shepherd and I am his little lamb.
He feeds me, he guides me, he looks after me.
Inside, my heart is very quiet.
As quiet as lying on soft green grass in a meadow by a little stream.
Even when I walk through the dark scary, lonely places,
I won't be afraid because my shepherd knows where I am.
He is here with me. He keeps me safe. He rescues me.
He makes me strong and brave.
He is getting wonderful things ready for me—
especially for me—
everything I ever dreamed of!
He fills my heart full of happiness.
I can't hold it all inside.
Wherever I go I know God's never stopping
never giving up, unbreaking
Always and forever love will go too!"

VI. Sing Amazing Grace Together (My Chains Are Gone). [Youtube link here](#). Lyrics below.

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Verse 1

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

My chains are gone I've been set free
My God my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy rains
Unending love amazing grace

Verse 3

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

VIII. Sing Sovereign Over Us. [Youtube link here.](#) Lyrics below.

Sovereign Over Us

Verse 1

There is strength within the sorrow
There is beauty in our tears
And You meet us in our mourning
With a love that casts out fear

Verse 2

You are working in our waiting
Sanctifying us
When beyond our understanding
You're teaching us to trust

Chorus

Your plans are still to prosper
You've not forgotten us
You're with us in the fire and the
flood
Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sov'reign over us

Verse 3

You are wisdom unimagined
Who could understand Your ways
Reigning high above the heavens
Reaching down in endless grace

Verse 4

You're the lifter of the lowly
Compassionate and kind
You surround and You uphold me
And Your promises are my delight

Bridge

Even what the enemy means for evil
You turn it for our good
You turn it for our good
And for Your glory
Even in the valley You are faithful
You're working for our good
You're working for our good
And for Your glory
(REPEAT)

Ending

Faithful forever perfect in love
You are sov'reign over us

V. Read Ephesians 5:8-14 (CSB)

8 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light—
9 for the fruit of the light consists of all goodness, righteousness, and truth—
10 testing what is pleasing to the Lord.
11 Don't participate in the fruitless works of darkness, but instead expose them.
12 For it is shameful even to mention what is done by them in secret.
13 Everything exposed by the light is made visible,
14 for what makes everything visible is light. Therefore it is said: Get up, sleeper, and rise up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

IV. Pray together. Start with something like this...

Merciful God,
You bear the pain of the world.
Look with compassion on those who are sick and suffering;
Cheer them by your Word
And bring healing as a sign of your grace,
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

At this time, spend some time in prayer for those in our country, community, and church who are being affected by this pandemic. Pray especially for our government leaders: the president, the governor, and the mayor. Finish with the following:

God, our helper,
By your Holy Spirit open our minds
And lead us into your truth
For the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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