



Suggestions for Family Worship

Deuteronomy 6:1-12 (KJV) *Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it: 2 That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey. 4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: 5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates. 10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall have brought thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, 11 And houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and wells digged, which thou diggedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not; when thou shalt have eaten and be full; 12 Then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.*

1. Establish daily family worship (shoot for 3-5 days per week, with church on Sunday)
 - Use a good catechism or catechism-based devotional. We recommend *Training Hearts, Teaching Minds* by Starr Meade to get started.
 - Gather the family around a table or in a comfortable place.
 - Read the devotional and accompanying Scripture, pray together, and sing a song or hymn.
 - Welcome questions.
 - Encourage younger children to read what they can and pray as they are able.
 - Have fun!
2. Add in Evening Bible time 2 or 3 times weekly – dinner time catechism, audio bible or reading, topical studies, etc.
3. Work in Church/Bible History and apologetics. Build your library as you go along!
4. Embrace biblical hospitality. Share you home and food with a view towards sharing the Gospel and Discipleship.
5. Consider limiting secular media and substituting family entertainment, including learning to play instruments, board games, physical activity, or serving the church and/or community.