

# **Gospel-Powered Worship: Family Devotions at Home**

## **Various Scriptures**

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Main Point: Scripture gives parents both the mandate and the models for leading their families in the worship of God, so we must seek to establish faithful, practical, and consistent patterns of worship in the home.

I. The Biblical Mandate for Family Worship

II. The Biblical Models of Family Worship

III. The Practical Methods of Family Worship

## Recommended Resources:

### Study Bibles

- \* The MacArthur Study Bible
- \* A helpful study Bible with notes that explain the meaning of the text, key doctrines, and difficult passages. Parents can use it to prepare before leading family devotions or to answer questions that come up during Bible reading.
- \* ESV Study Bible
- \* A strong all-around study Bible with introductions, notes, maps, charts, and theological articles. It is especially useful for helping families understand the context and main point of a passage.

### Commentaries

- \* The Bible Knowledge Commentary, edited by John F. Walvoord and Roy B. Zuck
- \* A clear and accessible commentary that explains the meaning of each Bible book in a straightforward way. Parents can use it to better understand a passage before explaining it simply to their children. (Available in single-volume and two-volume editions.)
- \* The Moody Bible Commentary, edited by Michael Rydelnik and Michael Vanlaningham
- \* A one-volume commentary on the whole Bible written from a conservative evangelical perspective. It is useful for getting a concise explanation of a passage and seeing how it fits into the larger message of Scripture.
- \* Matthew Henry's Commentary on the Whole Bible
- \* A classic devotional commentary that is rich in spiritual reflection and practical application. Parents may find it helpful for drawing out heart-level truths and applications for family worship. (Available in single-volume and multi-volume editions.)

### Books

- \* Family Worship Bible Guide by Joel Beeke
- \* This resource provides brief devotional thoughts and questions for every chapter of the Bible. It is especially useful for families who want to read straight through Scripture and have help discussing and applying each chapter.
- \* Family Worship by Donald S. Whitney
- \* A short and practical book that explains the importance and simplicity of family worship. It helps parents see that family devotions do not need to be complicated: read the Bible, pray, and sing.
- \* Expository Thoughts on the Gospels by J. C. Ryle
- \* Ryle's reflections on the Gospels are clear, warm, and pastoral. This can help parents lead their families through the life, teaching, death, and resurrection of Christ with simple explanation and application.

### For Young Kids

- \* Long Story Short: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God by Marty Machowski

- \* A family devotional that walks through the Old Testament while pointing children to God's redemptive plan. It is designed for short daily devotions with Scripture reading, questions, and discussion.
- \* Old Story New: Ten-Minute Devotions to Draw Your Family to God by Marty Machowski
  - \* This companion volume walks through the New Testament and helps children see the good news of Christ. It works well for families who want a simple, structured plan for regular devotional time.
- \* Wise Up: 10-Minute Family Devotions in Proverbs by Marty Machowski
  - \* A devotional guide through Proverbs that helps children learn biblical wisdom for everyday life. It is useful for teaching practical topics like speech, obedience, diligence, humility, and the fear of the Lord.
- \* Listen Up: Ten-Minute Family Devotions on the Parables by Marty Machowski
  - \* This book helps families study the parables of Jesus in a clear and engaging way. It is especially helpful for teaching children how Jesus used stories to reveal truth about the kingdom, salvation, and the heart.
- \* The Ology: Ancient Truths, Ever New by Marty Machowski and Andy McGuire
  - \* A beautifully illustrated theology book for children that introduces major doctrines of the Christian faith. Families can use it to teach children basic theology in a simple, devotional format.
- \* WonderFull: Ancient Psalms Ever New by Marty Machowski and Andy McGuire
  - \* A devotional resource that introduces children to the Psalms and helps them think about worship, prayer, trust, and praise. It can be used to help kids learn how to bring their hearts before the Lord through Scripture.

### Hymnals

- \* Hymns of Grace
- \* Sing! The Hymnal by Keith and Kristyn Getty