



Calvary
Baptist Church

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Home Worship Guide

We Are God's Witnesses

This week's guide helps families explore what it means to be God's witnesses (Acts 1:8) and how to live out and share our personal testimonies of His faithfulness. Each day is designed for 20–30 minutes of home worship.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

We Are God's Witnesses

Read: Acts 1:8

The words of Acts 1:8 are some of the last words Jesus spoke before He ascended to heaven. His disciples had walked with Him, seen His miracles, heard His teaching, and watched Him die and rise again. With Christ gone, he commanded his followers to go out. "Truly I tell you it is for your good that I am going away..." They would no longer rely on their own strength but be filled with the Holy Spirit's power. The disciples left Jerusalem as witnesses. A witness is someone who tells what they have seen and heard. In a courtroom, a witness doesn't argue or persuade; they say, "This is what I know." Every believer is called to be a witness. We don't have to be perfect or have all the answers. We need to be ready to tell how Jesus has changed us. The Holy Spirit gives us courage, words, and opportunities. Families are especially powerful witnesses because children, parents, and grandparents can show the world a living picture of God's love and long-term shepherding. This week, we will focus on how to live as witnesses and how to share our stories so others can see Jesus in our witness.

To be a witness, start small; ask God for words and awareness, and be ready to speak when opportunities arise. Look for moments when someone seems sad, curious, or in need. A kind word, a shared meal, or simply sharing what God has done in your life, witnesses to others around you. The Holy Spirit is with you. He will give you the right words at the right time. Don't feel like you are not qualified, he didn't ask us to be legal scholars, Christ commanded us to be witnesses, tell others what you know about the love of God.

Discussion Questions:

What does it look like for our family to be Jesus' witnesses this week, at home, school, or with neighbors?

Pray

For the Holy Spirit to help our family see opportunities to share what Christ has done in our lives.

Sing

I Love to Tell
The Story

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

I love to tell the story of unseen things above
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true
It satisfies my longing as nothing else can do

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love

I love to tell the story for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new new song
'Twill be the old old story that I have loved so long

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love



TUESDAY

The Power of Your Personal Testimony

Read: 1 Peter 3:15

Your testimony is simply your own story of how Jesus has worked in your life. It usually has three parts: what life was like before knowing Jesus, how you met Him, and what he has taught you since. The Samaritan woman at the well (John 4) ran back to her town and said, “Come see a man who told me everything I ever did!” Many believed because of her simple story. The blind man in John 9 simply said, “I was blind but now I see.”

Your story doesn't need to be dramatic. Quiet faithfulness and answered prayer is equally powerful to a dramatic story because the working and blessings of Christ remain evident in your life. Children can share how Jesus helps them be kind or brave. Parents can share how God provided or brought peace in hard times. When we tell our stories with sincerity and love, people listen. A personal testimony is often more convincing than a sermon because it is living proof that Jesus is alive and active today.

Practice sharing your testimony with your family: “Before... Then Jesus... Now/Since...” Keep it short and honest. You can write your testimonies on note cards this week and keep them in your Bibles. The goal is not perfection, it's readiness. God uses simple, sincere stories to touch hearts.

Discussion Question

What is your two minute “elevator pitch” to tell someone your testimony?

Pray

God give us boldness to share our story.

Sing

A Thousand Tongues

A THOUSAND TONGUES

O for a thousand tongues to sing, My great Redeemer's
praise
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His
grace

Chorus:

And if I had a thousand tongues, Still, I could never sing
enough

My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of
Thy name

Jesus, the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease, 'Tis music in the sinner's
ears
'Tis life, and health, and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free, His blood can make the foulest
clean
His blood availed for me,

Hear Him, ye deaf, His praise, ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ, Ye blind, behold your
Savior come
And leap, ye lame, for joy,

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WEDNESDAY

Sharing the Gospel Clearly

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Our testimony is powerful, but it points to something even bigger: the Gospel. The word “gospel” means “good news.” The good news is simple: We have a problem; God has a solution. Paul said this message is “of first importance.” We don’t have to explain every Bible verse the first time we talk with someone. We can simply say, “Jesus died for you, He rose again, and He wants to change you.” Families can practice saying the Gospel together in one sentence: “We are sinners, Jesus died for us, conquering death, and offers us new life in Him.” When we combine our personal story with the clear Gospel, people hear both how Jesus changed us and how He can change them.

Confidence in the Gospel is essential. A simple way to remember and share it is with five fingers. Pinky finger reminds us we have a problem, our sin separates us from God. The ring finger tells us God loves us and has provided the perfect solution. The middle finger, central to all reminds that Jesus Christ died on the cross for you, taking your punishment. The pointer finger declares the changed life in Him. The thumb reminds us to share this Good News. When sharing, keep it simple and loving, end by asking, “Would you like to know more?” God’s Word does the real work; we just deliver the message as his witnesses.

Discussion Question:

How would you explain the Gospel in your own words to a friend who has never heard it?

Pray

Father, help us understand and share the Gospel clearly. Give us the courage to tell others about Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Sing

We believe

WE BELIEVE

Chorus:

We believe in one true God
Father, Spirit, Son
One Church, one faith, one Lord of all
His kingdom come

We believe in God the Father
Almighty, Lord of life, Creator of the Heavens
The Earth, the sea, the sky, And we believe in Jesus
The only Son of God, Born of the Virgin Mary,
Who lived as one of us

We believe that Jesus suffered
Was beaten, crucified, He died and He was buried
Entombed in darkest night, The third day rose victorious,
Ascended into Heaven, Will one day come to judge us,
The living and the dead

We believe in God the Spirit
One Church, empowered by Him
Communion of God's people
Forgiveness of our sin, Our bodies resurrected
To everlasting life, To worship, love and wonder
Before the throne of Christ
(Chorus) x2



THURSDAY

Preaching the Gospel to Ourselves

Read: Matthew 11:2-6, 11

Even John the Baptist, the “greatest born of women,” needed to preach the Gospel to himself. John had boldly prepared the way for the Messiah, baptized Jesus, and declared Him the Lamb of God. Yet when John was locked in prison, facing possible death and watching Jesus’ ministry unfold differently than he expected, he struggled. He sent messengers to ask Jesus, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?”

John’s doubt didn’t come from weak faith, but from hard circumstances. Jesus didn’t scold him. Instead, He sent back a powerful reminder of the Gospel: the blind see, the lame walk, the dead are raised, and good news is preached to the poor. These were the exact signs the Messiah was prophesied to bring. Jesus was gently saying, “Remember who I am and what I am doing.”

We all face moments when doubt, fear, or discouragement creep in. From sickness, disappointment, or feeling like our witness isn’t making a difference. In those times, we must preach the Gospel to ourselves: “Jesus died for my sins, rose again, and is still at work, even if I can’t see it clearly.” Reminding ourselves of these truths strengthens our hearts so we can be faithful witnesses to others.

Daily preaching the gospel to ourselves keeps us Kingdom-minded. We are not of this world. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. If we remind ourselves daily what Christ did for us and what we must now strive to do, we can serve the kingdom through hard times. Even John the Baptist needed this encouragement, and so do we.

Discussion Questions:

When have you felt discouraged or doubtful, and how can remembering the Gospel encourage you right now?

Pray

When we doubt, remind us of your messiah and kingdom

Sing

How Firm a Foundation

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you, your deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."



FRIDAY

Living as Daily Witnesses

Read: Matt. 5:16, 2 Tim. 1:7-8, Acts 2:45-47

Living out daily as a witness through Christ requires discipline and accountability with the people of God. The early Christians faced ostracization and abuse from the society around them. A baptism was a major event, as everyone in town knew that another person had dedicated themselves to the way of Christ, breaking from their old ways. The world's peer pressure challenges Christians, tempting us every day to remain in our old ways. As a family, we have to decide together to faithfully join in public worship and daily “shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” When parents live as witnesses, children learn that following Jesus is a lifestyle, not just a Sunday activity. God uses ordinary families to serve his kingdom. When we stay faithful to his word and his people. Words and actions work together. An encouraging word, helping a neighbor, forgiving a sibling, or choosing honesty at school all shine like light in our dark world. Our testimony is not just something we say on special occasions; it is how we live every day. Meet and serve with God’s people.

Review the week: What did God teach us about being His witnesses? Choose one practical commitment (pray for opportunities, share a testimony, serve a neighbor). God is faithful, and his word does not return void. He will use our obedience to draw people to Himself. Keep sharing the gospel and your testimonies! Rev 12:11 “And they [God’s People] have conquered him [the adversary] because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.”

Discussion Questions:

Does our family have a Kingdom Mindset? Do we do things that shine Christ’s light to this world or are we focused on our own plans?

Pray

Help us glorify you by sharing your word and kingdom.

Sing

*Yet Not I, But Through
Christ in Me*

YET NOT I, BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and
freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and
boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all
is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend
me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh the night has been won, and I shall
overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been
paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my
pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the
grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I
am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me
home
And day by day I know He will renew
me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips
shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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Oh come,
let us
worship
and bow down;

let us
kneel
before the
Lord,
our Maker!

—♥—
Psalm 95:6

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“Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:19

