



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
3/8/26

Home Worship Guide

God the Father

We serve a Triune Godhead. God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We are embarking on a 3-week journey that will highlight specific attributes of each. The goal is to make much of our Triune God in all three persons in which He exists.

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

He Provided a Way

Read: John 3:16; John 14:6

The verses today are well known. In fact, they are likely some of those few verses you can always quote, no matter what. We can tend to take these verses for granted due to their familiarity. As we begin to contemplate the Father, I could not help but start with the best news: God the Father provided a way to reconcile our relationship with Him. You see, it was our sin that separated us from God at the Fall of Man in Genesis 3. When that happened, Man's relationship with God was destroyed and in need of reconciliation. Well, John 3:16 tells us we have that reconciliation in Christ. It's not that God stopped loving us in our sin, for "God so loved the world" that He gave us His only Son as the sacrificial lamb of atonement for our sins. Because of God's great love for us, He sent his Son. And whoever believes in the Son of atonement will have eternal life. It's not that those who believe in Jesus might be saved, but it is that believers in Jesus will have eternal life! God the Father provided a way for our relationship with God to be healed.

Next week, when we cover Jesus, the Son of God, we might come back to this verse in John 14:6 to see what this verse says about Jesus. What is important to remember is that God desired a way for you (yes, you) to be reconciled to Himself. That was going to be impossible without a way of truth and life to make a pathway from death to life in the Father. No one can come to have life in the Father without Jesus. God the Father provided Jesus as an express highway from death to life.

Discussion Questions:

What does it look like to live in a "healed relationship" with God daily?

Pray

Thank God for the new life that He made possible through Christ.

Sing

Jesus Paid it All

JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say
"Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all"

Chorus:

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
"Jesus died, my soul to save"
My lips shall still repeat

Bridge:

Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead



TUESDAY

God is Love

Read: 1 John 4:7-12

“God is Love” is one of those things we hear all our lives. Because of that, we can become calloused to the idea or not even know why it is important to us that God is Love. John comes right out and says it at the start of today’s passage. The reason that it is important to us that God is Love is because it is only because of His great love that we know how to love one another. “Since God is love, an absence of love in your life reveals an absence of fellowship with God. It indicates that you don’t know him like you claim you do.”¹ To know God is to know love. And to know love is to love God’s image bearers. This means that if God is love, then we love what He loves. And as we discussed yesterday, God loved the whole world, past, present, and future, to the extent that He gave His only Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

¹Tony Evans, *The Tony Evans Bible Commentary* (Nashville, TN: Holman Bible Publishers, 2019), 1377.

No one has ever seen God, as it says in verse 12 of today’s passage. Moses came close, but only saw a small portion of God’s backside. Although no one has seen God, they can see His love through us. Just like you can’t see the wind, but you can see the leaves blow in the wind. You cannot see God, but through you and me, people can come close to seeing God through His love that works through each of us. When you show compassion on someone who is hurting or take care of someone in need, God’s love is evident and, thereby, God is present.

Discussion Question

In your own words, describe what it means when we say, “God is love.”

Pray

Thank God for His deep love for us.

Sing

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.



WEDNESDAY

Abba Father

Read: Galatians 4:4-7

I have 8 (almost 9) children. Of those almost 9 children, my wife and I have adopted 5 of them. When we adopted them, a unique thing happened. Yes, they came to live with us. Yes, they were treated with the same love and care as any of my biological children; nothing was different for them. The unique thing that happened is that Dinae and I were listed as their biological birth parents on their birth certificate. Even though those 5, which we have adopted, share absolutely zero of the same DNA, legally we are recognized as the biological parents as if Dinae carried each of them for a full 9 months, as she did with each of our 4 biological children. Now, those children call me “Dad” and my wife “Mom.” We even get the distinguished honor with my 2 youngest adopted children to be known as “Mommy” and “Daddy.”



I don't just tell you this to show you my beautiful family, although they are quite striking. I tell you these things to point out the adoption that happens to us in God the Father's family once we profess Christ as Savior. We get the distinguished honor of calling our Father, "Abba! Father!" This term "Abba" is the Aramaic word for "Father," but it is more intimate than that. It is along the same lines as saying, "Daddy" or "Papa." Although in our context, I don't think it's appropriate to call God the Father, "Daddy." Theologically, it is appropriate to call to Him, "Abba! Father!" He is the one who has adopted us into his family. We are His, and He is our Abba! Father!

Discussion Question:

How does adoption into God the Father's family differ from just "believing in God"?

Pray

Thank God for the adoption that He has made available in His Son.

Sing

I Have Decided
to Follow Jesus

I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back; no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
The world behind me, the cross before me,
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow.
Though none go with me, still I will follow,
No turning back, no turning back.



THURSDAY

Irresistible Father

Read: John 6:44-45; Eph 2:8-9

My mom used to make what she would call “Hershey Bar Pie.” It was made with chocolate putting, broken up Hershey bars, and as much whipped cream as you wanted. It was scrumptious to the max! She only made it for special occasions but when it was around, it was irresistible. I couldn’t say no, I just had to have it.

My mom’s Hershey Bar Pie reminds me a little about the doctrine of “Irresistible Grace.” This doctrine emphasizes that salvation flows entirely from God’s initiative rather than from a human effort. That God’s saving work through Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection cannot be thwarted or resisted when He calls a soul unto himself.

When the Father calls someone unto Himself, we respond to that irresistible calling. Irresistible grace does not eliminate human response but reframes it as the inevitable fruit of God’s work in your life. Somehow, God’s grace operates with such power that it accomplishes its purpose without violating human agency. The grace He has in store for us is so much greater than my mom’s Hershey Bar Pie, which, if I’m being honest, is pretty great indeed!

As we think about irresistible grace in light of Ephesians 2:8-9, we come to realize that the grace which saves us is only made available to us through faith. As it has been said, “If grace is what God deposited for you, faith is the way you make a withdrawal.” This grace is a gift, not earned. It is a gift from the Father of Grace who, in His kindness, delivers more than enough grace to save those who have faith in His Son. In these 2 verses, we see the irresistible grace along with the human agency of having faith.

Discussion Questions:

How might the doctrine of irresistible grace provide comfort or assurance to a believer?

Pray

Thank God for His incredible and irresistible grace.

Sing

I Surrender All

I SURRENDER ALL

All to Jesus, I surrender;
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Chorus:

I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender;
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus, I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power;
Let Thy blessing fall on me.



FRIDAY

God of Justice

Read: Matt. 27:46, Isa. 30:18, Ps. 37:28

If I asked you, “Do you want justice?” in general, all of you would give the same answer: “Yes!” We all want to see justice take place, because we want life to be “fair” and “right.” Well, let me ask you, was it fair for Jesus to be put to death so you could live? I’d lean on the side of “no,” it was not fair, but whether it was fair or not is not the point. The fact of the matter is we serve a God of Justice who must exact His justice when there is sin. When sin is committed, blood is the only “payment” that can be made for justice to be carried out.

Interestingly, biblical writers connect God’s justice to His mercy and care for the vulnerable. Verses such as Isaiah 30:18 come to mind. When we think about waiting on God’s justice, we may think of it as a burden or roll our eyes because “Here we go again, I have to be patient again.” But awaiting God’s justice isn’t a burden, it is a redemptive blessing. The Lord actively pursues justice and remains faithful to His covenant people.

Scripture presents God’s justice as foundational to his character. Justice and righteousness form the very bedrock upon which God’s rule rests (Psalm 89:14). This establishes the divine governance that flows from these attributes (justice and righteousness). For believers, God’s commitment to justice becomes a source of hope rather than fear, especially for those experiencing injustice. We want God’s justice because it makes Him who He is and worthy to be praised. His justice feeds into His holiness, for He operates without corruption or wrongdoing.

Discussion Questions:

How does a right understanding of God’s justice shape the way we treat the poor, oppressed, or marginalized?

Pray

Pray that He would make you love justice and that injustice would stir up your spirit.

Sing

Be Thou My Vision

BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day and by night;
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I thy dear child;
Thou in me dwelling, with thee reconciled.

Be thou my battle-shield, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight.
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
Raise thou me Heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.





Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am."

John 8:58

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Worship

8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

10:00am

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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

