

LWEC: Parents' Guide to lead their own families in Worship and the Word of God

LWEC Children Ministry

God entrusts the father of the family (or oldest son) to lead their family into the presence of God.

Ephesians 6:4

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord

As a family, set aside a time during the week to worship God.

Passage for the week 2020.04.05: Psalm 118:19-20;
Matthew 21:1-11



The LWEC Children's ministry provides weekly NOTES for the passage to equip the parents for family worship and discussion during the week. Parents are encouraged to study the passage beforehand.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1CYycxndL2ewup5Wr9BNd8jTjc3YUeoc-/view>

- Have each family member read the passage twice during the week beforehand.

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

- Start with a time of quietness before Holy God.

Isaiah 30:15 This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it.

- Sing a song of praise and thanksgiving to God. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSBR-r9B_94

Sing a worship song to God.

1 Chronicles 16:29 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

- Take turns reading the passage out loud. Pause to explain or ask questions, to understand God's Word. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1EukX5KUHURv3SGvq3qdHydqfRMC-zO6h/view>

Ponder upon:

- What is God teaching, rebuking, training or correcting us about?
- As a family, write a one-sentence summary of the passage.
- How did God's Word change your thinking?
- Take turns to discuss a personal application of the passage. How will the truth change what you do? How can you exalt Jesus?
- Take turns praising God and acknowledging his sovereignty.
- Respond to God. In prayer, tell God what you learned from His Word. Sing a response to God. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IU2Z98-q8HI>
- Close in prayer, with each family member responding to God's Word.

Tip for Parenting: Be an Encourager!

"**Encouragement**" helps our children believe in themselves. This is known as "internal gratification." "Praise" such as good, great, better, best, and excellent condition children to look for "external gratification." **Praise** keeps your child dependent on the authority figure to feel good about himself/herself. ~ *Positive Discipline*

Eph 4:29 Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification [building up, encourage] according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.