

Preface

The church is the house of God, and each family of believers is a small representation of the church. The family that is most able to raise up citizens for the Kingdom of God is a pious family, and family worship is the most direct way to establish a pious life. In this technologically advanced age, we face temptations and challenges that were previously unheard of. Having Christ in every aspect of our daily lives is our greatest protection.

We thank the Lord that a group of Brothers and Sisters have seen this need and took up the responsibility of making this handbook. The purpose is to give some guidelines for family worship so that every family may easily begin this discipline.

May the Lord bless this handbook and may His presence be upon your family.

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SJCA Family Worship Handbook

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SJCA Family Worship Basics

1.1 What is Family Worship? - When? Where? And What?

Simply put, **family worship** is a time when families gather together to focus on and worship the Lord. In order for this time to be beneficial, it must be regular, meaning that it happens on a regular basis, and, it must be a time that is set apart, meaning that it does not take place during dinner or when something else is going on.

The family unit is a reflection of the church. For families with children, parents shepherd their children as a pastor would shepherd his flock. Parents are responsible for the spiritual upbringing and health of the flock that the Lord has given to them.

When? Traditionally, many Christians pray in the morning, or in the evening. The actual timing is not important; it can be set at any time that fits the schedule for your family. Every family will have a different time depending on their schedule and needs. The important

thing is that an established time is set and kept. If we decide to meet, for example, on Sunday afternoon, then we should make an effort to clear our calendars and meet every Sunday afternoon. This may be difficult at first, and takes a little time to get used to, but after some practice, it will become natural, and children will automatically

know that this is the time for family worship.

*When and where?
Anytime! Anywhere! As long as it's agreed upon and regular.*

Where? As with the question of when, the place is also not very important. It could be any place, but ideally, it would be the same place every time. Some families may want to gather in the family room. Some families may gather around the dining table. For some families with young children, on the bed may be the easiest. Depending on the structure and habits of your family, pick a place that is most suitable.

*What?
1. Singing
2. Scripture
3. Prayer
4. Fellowship*

What? Family worship has four main ingredients: singing, scripture, prayer and fellowship. No matter how many people are in the family, where or when they are meeting and family worship can not be without these three things. When the family gathers together for worship, they should use music to worship just as would be done in church. Scripture should be the central theme and anchor of this time, and, through prayer, the family fellowships with Jesus, just as the congregation in a church would. And lastly, this time is different from other times that the family gathers. It is a time that is focused on worshipping the Lord. The fellowship or interaction that the family enjoys should also be focused on what we have learned from the Lord. Now is not the time to find out what happened during the day or what's for dinner tomorrow night.

1.2 Why is Family Worship so Important? – The family that prays together stays together.

With the gradual increase in the number of broken homes in the church and among church leaders, we wonder if the family altar needs some repair. One aged

minister has repeatedly declared that he has yet to find a separated family that during the years was careful to practice regular times of family worship. We wonder if it is even right to call our families “Christian” - if our homes are not graced with this daily devotion.

It's great that individuals have devotions, but this can not take the place of family worship. Family worship is a major project and adventure. Parents need to first understand this need in order to lead. This is a major project because the most important church is the church in your house! The family that worships together at home will have little difficulty gathering together to worship with other families, known as “going to church.” The home and church are dependent on each other, but worship begins at home.

The family unit is a little church congregation. The most important church is the church in your house!

“One aged minister has repeatedly declared that he has yet to find a separated family that during the years was careful to practice regular times of family worship.”

Family worship will not take care of all our problems, but it can provide a place for us to share our burdens. Children will understand that their parents pray for them, and likewise, parents will hear their children's special prayers. If we are keep our family worship, there are quite a few benefits.

1. The Word of God can be exalted in the home.

The Bible should be exalted because it was given by the breath of God: *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for*

correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Bible should be exalted because it was written for our instruction: *“For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.”* (Rom. 15:4). The Bible should be exalted because it is an unerring guide: *“For the commandment is a lamp, and the law a light, reproofs of instruction are the way of life”* (Pro. 6:23).

2. The family can pray together.

Family worship is a time when families can pray about their private matters. It is the type of praying mentioned in Matthew 6:6 - the closest type of praying where only God's ears are welcome as the family prays for an answer to particular problems. On the other hand, while the family worship is pretty much the private prayer life of the combined family, there is no need to shy away from the practice when visitors arrive. Daniel knew someone was watching and he *“prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days”* (Daniel 6:10).

For Families:

- 1. Word of God exalted in the home.*
- 2. Families pray together.*

3. Children can be taught their duty to God.

Children should be taught to remember God in their youth: *“Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth...”* (Ec. 12:1). Children should be taught to fear God: *“My son, fear the Lord...”* (Proverbs 24:21). Children

should be taught to obey God: *“and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul”* (Dt. 30:2).

4. Children can be taught their duty to parents.

Children should be taught to honor their parents: *“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.”* (Ex. 20:12). Paul states, *“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise.”* (Eph. 6:1-2). Children should be taught responsibility to parents: *“But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God.”* (1 Tim. 5:4).

For Children:

1. Taught duty to God
2. Taught duty to parents.
3. Won to Christ.

5. Children can be won to Christ.

Children should be instructed in the ways of the Lord: *“Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the LORD your God and carefully observe all the words of this law,”* (Deuteronomy 31:12). Children should be taught the way of salvation: *“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,”* (Eph. 2:8). Through the family worship, children can be

presented to Christ: *“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God... And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.”* (Mk 10:14-16).

6. Christians can grow in grace.

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18). Christians should seek to be strong in grace: *“You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.”* (2 Tim. 2:1). The daily reading of the Scriptures (God speaking to us), and the daily practice of prayer (our speaking to God), tends to strengthen our inner spiritual lives. It is evident that American families stopped praying at home before the privilege of praying in schools was taken away. Many people make an issue about their children not hearing Bible reading and prayers in school, but I seriously wonder if those same children hear it at home. We may wish for the return of unrestricted prayers and Bible reading in the schools. Nevertheless, the schools are not responsible for Christian education. This responsibility rests upon the church, and the church consists of families, who hopefully, are seven-day-a-week Christians established around family altars, where God is worshiped daily.

For All Christians:

1. Growing in grace.
2. Creates real family spirit.
3. Serving the Lord as a family.

7. Family Worship Will Help Tremendously in Making a “House” into a “Home”--in Creating a Real Family Spirit.

This, in turn, will help to keep the home united. The

slogan, “The family that prays together stays together” is true and proven by experience. The fact is that we do not know of a single case of delinquency or divorce in a family where family worship is held regularly (and entered into by both parents and children), and where both parents and family regularly attend Church. There are, however, cases of divorce and delinquency where both parents (or sometimes only one) attend Church and the children used to go until they became teenagers, therefore it would seem that family worship is most important. Church attendance is necessary, but to ensure a happy family life, and thus help to prevent divorce or delinquency, family worship is essential.

One way to serve the Lord is to do our best to make sure our children fear the Lord. This is probably one of the hardest commissions that Christ has entrusted to us—especially in the twenty-first century, where sin and temptations attract us in every shape and form. Family worship starts the day people are married, before any children are born. Through family worship, couples keep their promises to God and each other. If family worship is well established, our children will not take it for granted, but it will become a means of passing on to the precious relationship that we have with our Lord.

“The family that prays together stays together... to ensure a happy family life, family worship is essential.”

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

We may live in a time that does not value the

importance of the family altar and worshipping God. Others may be raising their children to conform to the ways of society so that their children are not ostracized or made fun of. But we are a chosen nation of God, set apart and holy in His eyes. What decisions are you going to make about the family altar that God commands us to establish in our homes?

In times like these, we need to faithfully adopt Joshua’s determination to live for Christ— not just for himself, but for his entire household:

“One way to serve the Lord is to work tirelessly to raise God fearing children... We need to adopt Joshua’s determination to live for Christ.

“Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (Josh 24:14, 15)

SJCA Family Worship Tips

What are key tips for starting a “Family Worship”?

1. **K.I.S.S. = Keep It Simple & Short**

Be sensitive to your children’s attention spans.

2. **K.I.S.S. = Kid’s Involved in Songs & Stories**

Use biblical songs and stories. Both parents and kids are learning and sharing from each other. Although you will be tempted, don’t insist on doing everything yourself. Make sure everyone has a book (even the little ones that can’t read), and let your children lead some of the prayers.

If they can read, let them read the Scripture lessons. If you follow this principle, you’ll find that they look forward to prayer and, little by little, begin to own it as their prayer.

REMEMBER K.I.S.S.!

- 1. Keep It Simple & Short**
- 2. Kid’s Involved in Songs & Stories**
- 3. Keep It Separate & Spiritual**

3. **K.I.S.S = Keep It Separate and Spiritual**

Parents have to know and teach children that this family worship time is specially set apart by God from the regular family life. It’s not just a family reunion time. Try not to use this time to parent your children. As they grow they will come to think of this as just another parenting time which is not what we want. Make sure all the words and teachings are related to the topic you prepare and receive from God.

Things to be aware of during the family worship time:

1. Keep the time clear of other business or things that could potentially interrupt the meeting. Turn off the cell phone, phone, TV and other distractions.
2. If you have younger children, you probably could prepare something in advance to occupy them during this meeting time.



Parent's preparation before the meeting:

1. Set aside the time and place.

Choose a proper time that everybody can commit to and is comfortable with. Avoid a time that is easy to be interrupted by unexpected visitors or phone calls. Setup one specific time in a week, such as Saturday 8:30pm to 9pm, dedicated to be the family worship hours. Pick a proper meeting place.

Preparing :

***Decide when and where.
Announce/remind everyone.
Prepare worksheets.
Pray.***

2. Announce, or remind the meeting to family members the evening before.

Make sure every member is available to attend the meeting. Also remind children about proper manners while the meeting is running.

3. Prepare for the meeting from the worksheets in this handbook

Please follow the steps in the next section.

4. Pray for the meeting and family members.

For families without children.

We are holding this Family Worship on 06 / 12 / 2008
From 8:00 to 8:30

Attending family members: John and Sophia
Please read: Levi 15:1-15:33 (Bible verses, story, etc)
Please bring: Bible, hymns (Bible, hymn books, etc)

Duration	What to do	- by whom	Ref
1 - 2 min	Worship Songs and Hymns		
	1. <u>This is the day</u>		Reference
	2. <u>Open my eyes, Lord</u>		#1
	3. <u>Turn your eyes upon Jesus</u>		Hymn 509
5 - 10 min	Fellowship (Bible sharing, confession, etc.)		
	1. <u>Sharing from work</u>	by husband	
	2. <u>Sharing from morning devotion</u>	by wife	Levi 15:1
1 - 2 min	Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)		
	1. <u>Pray for the gospel meeting</u>		- Sunday program sheet
	2. <u>Pray for church's construction</u>		
	3. <u>Pray for John's job transferring</u>		- Church prayer items
3 - 5 min	Family Prayer		
	1. Prayers -	by husband	
	2. Prayers -	by wife	

Additional Notes: This is our first family worship. Thank you Lord.

SJCA Family Worship Worksheet (Example)

For family with children less than 3yrs

We are holding this Family Worship on 06 / 12 / 2008
From 8:00 to 8:20

Attending family members: Dad, Mom and Mathew
Please read: _____ (Bible verses, story, etc)
Please bring: Worship CD (Bible, hymn books, worship music CD, etc)

Duration	What to do	- by whom	Ref
1 - 2 min	Children Worship Songs		<u>Ref 1, song 3</u>
	1. <u>Jesus loves the little children</u>	by parents	
	2. <u>Jesus loves me</u>	by parents	<u>Ref 1, song 5</u>
1 - 2 min	Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)		<u>Ref 3 Sunday program sheet</u>
	1. <u>Pray for Mathew's recovery from cough</u>		
	2. <u>Pray for Dad's service on coming Sunday</u>		
	3. <u>Pray for church's remodeling works</u>		
3 - 5 min	Family Prayer		
	1. Prayers - by parent		
	2. Prayers - by parent		
	3. Prayers - by children		

Additional Notes:

- We could spend more time singing worship songs next time.

SJCA Family Worship Worksheet (Example)

For family with children 3 - 6 yrs

We are holding this Family Worship on 06 / 12 / 2008
From 8:00 to 8:20

Attending family members: Dad, Mom, Jennifer and Jack
Please read: Noah's ark (Bible verses, story, etc)
Please bring: Children's Bible, music CD (Bible, hymn books, worship music CD, etc)

Duration	What to do	- by whom	Ref
2 - 5 min	Children Worship Songs and Hymns		<u>Ref 1 song #3</u>
	1. <u>Jesus loves me</u>		
	2. <u>Open the eyes of my heart</u>		
	3. <u>Turn your eyes upon Jesus</u>		<u>Worship songbook Hymn 309</u>
1 - 2 min	Children or Parent's Sharing, or Bible Story		<u>Children's bible story</u>
	1. <u>Noah's ark</u> by parent		<u>Ref 2 Obey</u>
	2. <u>Obey God</u> by parent		
	3. <u>I obey teacher's word today</u> by Jennifer		
1 - 2 min	Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)		<u>Ref 3 Sunday program sheet</u>
	1. <u>Pray for Church's special meeting</u>		
	2. <u>Pray for grandpa's health</u>		
	3. <u>Pray for Jennifer's new school</u>		
3 - 5 min	Family Prayer		
	1. Prayers - by parent		
	2. Prayers - by parent		
	3. Prayers - by _____		
	4. Prayers - by _____		

Additional Notes:

- We could read the Lord's Prayer next time.
- Jennifer can join to pick her worship song next time.

SJCA Family Worship Worksheet (Example)

For families with children 6 - 10 yrs

We are holding this Family Worship on 07 / 12 / 2008
From 7:00 PM to 7:20PM

Attending family members: Dad, Mom, John, Joy
Please read: Choices: Jacob and Esau (Bible verses, story, etc)
Please bring: kids worship CD (Bible, hymn books, worship music CD, etc)

Duration	What to do	- by whom	Ref
2 - 5 min	Children Worship Songs and Hymns		Ref 1
	1. <u>B.I.B.L.E.</u>	by parent	song #16
	2. <u>This Is Father's World</u>	by parent	Hymn
	3. <u>Jesus Loves Little Children</u>	by <u>John</u>	Ref 1 song #106
1 - 2 min	Parent's Sharing(Bible Story or confession)		Ref 2
	1. <u>Bible story: Jacob and Esau</u>	by parent	Children's bible story
	2. <u>Sharing: choices</u>	by parent	
1 - 2 min	Children's Sharing		Reference #2
	1. <u>How do I make difficult choice</u>	by <u>John</u>	
	2. <u>What is my right choice</u>	by <u>Joy</u>	
1 - 2 min	Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)		Reference #3
	1. <u>Pray for make right and good choice</u>		Sunday program sheet
	2. <u>Pray for church's Phase III construction</u>		
	3. <u>Pray for bother Jon Dow's recovery from sickness</u>		
5 - 8 min	Family Prayer		
	1. Prayers -	by parent	
	2. Prayers -	by parent	
	3. Prayers -	by <u>John</u>	
	4. Prayers -	by <u>Joy</u>	

Additional Notes:

- Parents could lead children to pray
- Kids could join to pick worship songs

SJCA Family Worship Worksheet (Example)

For families with children 10 - 15 yrs

We are holding this Family Worship on 07 / 19 / 2008
From 8:30AM to 9:00AM

Attending family members: Dad, Mom, Rachael, and Jacob

Please read: Genesis 16:5 (Bible verses, story, etc)
Please bring: Bible (Bible, hymn books, worship music CD, etc)

Duration	What to do	- by whom	Ref
2 - 5 min	Children Worship Songs and Hymns		
	1. _____	by parent	
	2. <u>My Savior, My God</u>	by <u>Rachael</u>	
	3. <u>Open The Eyes of My Heart</u>	by <u>Jacob</u>	
2 - 5 min	Children's Sharing or Confession		
	1. <u>Weekly review and confession</u>	by <u>Rachael</u>	
	2. <u>Weekly review and confession</u>	by <u>Jacob</u>	
2 - 5 min	Parent's Sharing (Bible teaching or confession)		Reference #2
	1. <u>Bible Genesis 16:5</u>	by parent	
	2. <u>Responsibility</u>	by parent	
2 - 5 min	Family Discussion or Planning		Reference #2
	1. <u>Family summer retreat</u>	by parent	
	2. <u>My next school year plan</u>	by <u>Rachael</u>	
	3. <u>My summer soccer program</u>	by <u>Jacob</u>	
1 - 2 min	Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)		Reference #3
	1. <u>Pray for church's Phase III construction</u>		Sunday program sheet
	2. <u>Pray for our family summer retreat</u>		
	3. <u>Pray for Rachael and Jacob's plan</u>		
5 - 8 min	Family Prayer		
	1. Prayers -	by parent	
	2. Prayers -	by parent	
	3. Prayers -	by <u>Rachael</u>	
	4. Prayers -	by <u>Jacob</u>	

Additional Notes:

- Parents could lead children to pray

SJCA Family Worship Worksheet (Example)

For special events or occasions

Family worship can also be held on specific family days or events, such as the Thanksgiving Day, first/last day of the year, etc. There may be times when more than one family joins the family worship. Use the worksheet that applies to your situation. For example,

We are holding this special Family Worship for Thanksgiving with Grandparents on 11 / 27 / 2008 From 8:30AM to 9:00AM

Attending family members: Dad, Mom, Rachael, Jacob, grandpa and grandma

Please read: Genesis 16:5 (Bible verses, story, etc)

Please bring: Bible (Bible, hymn books, worship music CD, etc)

Duration	What to do	- by whom	Ref
2- 5 min	Children Worship Songs and Hymns		Reference #1
	1.	_____ by parent	
	2.	_____ by parent	
	3.	_____ by _____	
2 - 5 min	Children's Sharing or Confession		Reference #2
	1.	_____ by _____	
	2.	_____ by _____	
2 - 5 min	Parent's Sharing (Bible teaching or confession)		Reference #2
	1.	_____ by parent	
	2.	_____ by parent	
2 - 5 min	Grandparent's Sharing		Reference #2
	1.	_____ by parent	
	2.	_____ by parent	
1 - 2 min	Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)		Ref. #3 Sunday program sheet
	1.	_____	
	2.	_____	
	3.	_____	
5 - 8 min	Family Prayer		
	1.	Prayers - by _____	
	2.	Prayers - by _____	

SJCA Devotional Guideline For Individuals

If you are single or individual, you can follow this guideline and worksheet for your personal devotion.

Individual Devotional Guideline

- Try to train your mind to think about God the first thing in the morning. Try not to think about yourself and all the things you need to do.
- Find a quiet place for your devotion
- Choose a song to use
- Read/Sing/Pray through the song
- Offer to God your praises
- Read the passage
- Reread the whole passage at least once.
- Pray after reading and think about whether there is something, maybe a verse that stands out to you.
- Reflect on why this verse stands out. Is God trying to say something to you?
- Use this verse as the basis of prayer and ask the Lord to help you apply this.
- Try to memorize the verse.
- Pray for whatever items need to be prayed for.
- Keep track of everything in this worklist

SJCA Devotional Worksheet For Individuals

Personal Devotion Worksheet:

I am having this personal devotion on 07 / 19 / 2008

From 8:30AM to 9:00AM

Read Scripture: Genesis 16:5 (Bible verses, articles,
etc)

Sing songs/hymns: Hymn165

The First thing I thought about this morning was:

One thing in the song that touched me was:

After reading the passage, what really stood out to me was:

Memory verse from passage:

Prayer items for today:

Previous prayers answered:

SJCA Family Worship Resources/ Reference #1

Children's Worship Songs for Family Worship

These reference songs here are mainly for children of 3 to 10 years old. Parents are encouraged to choose worship songs from the hymn books, church's praise and worship songs, or other resources.

1. Jesus Loves Me

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak but He is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
Yes Jesus loves me
The Bible tells me so

2. Rise and Shine

Rise and shine,
and give God the glory, glory
Rise and shine,
and give God the glory, glory
Rise and shine,
and give God the glory, glory
Children of the Lord

3. The Wise Man and Foolish Man

The wise man built his house upon the rock (x3)
and the rains came tumbling down
The rains came down and the floods came up

The rains came down and the floods came up
And the house on the rock stood firm.

The foolish man built his house upon the sand (x3)
and the rains came tumbling down
The rains came down and the floods came up
The rains came down and the floods came up.
And the house on the sand went (SMASH)

4. Praise Him, Praise Him

Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children
God is love, God is love. (x2)

5. Do Lord, O Do Lord

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun (x3)
Away beyond the blue
Do Lord, oh do Lord,
oh do remember me (x3)
Away beyond the blue

6. Silver and Gold have I None

Peter and John went to pray
They met a lame man on the way
He asked for alms and held out his palms
And this is what Peter did say
"Silver and gold have I none
but such as I have given I thee
In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."
He went walking and leaping and praising God
Walking and leaping and praising God
"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk."
He went walking and leaping and praising God

7. Jesus Loves Even Me

I am so glad that Jesus loves me
Jesus loves me, Jesus loves me
I am so glad that Jesus loves me
Jesus loves even me

8. Ho - Ho - Ho - Hosanna!

Ho - Ho - Ho - Hosanna
Ha - Ha - Halleluiah
He - He - He - He saved me
And I've got the joy of the Lord

9. 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

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow
No turning back, no turning back

10. Jesus Loves The Little Children

Jesus loves the little children
All the children of the world
Red, brown, yellow, black and white
They are precious in His sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world

11. Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river
I've got peace like a river in my soul

I've got joy like a fountain (x3)

in my soul

I've got love like an ocean (x3)
in my soul

12. If You're Saved and You Know It

If you're saved and you know it, say "Amen" (A-men!)
If you're saved and you know it, say "Amen" (A-men!)
If you're saved and you know it then your life will surely
show it
If you're saved and you know it say "Amen" (A-men!)

..clap your hands

..stamp your feet

If you're saved and you know it do all three (A-men,
clap-clap, stamp-stamp)
If you're saved and you know it do all three
If you're saved and you know it then your life will surely
show it
If you're saved and you know it do all three

13. I'm In the Lord's Army

I may never march in the infantry
Ride in the cavalry
Shoot the artillery
I may never fly o'er the enemy
But I'm in the Lord's army (Yes sir!)
I'm in the Lord's army (Yes sir!)
I'm in the Lord's army (Yes sir!)
I may never fly o'er the enemy
But I'm in the Lord's army (Yes sir!)

14. Down In My Heart

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart, (where?)
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart, (where?)
Down in my heart to stay.
And I'm so happy, so very happy.
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart (down in my heart)
And I'm so happy, so very happy,
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart

15. What a Mighty God We Serve

What a mighty God we serve
What a mighty God we serve
Angels bow before Him
Heaven and earth adore Him
What a mighty God we serve

16. The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E
Yes that's the book for me
I stand alone on the word of God
The B-I-B-L-E

17. All Night, All Day

Day is dyin' in the west
Angels watchin' over me, my Lord
Sleep, my child, and take your rest
Angels watchin' over me
All night, all day, Angels watchin' over me, my Lord
All night, all day, Angels watchin' over me, my Lord
All night, all day, Angels watchin' over me, my Lord
All night, all day, Angels watchin' over me
Angels watchin' over me

18. His Banner Over Me is Love

The Lord is mine and I am His
His banner over me is love
The Lord is mine and I am His
His banner over me is love
The Lord is mine and I am His
His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love

(He brought me to His banqueting table)

19. He's Got the Whole World In His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands

20. Fishers of Men

"I will make you fishers of men,
fishers of men, fishers of men
I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me
If you follow me, if you follow me
I will make you fishers of men, if you follow me

Family Worship Topic Examples for Children
Age 3 to 6

Love-

- Jesus is the best present we will ever receive.
- Real Love puts others first

Bible verse:

- Love covers over all wrongs. (Proverbs 10:12)
- As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John 13:34)

Bible story:

- Baby Moses (Exodus 1, 2)
- Jesus loves children (Matthew 19)
- The lost sheep (Matthew 18)

Prayer:

- Thank You, Jesus, for coming here to live with us and saving us from our sins. Please help me remember that to me You are the best present of all. Amen.
- Thank you God, for showing me what real love is. Help me to love others like You love me. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Forgiveness-

- When we don't forgive, everyone suffers.
- You should forgive others, even when they hurt you.

Bible verse:

- All the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. (Mark 3:28)

- Bible story:
- Joseph forgives his brothers (Genesis 45)
- To forgive seventy-seven times that Jesus replied Peter (Matthew 18:22)
- The prodigal son (Luke 15)

Prayer:

- Thank You, Jesus, for forgiving my sins. Please help me to forgive others when they do bad things too. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
- I know that You will always forgive me, Jesus. Help me to be more like You and forgive others. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Obey-

- You should obey what the Bible and your parents tell you to do.
- You must trust your parents to know what is best for you.

Bible verse:

- Honor you father and your mother. (Exodus 20:12)

Bible story:

- Noah built the ark (Genesis 6,7)
- Jonah and the big fish (Jonah 1-4)
- John baptizes Jesus (Matthew 3)

Prayer:

- Thank You, Jesus, for giving me the Bible to help me know what to do and what not to do. Please help me to always obey what You and my parents teach me. Amen.
- Thank You, Jesus, for the gift of parents who take care of me and teach me Your will. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Prayer-

- You don't have to know a special prayer to talk to Jesus.

Bible verse:

- God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer. (Psalm 66: 19)

Bible story:

- The Lord's player (Matthew 6:9-13)
- The prayers of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14)
- Elijah's prayer (1 Kings 17)
- Daniel's prayer (Daniel 6, 9)

Prayer:

- Thank you, Jesus, for letting me say anything I need to when I pray to You. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Kindness-

- We should always be kind to others.

Bible verse:

- Do to others what you would have them do to you. (Matthew 7:12)

Bible story:

- Ruth meets Boaz (Ruth 2)
- King David and Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9)
- Elijah and Zarephath's widow woman (1 Kings 17)

Prayer:

- Dear Jesus, please help me to remember that I should always be kind to others. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
- Jesus, please help me to always remember to treat people with kindness, just as I would like to be treated. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Honesty-

- You shall tell the truth, even when you have done wrong.

Bible verse:

- Truthful lips endure forever. (Proverbs 12: 19)

Bible story:

- Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)
- Rebekah and Jacob deceit Isaac (Genesis 27)

Prayer:

- Dear Jesus, I'm sorry that I do bad things sometimes. Please help me to admit when I've done something wrong, so that I can be forgiven and not make the same mistake again. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Worship Topic Examples for Children

Age 6 to 10

Choices-

- We should make good choices for ourselves because it's the right thing to do.
- Don't just do what feels good. Do what is good.

Bible verse:

- Choose my instruction. (Proverbs 8:10)
- He will instruct him in the way chosen for him (Psalm 25: 12)

Bible story:

- Mary and Martha (Luke 10)
- Jacob and Esau (Genesis 25:27-34)

Prayer:

- Jesus, please help me to make choices that are not only good, but good for me as well.

Pray in Jesus' name, Amen,

Confession-

- You should confess when do something wrong.

Bible verse:

- Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other. (James 5: 16)

Bible story:

- Zacchaeus (Luke 19)

Prayer:

- Thank you, Jesus, for forgiving me when I confess my sins to You. Help me to be a better person every day of my life. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Charity-

- Church collections are a way we can help others.
- You shall help others.

Bible verse:

- Whoever sows generously will also reap generously. (2 Corinthians 9:6)

Bible story:

- 5 loaf and 2 fish (Luke 9)

Prayer:

- Jesus, please help me to remember that there are always people who have less than I do, and that I can help them by my offerings in church. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
- Thank You, Jesus, for dying for my sins. Please help me to always show charity to others, even when it's hard to do. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Patience-

- If you want something, don't give up. Keep trying.

Bible verse:

- If we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. (Romans 8: 25)

Bible story:

- Samuel and Saul (1 Samuel 13)

Prayer:

- Dear Lord Jesus, whenever it's not my turn to play, or to talk, please teach me to wait for it patiently because I know You're also patient to me. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Responsibility-

- We should not blame others for our mistakes.
- You should follow the rules because it is the right thing to do.

Bible verse:

- You are responsible for the wrong I am suffering. (Genesis 16:5)
- Each one shall carry his own load (Galatians 6: 5)

Bible story:

- Servants with 5000,2000,1000 (Matthew 25:14-30)

Prayer:

- Dear Jesus, please help me to never blame someone else for what I've done. Please forgive me when I make mistakes. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
- Help me, Jesus, to always behave responsibly and obey the rules my parents, and You, have set for me. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Courage-

- Remembering that Jesus is always near gives us courage.
- You can have courage because Jesus is always with you.

Bible verse:

- Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you whatever you go. (Joshua 1:9)

Bible story:

- David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

Prayer:

- Thank You, Jesus, for always being near me so that I don't have to feel so scared. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
- Thank You, Jesus, for always walking beside me and keeping me safe from harm. Help me to remember that if I trust in You, I can find the courage to do anything. Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

SJCA Family Worship Resources/Reference #3

Children's Prayer Examples

1. Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me. Please forgive me for fighting with my brother today. Please help me to control my temper next time. In Jesus name.
2. Dear Jesus, thank you for the fun day we had at church today. Please help me to worship you every day and thank you for all that you do for me. In Jesus name.
3. Dear Jesus, Thank you for bringing me through today even though it was a tough day. Please help me to behave myself better in school and listen to what the teacher says. Please help me to have a respectful heart. In Jesus name.
4. Dear Jesus, Thank you for giving me a loving family. Please help me to be more like you and help my mom and dad. In Jesus name.
5. Good morning, Lord!
Be with me all day long,
until the shadows lengthen,
and the evening comes,
and the hustle and bustle of life is done,
and those at work are back at home.
Then in Thy mercy, grant us safe lodging,
and a Holy rest, and peace at last.
Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
6. Dear Father,
As we start this day, please guide us.
Please help Mom and Dad as they work.
Please help me at school.
Please help my little sister at home,
And all my other friends and family.
Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
7. God, we thank You for this food,
For rest and home and all things good:
For wind and rain and sun above,
But most of all for those we love.
Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
8. God be in my head, and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes, and in my looking.
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking.
God be in my heart, and in my thinking.
God be at my end, and at my departing.
Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
9. Thank you for my friend next door,
And my friend across the street,
And please help me to be a friend
To everyone I meet.
Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
10. God made the sun, And God made the trees.
God made the mountains, And God made me.
Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.
Thank you, O God, For the sun and trees,
For making the mountains, And for making me.
Pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

SJCA Family Worship Resources/Reference #4

Here is the list of books your can either borrow from the church library or purchase from Christian bookstores. We also plan to put some useful content in the church website or make CDs for brothers and sisters to share.

Reference books for topics:

- The Holy Bible
- Sunday Program Sheet
- 365 Days of Celebration and Praise
- Gotta Have God: Fun Devotions for Boys
- God and Me: Devotions for Girls

Reference books for hymn and songs:

- Hymnary
- 250 Songs for Children's Praise and Worship

Reference books for stories:

- The Holy Bible
- The Beginner's Bible: Timeless Children's Stories
- Instant Group Devotions for Children's Ministry
- Three-Minute Bible Story Activities
- Day by Day: The One Year (R) Devotional for Young Children

General

- The Family Worship Book: A Resource Book for Family Devotions

SJCA Family Worship Worksheet

For families without children

We are holding this Family Worship on ____/____/20____
From _____ to _____

Attending family members: _____
Please read: _____ (Bible verses, story, etc)
Please bring: _____ (Bible, hymn books, etc)

Duration	What to do	- by whom	Ref
Worship Songs and Hymns			
	1. _____		
	2. _____		
	3. _____		
Fellowship (Bible sharing, confession, etc.)			
	1. _____	by husband	
	2. _____	by wife	
Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)			
	1. _____		
	2. _____		
	3. _____		
Family Prayer			
	1. Prayers -	by husband	
	2. Prayers -	by wife	

Additional Notes:
1. _____
2. _____

SJCA Family Worship Worksheet

For family with children less than 3yrs

We are holding this Family Worship on ____/____/20____
From _____ to _____

Attending family members: _____

Please read: _____ (Bible verses, story, etc)

Please bring: _____ (Bible, hymn books, worship music CD, etc)

Duration	What to do	– by whom	Ref.
Children Worship Songs			
	1. _____	by parents	
	2. _____	by parents	
Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)			
	1. _____		
	2. _____		
	3. _____		
Family Prayer			
	1. Prayers -	by parent	
	2. Prayers -	by parent	
	3. Prayers -	by children	

Additional Notes:

1. _____
2. _____

SJCA Family Worship Worksheet

For family with children 3 – 6 yrs

We are holding this Family Worship on ____/____/20____
From _____ to _____

Attending family members: _____

Please read: _____ (Bible verses, story, etc)

Please bring: _____ (Bible, hymn books, worship music CD, etc)

Duration	What to do	– by whom	Ref.
Children Worship Songs and Hymns			
	1. _____		
	2. _____		
	3. _____		
Children or Parent's Sharing, or Bible Story			
	1. _____	by parent	
	2. _____	by parent	
	3. _____	by ____	
Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)			
	1. _____		
	2. _____		
	3. _____		
Family Prayer			
	1. Prayers -	by parent	
	2. Prayers -	by parent	
	3. Prayers -	by ____	
	4. Prayers -	by ____	

Additional Notes:

1. _____
2. _____

SJCA Family Worship Worksheet

For family with children 6 - 10 yrs

We are holding this Family Worship on ____/____/20____
From _____ to _____

Attending family members: _____

Please read: _____ (Bible verses, story, etc)

Please bring: _____ (Bible, hymn books, worship music CD, etc)

Duration	What to do	- by whom	Ref
Children Worship Songs and Hymns			
	1. _____	by parent	
	2. _____	by parent	
	3. _____	by _____	
Parent's Sharing(Bible Story or confession)			
	1. _____	by parent	
	2. _____	by parent	
Children's Sharing			
	1. _____	by _____	
	2. _____	by _____	
Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)			
	1. _____		
	2. _____		
	3. _____		
Family Prayer			
	1. Prayers -	by parent	
	2. Prayers -	by parent	
	3. Prayers -	by _____	
	4. Prayers -	by _____	

Additional Notes:

1. _____
2. _____

SJCA Family Worship Worksheet

For family with children 10 - 12 yrs

We are holding this Family Worship on ____/____/20____
From _____ to _____

Attending family members: _____

Please read: _____ (Bible verses, story, etc)

Please bring: _____ (Bible, hymn books, worship music CD, etc)

Duration	What to do	- by whom	Ref
Children Worship Songs and Hymns			
	1. _____	by parent	
	2. _____	by parent	
	3. _____	by _____	
Children's Sharing or Confession			
	1. _____	by _____	
	2. _____	by _____	
Parent's Sharing (Bible teaching or confession)			
	1. _____	by parent	
	2. _____	by parent	
Family Discussion or Planning			
	1. _____	by parent	
	2. _____	by parent	
	3. _____	by _____	
	4. _____	by _____	
Prayer Items (Church, family, or others)			
	1. _____		
	2. _____		
	3. _____		
Family Prayer			
	1. Prayers -	by parent	
	2. Prayers -	by parent	
	3. Prayers -	by _____	
	4. Prayers -	by _____	

Additional Notes:

1. _____
2. _____

SJCA Devotional Worksheet For Individuals

Personal Devotion Worksheet

I am having this personal devotion on ___/___/___

From _____ to _____

Read Scripture: _____ (Bible verses, articles,
etc)

Sing songs/hymns: _____

The First thing I thought about this morning was:

One thing in the song that touched me was:

After reading the passage, what really stood out to me was:

Memory verse from passage:

Prayer items for today:

Previous prayers answered:
