



At Home Devotion Guide

We encourage everyone to use this guide in your home this week, and to adapt it to your specific household situation. This guide can be used in one sitting or can be broken up and used throughout the week.

Scripture Reflection

Read passage: Hosea 11:1-11

For young children: Even though people turn their back on God, He is still faithful and loving.

For older children and adults: God called Israel to be His people, but by Hosea's day, Israel had become utterly unfaithful. This unfaithfulness resulted in the destruction and disbursement of the Northern Kingdom. Yet, despite their unfaithfulness, God promises to faithfully love His people. God's promise is ultimately fulfilled in Christ, whose death on the cross was the ultimate expression of God's love for sinful people.

Question: How has God shown His love and faithfulness to you?

Pray: Thank God for His steadfast love.

Weekly Catechism Questions

For Children: Who can change a sinner's heart? *Only the Holy Spirit can change a sinner's heart.*

(John 3:1-8; Romans 8:1-11; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Titus 3:5-6).

For older children and Adults: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from? *All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.*

(*The New City Catechism: Q35*, http://www.newcitycatechism.com/New_City_Catechism.pdf)

Suggested Hymn: #101, *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

How to Use This Guide

At Bethany, we recognize that worship is not just something that happens on Sunday morning. Though corporate worship is important, it is also important that we are striving to worship God in our homes on a regular basis. According to Donald Whitney, "God deserves to be worshiped daily in our homes by our families." This guide will help you to lead worship in your home.

Scripture- Begin by reading the passage from the sermon. Based on the ages of those involved, briefly discuss the meaning of the passage and how it applies to your lives.

Catechism- This is a great way to learn what the whole Bible teaches about a particular topic. Read the question, then read the answer. If possible, try to put the answer in your own words.

Prayer- Pray that God would help you obey and understand the truth that you just discussed.

Sing- If someone is able to lead in song, then take some time to sing to the Lord. The guide will provide a suggested hymn from *The Baptist Hymnal, 2008*.

Feel free to adapt this guide to your particular household situation. This is not meant to be a heavy burden. It is an aid in helping members of your household to grow in Christ.

Families with young children- Don't feel like your devotions have to be long and tedious. Start with short amounts of time, then get longer as the children get older.

Families with older children- Also, don't feel like your devotions have to be long and tedious. Avoid 'preaching' to your family. Instead, let the word of God speak for itself.

Couples without children- This guide is for you as well! Household devotions will help you go deeper in your study of God's word and grow together in Christ.

Singles who live alone- Utilize this guide as part of your regular devotion time.

Begin today! This discipline will help you and other members of your household grow in their walk with Christ. It will also aid you in passing on the faith to the next generation.