

February 2016

CHURCH@HOME

PREPARATION:

1. Turn off all distractions. All electronic devices should all be turned off and stowed. You might even try taking the phone off the hook.
2. Have everyone seated together so they can see everyone. No one off in a corner or in another room.
3. You're going to need a bible. You can have one you pass around to read or have each person bring their own. Your choice.
4. Get everyone involved. Take turns or assign roles - just as long as everyone is included.
5. Have fun. This is new. Just relax and enjoy the time together. Trust God to direct your time together.
6. These guides can also be found on www.myfaith.church

THIS MONTHS THEME: MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

1. WORSHIP

The goal of this time is worship. We always want to begin with praise and thanksgiving.

- Say a quick prayer to begin. Ask God to bless your time together
- Sing a worship song or two that is a bible verse put to music.

2. SHARE

The goal of this time is to allow everyone to begin to open up and share. Remember not to interrupt or override, but everyone work hard to keep on topic.

- Go around the room and allow everyone to recite something they've had to memorize. Could be a long time ago or recent. Could be a silly song, poem, locker combination... Keep it open and fun.
- Why do you think you still remember that?

3. DISCOVER

The goal of this time is to look into God's word and begin uncovering truths

Read Psalm 119:11

- What is the affect of putting God's word in our hearts? Why do you think that is?

Read Ephesians 6:17

- How does God's word work like a sword when we're under attack?

Read Matthew 4:1-11

- How did Jesus put all this into practice?

Memorizing God's word is not just for fun or out of duty. It's for our protection.

- Discuss some circumstances where quoting scripture (as a sword) should be used?
- Discuss a time when one of you did this and what happened

4. APPLY

The goal of this time is finding ways to apply the truths from God's word.

Make the decision to memorize God's word together as a family.

- Select one verse and memorize it right now as a family. Ask each other to quote through out the week
- Make a like of verses you will memorize as a family. Make it fun.
- Suggestions: 1 John 4:4, Pro 3:5-6, 2 Cor 5:17, Rom 8:28, 31, Act 2:38 (There's a handout at church with verse cards)

5. PRAY

The goal of this time is to close out by going to God in prayer.

- Ask if there are any special prayer needs.
- Gather together and pray.
 - **Ask God to help you put His word in your heart.**
 - Don't be afraid to allow God to move in this time of prayer. Powerful things happen when a family prays together.
- Group hug. Quote your verse for the night together