

CHURCH@HOME

PREPARATION:

1. Let everyone in the family know when and where your worship time will take place. Mention it several times throughout the week or post something on the refrigerator.
2. Turn off all distractions. All electronic devices should all be turned off and stowed. You might even try taking the phone off the hook.
3. Have everyone seated together so they can see everyone. No one off in a corner or in another room.
4. You're going to need a bible. You can have one where you pass around to read or have each person bring their own. Your choice.
5. Get everyone involved. Take turns or assign roles - just as long as everyone is included.
6. Have fun. This is new. Just relax and enjoy the time together. Trust God to direct your time together.

THIS MONTHS THEME: WORDS

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 **OR** have each person share their favorite Bible verse.

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 answer these questions

- What was one of the nicest things anyone has ever **said** to you?
- How did their **words** make you feel?
- What are some ways you can use your **words** to help encourage each other as a family?

3. DISCOVER

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

- Read James 1:26 and James 3:3-12?
- How important are our **words** from God's perspective?
- Read Matt 11:28-19, Jeremiah 29:11, Romans 8:37-39
- How do these **words** make you feel?

4. APPLY

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

- Our words have great power to change for the better or for the worse. **Have there been words spoken in your home that have not been in love?** Take this time to ask forgiveness of each other.
- Create a family habit of encouraging words. Something like "When we sit down for dinner we will go around the table and say something encouraging to the person sitting besides us"
- Create a sign together as a family to remind each other to focus on positive and encouraging **words**

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.
 - Remember needs outside your own family circle. Adopting a missionary or a country to pray for each time is a great idea.
- Gather together and pray.
 - Pray your home would become a place where your **words** build each other up.
 - Don't be afraid to allow God to move in this time of prayer. Powerful things happen when a family prays together.
- Group hug. **Tell** each other something that will encourage them.

CONCLUSION:

When you've finished please complete and turn in the evaluation card. We want to make this time together a wonder life changing experience.