

# CHURCH@HOME

## PREPARATION:

1. Let everyone in the family know when and where your worship time will take place. Mention it 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 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.
7. These guides can also be found on [www.myfaith.church](http://www.myfaith.church)

## THIS MONTHS THEME: RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

### 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 about how God leads us or give thanks for a time when you felt very close to God.

### 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:

- Who is someone you'd like to meet personally and why? (This can be anyone past or present. The only condition is you've never met them personally before)

### 3. DISCOVER

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

- Read **John 1:10-13, 10:27 and Rev 3:20**. How do these describe God's feelings towards us? Discuss the following statements as true or untrue in light of the verses.
  - God wants to be close to you
  - We must search hard to find God. He's very difficult to locate.
  - Being close to God means just knowing a lot about God.
  - Following God means I do what His word leads me to do - even when I don't fully understand why or don't want to.
- Remind your family that God desires to be close to those he loves. It all started with Adam and Eve. God has not lost that desire. He pursues us. Our response is to spend time with Him in prayer or His word and following his lead in our lives.

### 4. APPLY

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

- How would spending a day with the person you wish you could meet change your relationship with them. Discuss the difference of knowing 'about' someone and actually knowing them.
- How does spending time with God and following His direction change your relationship with Him. Discuss the difference of knowing 'about' God and actually having a relationship with God
- **God seems distant or far off when we have no personal relationship with him.**
- What are some ways you will build your relationship with God?

### 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.
  - Pray that God is close and not just information or rituals
- Gather together and pray.
  - 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