

November 2015

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: THANKSGIVING

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 being thankful for God's blessings towards us.

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.

- **Allow everyone to complete this about others in the room:**
I'm thankful for your because. . .
- Allow everyone to say something they're thankful for that God has done for them.

3. DISCOVER

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

Read Psalm 95:1-7

- What do these verses say about being thankful to God?
- Whose people are we?
- How did you enjoy God's creation today?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- When should we rejoice?
- When should we pray?
- When should we give thanks?
- Notice that it does not say that we must give thanks for all things. God does not ask us to be thankful for a job loss or an illness, but we always have something to be thankful for. We can also thank God for His sovereignty and the way that He is working in us spiritually to mature us through trials.

Read 1 Chronicles 16:34 outlaid together as a family

4. APPLY

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

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. This psalm rehearses all of the ways in which God was faithful and loving to the nation of Israel

- Make a list of all the ways that God has been faithful to your family.

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.
 - **Take time to give thanks to God for all his blessings.**
 - 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 you're thankful for about them.