

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.

THIS MONTHS THEME: THE SOURCE OF OUR DIRECTION

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 God gave you **direction** in a matter.

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:

- Do you have have an “innie” or “outie” belly button?
- Share a time when you felt pressure from the outside (people or situations around you) to do something that didn't feel right with how you felt on the inside

3. DISCOVER

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

- Read **Psalms 119:105**. Discuss the following sources of **direction** in light of this verse.
 - **Direction** from God's word
 - **Direction** from my own intelligence
 - **Direction** from my friends
 - **Direction** from what's popular or who's popular
- Remind your family that in David's day, there were no streetlights. Most travelers at night carried lamps. Otherwise, they would fall into a ditch or an open sewer.
- Ask: What are some of the “ditches” and “sewers” we could fall in today if we don't rely on the teaching of God's Word to guide us?
- Point out “path” notes the general, broad choices we make about the **direction** of our lives, while “feet” refers more to specific actions.
- Ask: What is an example of a “path?” What is an example of “feet?” How can God's Word give light to both “paths” and “feet?”

4. APPLY

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

- Most people use the terms “innie” and “outie” to refer to belly buttons. Lets use ‘innie’ to mean a person who primarily gets life **direction** from an inner source—God's Word. Use “outie” to mean a person who primarily gets **direction** from outside sources—friends, media, and so forth.
- Given those new definitions, ask whether you primarily see yourself as an innie or an outie and why.
- What can we do to focus on getting **direction** from the right source?

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 for God's **direction** & protection in your family
- 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