

## WEEK 9: FAMILY WORSHIP

### DAY 1: FAMILY WORSHIP IS FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1. This week we will think about family worship. This is a very special time for the family. It is fellowship with God each day. But before we go on, let us see if you remember the last lesson.

What five things must parents do when children rebel?

- (1) Remember that all children rebel.
- (2) Continue to teach them.

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2. Parents must: Show true love, keep a humble spirit, and not change the rules. Families are very precious to God. God created the family. He planned for the father and mother and children to live together. He planned for them to comfort and help and teach each other. And God wants to be right there in the middle of your family life. He wants to fellowship with your family. Let us learn two parts of family worship



(1) Listening to God

(2) Talking to God.



What does the word "fellowship" mean to you. Write what you do when you fellowship with a friend.

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3. Perhaps you wrote that you sit together. You talk together. You listen to each other. Be ready to share other answers with the class.

What do we call the time when a family fellowships with God?

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4. Some call it family worship. Others may call it family prayers. Others call it family Bible reading, or family altar. These are all names for the same thing. But for our study this week we will call it family worship.

When a family worships, who is the main one they are having fellowship with?

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5. Family worship is fellowship with God. God created your family; He gave you your husband or wife. He has given you each child. He has given you all that you have. He gives you food. He gives you health and strength. He holds you in his hands.

Because God is loving and strong and good, what should the family have with him each day in family worship?

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6. They should have fellowship. They should have family worship. The powerful God loves you and your family. He wants to be the head or leader of your family. He wants to help your family know how to act in every problem. He wants them to praise him and thank him. He wants them to obey him.

With what group of people does God want to have fellowship in the home?

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7. The family is important to God. He wants to have fellowship with the family. Some may think that family worship is only an outward act. They may think it is only something which the family does among themselves. But this is not so.

With whom is a Christian family having fellowship during their family worship?

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8. They are having fellowship with God. He is the one who created them and saved them. They are listening to him and speaking to him. Family worship is different from church worship. In church the worship time is long. It is planned mostly for adults. Little children do not take part. In family worship the time is shorter. Little children and older children worship together with the parents.

Put a mark by the ones who should be in family worship each day.

\_\_\_\_\_ Father      \_\_\_\_\_ Mother      \_\_\_\_\_ Little children      \_\_\_\_\_ Old children

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9. Yes, you should have put a mark by each one. All the family members worship together. God wants to be an important part of your family. He wants to be the head. He wants to guide and teach you. He wants to hear your prayers and praises. Worshipping together as a family strengthens family oneness and love.

With whom is a Christian family having fellowship during their family worship?

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10. In family worship we have fellowship with God. When we fellowship with someone we usually do two things. We listen to them and talk to them. It is the same in family worship when we fellowship with God.

(1) We listen to God.



(2) We talk to God.



When we read the Bible, are we listening to God or talking to God?

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11. We are listening to God. Listening to God's word is an important part of family worship. This is how he guides and teaches your family. This is how the children learn to know what God is like.

What does a family read in order to hear God's word? \_\_\_\_\_

12. We read the Bible. Hearing God's word is important in a Christian home. The whole family should be there. Even the smallest should come. Therefore the Bible reading should not be too long. Five or ten minutes may be enough. The reading should fit the minds of the little ones. The father and mother can explain the words which are hard to understand.

There are two parts to fellowship. Write the first part.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Talking to God.



13. The two parts are: Listening to God, and talking to God. We listen to God by reading the Bible. God wants to speak to your family each day. He wants your family to speak to him each day.

Gikonyo and his wife had four children. Each morning they took time to fellowship with God. One morning Gikonyo read part of a Psalm to the family.

Take your Bible now and read Psalm 14:1 to 6;

14. After this reading, the family talked about the verses. They talked about all the things in the world that belong to God. The children named some of the things. Then they prayed. They praised God for his power. They praised him for creating the world. They prayed for some things they needed.

What two things did Gikonyo's family do to fellowship with God?

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

15. They listened to God. And they talked to God. One day Gikonyo's family sang a song to God.

Which part of fellowship was that? Was it listening to God or talking to God?

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16. It was talking to God. We can say this even though they were singing. They were giving God their praise. Gikonyo's children grew to be strong Christians. They had learned that God was real in their family. They had learned what he says. They had received Jesus as their Saviour. They had learned to share their thoughts with God.

What is the second part of fellowship in family worship?

(1) Listening to God

(2) \_\_\_\_\_



17. The second part is: Talking to God. Family worship is a very special time for Christian families.

Is God a real person in your family life? \_\_\_\_\_

Does your family have family worship together each day? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Besides each other, with whom does the family have fellowship in family worship?

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What are the two parts of their fellowship?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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DAY 2: FAMILY WORSHIP IS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

1. Family worship is a very special time for a family.

Besides each other, with whom does the family have fellowship in family worship?

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What are the two parts of their fellowship?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. We are having fellowship with God in family worship. We are listening to God and talking to God. Some families want to begin family worship, but they do not know what to do. There are some important things to know about family worship. Let us learn them today.

(1) A family should have worship every day.

(2) It is for all members of the family.

(3) All members should take part and do things.

Parents give food and clothes to their family each day. What is another thing they should see that their children have each day?

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3. They should see that they have family worship. They should try not to miss any days. The father and mother and children should sit together every day. They should listen to God and talk to him.

But this brings a problem. Some fathers are living away from their families. They cannot meet together every day. They cannot even meet every week. This hinders the fathers from leading their families in worship. Christian families must think carefully about this problem. Perhaps they will change their way of living.

How often should a family have family worship? \_\_\_\_\_

4. They should have it every day. Sometimes they will miss, but they should plan to worship together every day. Having a family is a great blessing. It makes our lives happier. But it is a great work as well as a blessing. Bringing up our families for God is not easy. Remember this verse.

Ephesians 6:4:

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Who should lead the family in family worship each day? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. The father should lead and teach his family. One way to lead and teach is to have family worship each day. Some families worship God in the morning before work or school. Some worship in the evening when they have returned home. It should be a short happy time together with God and the family. It is not easy to find a time for worship. Satan tries to keep us from this time. But each family should find a time to worship God together.

What time is best for your family? Is it early morning, at noon, at the evening meal, or at bed time?

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6. You wrote the best time for you. You can think of many problems to keep you from worshipping God together. But with God's help you must overcome these. Each family should find the best time for them to worship each day. When young people marry, they should begin family worship. The two of them should choose time each day to read the Bible and pray. It should be a part of each day from the time they are married.

How often should a family plan to have family worship? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. They should plan to have it every day. That is the first thing we are learning. The second is that family worship is for the whole family. We have seen that young people who have just married should begin family worship. When the children are young they will see their parents reading and praying. Later they will understand. They will learn that God is with their family. The children will join their parents in fellowship with God.

What members of the family should meet together for worship every day?

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8. All members of the family should meet together. This means the father and mother and any other members who live at home. Visitors can come to family worship too. God wants to fellowship with all the members of your family. He wants to be part of their lives. He wants them to obey him so he can guide and help them.

We are learning about family worship. These are the first two things we have learned:

How often should a family plan to have family worship?

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How many family members should be in family worship?

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9. (1) A family should plan to have worship every day.  
(2) All family members should take part in doing things.  
(3) All family members should take part in doing things.

In family worship the father is the leader. But he is not a preacher who does all the talking. He is the head who sees that the meeting is good and that all take part.

Should little children take part and do things in family worship?

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10. Little children, older children, and young people should take part with their parents. They do not always want to be quiet. They like to be doing things. They like to talk and sing. They like to take part in prayer. Remember the third thing to help us know how to have family worship:

- (3) All family members should take part and do things.

Who is the leader to see that the worship goes well and all take part?

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11. The father is the leader. A wise father knows that children like to do things. He knows that they learn by doing as well as by listening. He tries to make the worship good for all his children.

How many family members should take part and do things in family worship?

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12. All family members should take part. John's family have worship each day. John is the leader. One day he asked James, who is fifteen, to read the verses. Then the family talked about what the verses mean. John asked his wife to explain one of the verses. He asked the small children questions they could answer. Then they told needs for prayer. One child was having a test in school that day. Mother was going to a women's meeting. John asked two children to pray for these things. Then John prayed a short prayer. At the end they sang a song chosen by one child.

How many of the family members took part in this family worship?

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13. All of them took part and did things. The father is the leader. If he must be gone for a few days, the mother can lead.

What should the father help each one in his family to do in family worship?

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14. He should help each one take part or do things. Each child can do something fitting for his age. A child of two years can bring the Bible to his father. Then he can sit on his father's lap during the worship. When he becomes tired he can sit quietly on the floor and play.

How many family members should take part and do things in family worship?

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15. All should take part.

Write the names of your children who live at home. Write the age beside the name. Think what each one can do to take part in your family worship. Beside each name write one or two things he can do.

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- (2) \_\_\_\_\_
- (3) \_\_\_\_\_
- (4) \_\_\_\_\_
- (5) \_\_\_\_\_

16. Here are some things they can do. Read verses, answer questions, sing, learn verses, give prayer needs, tell their thoughts, bring the Bible, pray. Family worship is not a time to sit quietly and do nothing. It is a happy time of hearing God's word and talking to him. Tomorrow we will learn more about it.

Take time now to pray about your family worship. Ask God to help you make it a good time.

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17. How often should a family plan to have family worship?

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How many family members should meet together for family worship?

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How many family members should take part and do things in family worship?

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**WEEK 9: FAMILY WORSHIP**  
**DAY 3: WAYS TO HAVE FAMILY WORSHIP**

1. We have learned that in family worship we fellowship with God. We listen to him and talk to him.

How often should a family plan to have family worship? \_\_\_\_\_

How many family members should meet together for family worship?

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How many family members should take part and do things in family worship?

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2. We should have family worship every day. All family members should meet together. All family members should take part and do things.

Today we want to see some different ways to have family worship. We need to use different ways so family worship is always good. We should not always read and sing and pray in the same way. Doing this day after day becomes tiresome to the family.



How do we want our family to feel about family worship? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. We want them to like it. We want it to be a happy time. We want our families to enjoy family worship. Today we will learn two different ways we can have family worship.

(1) Answer family needs.

(2) Learn a new hymn.

Tomorrow we will learn another way. We think you will find these ways good for your family. You can use one way for a week. Then you can use another way.

Why do you think it is sometimes good to change the way we have family worship?

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4. Perhaps you wrote: So the family will not become tired. Or; So the family will be happy. Here is one way to make family worship good:

(1) Answer family needs. Here are the steps to follow:

Choose verses that answer a family need.

Read the verses.

Talk together about what the verses mean.

Talk together about how to obey the verses.

Pray together.

When we choose verses, what do we want the verses to do? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. We want them to answer a family need. We want them to speak of that need. Answering family needs is a good way to have worship. It helps us find God's way in family problems.

Look at the first step for having family worship in this way: Choose verses that answer a family need. Perhaps there has been quarreling in your family. Then you should choose verses that help the family to stop quarreling.

Ephesians 4:29 to 5:2 are good verses about quarreling. Take time now to read these verses in your Bible. See how they fit the family need.

What can we use in family worship to answer family needs?

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6. We can use verses. We must choose verses to answer a family need. Here are some needs that a family may have. Beside each need are some verses that answer that need.

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A death in the family  
One is going on a journey  
Quarreling in the family  
Need to know God's great power  
Need to know about forgiveness  
Need to trust Jesus

John 14:2-3, I Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Psalm 121  
Ephesians 4:29 to 5:2.  
Genesis 1. Use it for two days.  
I John 1:5-10  
Mark 4:35-41.

Does your family have any of these needs? \_\_\_\_\_

Which one do they have? \_\_\_\_\_

What verses answer that need? \_\_\_\_\_

Write some other needs which a family may have. \_\_\_\_\_

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7. We will talk about these in class. We are learning one way to have family worship (1) Answer family needs. Read the five steps again.  
Choose verses that answer a family need.  
Read the verses.  
Talk together about what the verses mean.  
Talk together about how to obey the verses.  
Pray together.

Stop now and try to learn these five steps. There is a step for each finger of your hand. You will not have to give these on the examination. But it will be good to know them. Turn down a bit of this page so you can find the steps and verses when you need them.

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8. The second step tells us to read the verses we have chosen.

Who do you think should read the verses? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Perhaps you said that the father should read them. But any member of the family may read the verses. Remember that all should take part in the family worship. The father and mother are leaders to help others take part. You should choose verses, read them, talk about what they mean, talk about how to obey them, and pray.

When you follow these five steps, what way of having family worship are you using?  
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10. You are using this way: Answer family needs. Jason saw that his family had a need. He and his wife had two older children. Samuel was 14 and Henry was 12. They were beginning to want to be like other sinful students at school.

Jason chose Romans 12:1-2

He asked Henry to read the verses from his Bible.

He asked, "What is the meaning of conform?"

"How can a boy be conformed to the world?"

He helped the family think how they could obey the verses. He asked:

"How can your mother and I obey these verses today?"

"How can you children obey these verses at school?"

Then two children and Jason prayed short prayers.

What way of having family worship did Jason follow? \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. He used this way: Answer family needs. Now you plan a worship for your family using this way.

Write a need that your family has. \_\_\_\_\_

What verses can you read to answer this need? \_\_\_\_\_

What family member will read the verses? \_\_\_\_\_

Write a question to ask about the meaning of the verses. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Who will pray? \_\_\_\_\_

12. Today we are learning two different ways to have family worship.

(1) Answer family needs.

(2) Learn a new song.

Most families like to sing. Would your family like to learn a new song during family worship?

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13. Perhaps they would. Here are the steps to follow in family worship while learning a new song. If the song is short and easy, you may learn it in one day. If it is long, it may take two or three days.

Choose a new song which one member of the family knows.

Learn to sing it together.

Talk about the meaning of the words.

Sing the song again.

Pray together.

What is the second way to have family worship?

(1) Answer family needs.

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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14. The second way is: Learn a new song. Muriithi had attended a men's meeting. There he learned a new song, "How Great Thou Art." When he came home, he sang the song for his family. They learned to sing it with him. Each day he taught them more words until they learned all of it. As they learned, he explained the meaning of the words. The children understood what they were singing.

Which way of family worship was Muriithi using? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. He was using this way: Learn a new song.

Do you know a song you would like to teach in family worship?

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Write its name here. \_\_\_\_\_

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16. What are the first two ways of having family worship?

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Memorise Bible verses.

**WEEK 9: FAMILY WORSHIP**

**DAY 4: ANOTHER WAY TO HAVE FAMILY WORSHIP**

1. When we have family worship, who is the important person we have fellowship with?

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What are the two parts of fellowship with him?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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2. In family worship we have fellowship with God. We listen to him and talk to him. We should have family worship every day. All members should meet and take part. Yesterday we learned two different ways to have family worship.

What are they?

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3. Three ways to have family worship are:

- (1) Meet family needs.
- (2) Learn a new song.
- (3) Memorise verses.

Today we will learn this third way to have family worship. It is good to use different ways in family worship. For one week we can use the way of meeting family needs. Then for some days we can use the way of learning a new song. Then we can change and use the way of memorising verses.

Why do you think it is good to use different ways of having family worship?

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4. Perhaps you wrote that it helps to keep the family awake or happy. If we use the same way all the time they may become tired. There is a third way of having family worship. Here are the steps to follow for this way.

Choose a short chapter or some verses in the Bible.

Memorise one verse together each day.

Talk about the meaning of the words.

Talk about how to obey the words.

Repeat the verses many times.

Pray together.

What do we call the third way of having family worship?

(1) Meet family needs.

(2) Learn a new song.

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5. We call this way: Memorise verses. This is a good way to have family worship. When we memorise God's word, it stays in our hearts. It helps us not to sin against God.

Take your Bible now and read how important it is to hide God's word in your heart. Read Psalm 119:9 to 16. Read verse 11 again.

What are some other verses which you have already memorised?

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6. Be ready to tell the class how these verses have helped you. Memorising Bible verses is not for children only. It is good for parents and young people too. I am almost 50 years old and I still memorise verses. They help me very much.

In family worship, who should memorise the Bible verses? Draw a line around the ones who should take part in memorising.

Children      Young people      Mother      Father

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7. All of them should memorise verses. All ages needs to hide God's word in their hearts. This will help them not to sin against him.

We have learned three different ways to have family worship. Write the third.

(1) Meet family needs.

(2) Learn a new song.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

8. The third way is: Memorise verses. Look again at the steps to follow in this way.

Choose some verses.

(Like Psalm 100, Psalm 121, 1 Corinthians 13:1-8, James 1:2-12)

Learn one verse a day.

Talk about the meaning of the verse.

Talk about how to obey the verse.

Repeat the verses many times.

Pray together.

Stop now and try to learn the six steps to follow. You will not be asked for them on the examination. But it will be good to know them. Turn down a bit of this page so you can find the six steps and the verses to learn.

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9. It is good to learn one verse each day. When the family know the verses, they can say them together. They can repeat them for their friends, or say them together at church. But the important thing is that the verses will help them keep away from sin.

If you choose Psalm 100 which has five verses, how long will it take to learn all of it?

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10. It will take five days. You learn one verse each day. You must also talk about the meaning of the verse. This is very important. Verses help us when we understand them and obey them. They do not help us if we repeat them without understanding.

Which is more important, to say the verse very quickly, or to understand the meaning?

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11. To understand the meaning is more important. In family worship the family talks about what the verses mean. They talk about how to obey the verses in daily life. They repeat the verses together many times.

Some families like to make songs from the verses they learn. They fit the words to some music they already know. Or they make up their own music and sing the verses.

We have learned three ways to have family worship. Write the first two.

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Memorise verses.

12. The third way is: Memorise verses. Simeon's family wanted to memorise I Corinthians 13:1-8. On the first day they read all eight verses from their Bibles. This showed them what they would learn. Then they started repeating verse 1. They talked about what the different words in the verse meant. They repeated the verse again. They talked about how each one could show love that day. Then they prayed. One child thanked God for some blessings. The mother prayed for some needs for the day. The father asked God to help them show love.

How many took part during the worship time? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. All of them took part. They were all active and happy.

What is the third way to have family worship?

(1) Meet family needs.

(2) Learn a new song.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

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14. The third way is: Memorise verses. The three ways we have learned are most common. But there are also other ways to have family worship.

Get a scripture Union book and follow it each day.

Use a Bible story book from a bookshop.

Have the children tell what they learned in Sunday

School. Revise thier memory verse and talk about how to obey it.

Talk about last Sunday's sermon at church. Read the verses which the pastor read. Talk about how to obey them.

Let the children prepare a Bible story drama and give it during family worship.

Sing a song chosen by each person. Let each person tell how it helps him.

Give a Bible verse which goes with the song.

Look at a flower, tree, insect or bird which God has made. Talk about how wise and powerful God is. Read some verses about this.

Which of these other ways would you like to use in your family worship?

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15. There are also some things to help us pray during family worship.  
Keep the prayers short. Let young children pray a few words.  
Let each one praise God for one thing in prayer. Let each one ask  
for one thing in prayer.  
Pray about things which are important to the children.  
Pray for the pastor, the church, and the missionaries.  
Pray for sick or troubled people whom the children know.

Which of these ways of praying would you like to use tomorrow?

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16. What are the three most important ways to have family worship?

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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**WEEK 9: FAMILY WORSHIP**  
**DAY 5: REVISION**

In the past three weeks we have learned many things about our children. We have learned how to have good family life. Let us go over all these things. Answer all the questions. Then go back and find the answers.

Questions from Week 7.

1. To whom do our children belong first?
2. What two goals should Christian parents have for their children?
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  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_
3. From Deuteronomy 6:6-7, what must every parent do without fail?  
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4. In what two ways must we teach our children?
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  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Write Deuteronomy 6:6-7. \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What are three things we can do to teach diligently?
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  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) \_\_\_\_\_
7. What two things hinder parents' teaching?
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  - (2) \_\_\_\_\_

Questions from Week 8.

8. What should parents make for their children to help them do right?  
Give the full answer.

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9. Write three important things we have learned about wise rules.

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(2) \_\_\_\_\_

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10. What are two reasons why we should punish our children?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

11. What must parents do when their children rebel?

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Questions from Week 9.

12. Besides each other, with whom does the family have fellowship  
in family worship?

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What are the two parts of their fellowship?

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

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13. How often should a family plan to have family worship? \_\_\_\_\_

How many family members should meet together for family worship?

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How many family members should take part and do things in family worship?

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14. What are the three most important ways to have family worship?

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When you know all these answers go back to pages 84 and 159.  
Hide the answers you have written. Try to answer all the questions.