**Family Worship Guide**

**Gospel Unity: Gospel-Centered Parenting**

**Week of 8/7-8/13**

**Tips for family worship**

* Determine a time and place for your family worship time. Select a time that will not be hurried and a place that has limited distractions.
* If you have never done family worship, embrace the awkwardness and chaos. Kids might be sitting on their heads and seemingly not paying attention, do it anyway. Trust the power of God and sufficiency of Scripture to change hearts.
* If possible, let each family member have ownership of the time by allowing them to talk and/or have a part in the family worship time such as scripture reading, praying, or singing.
* You lead your family worship the way that is best for you. However, if you don’t know where to start a general guideline we follow is:
	+ Pray
	+ Sing a praise song (it’s ok if you can’t sing…I can’t either…but I still model it for my kids)
	+ Review memory verse
	+ Read Scripture
	+ Ask Questions
	+ Pray

**Praise Song – Jesus Loves Me**

Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong.

Refrain:
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me he who died
heaven's gate to open wide.
He will wash away my sin,
let his little child come in. [Refrain]

Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, "Let them come to me." [Refrain]

**Memory Verse of the Week**

*“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, because this is right.” – Ephesians 6:1*

**Family Reading**

* Ephesians 6:1-4

**Family Discussion Questions**

* What is obedience?
* Why should we obey our parents?
* How will obeying our parents lead to a longer life?
* How can a parent make a child angry?
* Parents ask your kids:
	+ Are there times where I make you angry? If so, how? (Parents be ready to acknowledge what they say and ask forgiveness if this is true and sinful.)
* What are some family rhythms you can take advantage of to have intentional times of discipleship? Examples: dinner time conversations, driving to and from school, bedtime, etc. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-9.

**Prayer for your family**

*Father, help us as parents to show our kids your love by how we instruct them and discipline them. Give us self-control in our instructions, and let us lead with love and remember your grace.*