

Worshipping as a Family



Listed below are a few tips to help you teach your child the importance of worship.

Prepare your child for the Worship Experience

- View attending church as a special family event
- Make sure that your child gets enough sleep on Saturday night
- Decide on what to wear to church on Saturday night
- Pray as a family on the way to church
- Plan ahead and get up early so that it is a pleasant experience
- Provide opportunities for your child to get to know the staff and explain how they participate in worship
- Be on time. This shows that worship is a priority.
- Take your child to the restroom and to get a drink before the service even if they say that they don't need to.
- Remove your child from the worship service if his behavior becomes distracting, explain his behavior is not acceptable and is keeping others from worshipping. Allow him time to calm down and then return to the worship service.
- Allow your child to take a "Big Church" bag with them. A child's attention span is one minute per year age.
- Provide your child with an offering to place in the offering plate.
- Talk with your child about things that he might see or experience during the service such as:
 - The pulpit, offering plate, baptistery, pew, hymnal, altar, tithe envelope, people praying and kneeling or maybe a person crying..

Listed on the back are suggestions for after the Worship Experience

Following the Worship Experience

- Praise your child for their behavior
- Avoid negative comments concerning the service
- Ask questions related to the songs, sermon, and other things the child might have experienced
- Mention the service in casual conversations throughout the week.
- Answer questions the child has about experiences, words, or actions in the worship service

Apply Deuteronomy 6:7

Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.