

Together For Worship - Mark 2:13-17

A guide to worship as a family in your home

Set aside a time when everyone in your family is ready for a time of worship together in your home. Also, make sure to read through the text first before you begin.

Pray Together:

- ⊕ Spend time together praying for the Holy Spirit to move in your time of worship.

Sing Together:

- ⊕ Sing any or all of the songs below. These are songs for corporate worship on Sunday.
 - ✓ God Is Here, Our God Saves, Cornerstone, Your Great Name, (if you don't know them, they are available on You Tube).

Catch the Idea Together

- ⊕ Today, we are going to talk about the authority that Jesus has
 - ✓ Lets discuss this question: What is a "comfort zone"? (parents may need to explain this to younger children) What is your comfort zone? ****Note:** Think about this as you get to the application part later.
 - ✓ Optional: Play a game or do something that is not in your comfort zone. (i.e. charades, or a singing)
- ⊕ Some good information to read over about the background of our Scripture passage today:
 - ✓ As we saw last time, Mark recorded specific events from the life and ministry of Jesus to show His authority and prove to a Roman audience that Jesus IS the Christ, the Messiah, the anointed one of God, the Son of God who served, suffered, died and rose again.
 - ✓ Today, we see that Levi (Matthew) has thrown a feast at his house where there are tax collectors and sinners. Jesus has just called Levi (Matthew) to follow Him and now Jesus comes to his house. We see in this passage that Jesus is spending time with sinners and tax collectors. The Pharisees are there and they question Jesus about this. This is where we see Christ's word about how the healthy don't need a physician but the sick do. Jesus came to save sinners. The truth is that there is none righteous on their own and we see in this passage that the Pharisees rest their "righteousness" on their own works instead of Christ's. The amazing truth is that Christ died for our sins and forgave us, and He gives us His righteousness.

Discuss His Word Together -

- ⊕ Open up God's Word and read Mark 2:13-17
 - ✓ Who is Levi? (this is Matthew the gospel writer. He was a tax collector)
 - ✓ Why did Jesus eat with sinners and tax collectors?
 - ✓ What do you think Jesus meant in verse 17, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Applying What We Are Learning Together

- ⊕ Take time to think through how to apply what we are learning
 - ✓ What can we learn from Jesus' actions in this passage?
 - ✓ Two part question
 - Think back to the "Catch The Idea Together" question from the beginning. What are some comfort zones that keep us from sharing the gospel with the lost?
 - How can our family get outside of our comfort zone to share the gospel with the lost?
 - ✓ How can our family show the love of Christ to the lost?
 - Remember that in order to share the gospel with the lost, we have to know lost people.

Closing Prayer Together

- ⊕ Closing Prayer Points
 - ✓ Pray that we can go out of our comfort zones and share the gospel as a family.
 - ✓ Pray that we can show the love of Christ to the lost in our community.
 - ✓ Pray for our neighbors.

- ⊕ As you pray, an idea is the A.C.T.S prayer acronym.
 - ✓ Adoration- How can we adore God in our prayer time (God you are powerful, faithful...)
 - ✓ Confession- Take time to confess your sins to God (Remember I John 1:9)
 - ✓ Thanksgiving - What can we praise God for this week?
 - ✓ Supplication - Talk with God about things on your heart.