

Dear Parents,

We hope your family is connecting and that you are feeling the presence of God here in in the "Corona Crisis."

A hope is these Family Sunday School classes may give your family some experience and a pattern for family worship and spiritual connection when life returns to normal down the road.

The following is lesson structure so that your family can have "Family Sunday School" together. Parents, I know this may be a touch intimidating, but it's worth it. The following lesson plan should make it relatively easy to facilitate Family Sunday School as a group in thirty minutes or less.

### **Preparatory Resources**

**(1) [3/3's Method for Family Worship](#)** (PDF link) - Canon Matt Schneider has provided this format to use as the structure for Family Sunday School. The first page provides some principles; the second page is the actual lesson. Obviously, you can pick and choose these elements you would like to use.

**(2) Teaching on the 3/3's Method for Family Worship** - Canon Schneider taught two classes on family worship and the 3/3's Method in our Faith and Family in February. You can access these resources at the following links:

**[Class #1 - February 9](#)** (link)

**[Class #2 - February 16](#)** (link)

As you go through Family Sunday School, refer to the linked PDF for the 3/3's Method. Below, I have included some helpful resources to supplement the method, such as music for the praise section and a video to introduce the Bible passage and series.

### **Step #1: Look Back**

Refer to the recommended practices in "Step #1 - Look Back" in the [linked PDF](#) above. In addition to prayer and sharing, this section includes option to sing songs, among others. Sometimes it can be awkward to sing a capella. Linked below are two familiar songs to Advent families with audio and lyrics on the video. Play it loud! It makes it less awkward to sing out!

Song #1 - **[Be Thou My Vision](#)** (link)

Song #2 - **[Crown Him with Many Crowns](#)** (link)

If you have younger children, here are some songs we sing in children's chapel. We also have a playlist on Spotify with favorites from children's chapel. **[Link to Spotify Playlist](#)**:

Song #1 - **[Ask Me Whooo: Questions 1-3](#)** (link)

Song #2 - **[God Made Me](#)** (link)

Song #3 - **[Father Abraham Had Many Sons](#)** (link)

## Step #2: Look Up

Over the next several weeks, we will go through a series, "Trusting God in Scary Times." Each Bible passage will relate to one key attribute of God that enables us to trust him in times of fear: His goodness, sovereignty, and favor. For Family Sunday School, we want you, as a group, to read and analyze the passage.

Today's passage, Psalm 118: 1-9, talks about the favor of God — how He is on our side. Use the questions on the right to dig into the content but use the questions Step #2 - Look Up - for personal application, which is most important.

The [linked video](#) gives an introduction to this particular passage and some background on this psalm.

### **Psalm 118: 1-9**

- 1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- 3 Let the house of Aaron say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- 4 Let those who fear the Lord say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."
- 5 Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.
- 6 The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?
- 7 The Lord is on my side as my helper;  
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.
- 8 It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in man.
- 9 It is better to take refuge in the Lord  
than to trust in princes.

### **Questions on the passage:**

- V1 - For what two reasons do we give thanks to the Lord in V1?
- V2-4 - What three groups are called to give praise to the Lord in these verses?
- V2-4 - What is repeated in these verses? How does that comfort you?
- V5 - Out of what did the king call on God? What is the distress that we and our country experience right now?
- V6-7 - In your own words, what does it mean that "the Lord is on your side?"
- V6-7 - What phrases show us the comfort and help that God being on our side grants the speaker (and us)?

### **Step #3 — Look Ahead**

You can finish up the lesson with the content on Step #3 — Look Ahead — of the 3/3's Method.