

CHURCH@HOME

PREPARATION:

1. Let everyone in the family know when and where your worship time will take place. Mention it throughout the week or post something on the refrigerator.
2. Turn off all distractions. All electronic devices should all be turned off and stowed. You might even try taking the phone off the hook.
3. Have everyone seated together so they can see everyone. No one off in a corner or in another room.
4. You're going to need a bible. You can have one where you pass around to read or have each person bring their own. Your choice.
5. Get everyone involved. Take turns or assign roles - just as long as everyone is included.
6. Have fun. This is new. Just relax and enjoy the time together. Trust God to direct your time together.

THIS MONTHS THEME: BAPTISM

1. WORSHIP

The goal of this time is worship. We always want to begin with praise and thanksgiving.

- Say a quick prayer to begin. Ask God to bless your time together
- Sing a worship song or two **OR** have each person share something God has done that changed them for the better.

2. SHARE

*The goal of this time is to allow everyone to begin to open up and share.
Remember not to interrupt or override, but everyone work hard to keep on topic.*

Go around the room and allow everyone to answer these:

- Have you been baptized (as an adult - not an infant)?
- Briefly tell what brought you to that decision
- Describe how you felt afterwards

3. DISCOVER

The goal of this time is to look into God's word and begin uncovering truths

- Read Mark 16:15-16, John 3:5 Rom 6:4, Gal 3:26-27, 1 Peter 3:17-22
How essential is it to be baptized?
- Read Acts 2:37-39
What was the answer to what must we do? Who was this for?
- Read Acts 2:38, 8:12, 10:47-48, 19:1-5
In what name where all those baptized?

4. APPLY

The goal of this time is finding ways to apply the truths from God's word.

- Baptism in the name of Jesus is a necessary part in your relationship with God. It washes away our sins. It applies his Name onto our life. It connects us with him.
- If you've been baptized it's important that you renew in prayer what that decision represented.
- If you've never been baptized - ask yourself why not? Consider taking that step and share that with those in your group.
Still have questions? Share those with your group. You're in a place surrounded by people who love and care about you.

5. PRAY

The goal of this time is to close out by going to God in prayer.

- Ask if there are any special prayer needs.
 - Pray for an opportunity to share this truth with someone who hasn't dissevered it yet
 - Remember needs outside your own family circle. Adopting a missionary or a country to pray for each time is a great idea.
- Gather together and pray.
 - Don't be afraid to allow God to move in this time of prayer. Powerful things happen when a family prays together.
- Group hug. Tell each other something that will encourage them.

CONCLUSION:

Don't forget to fill out the eval care. We want to keep improving!