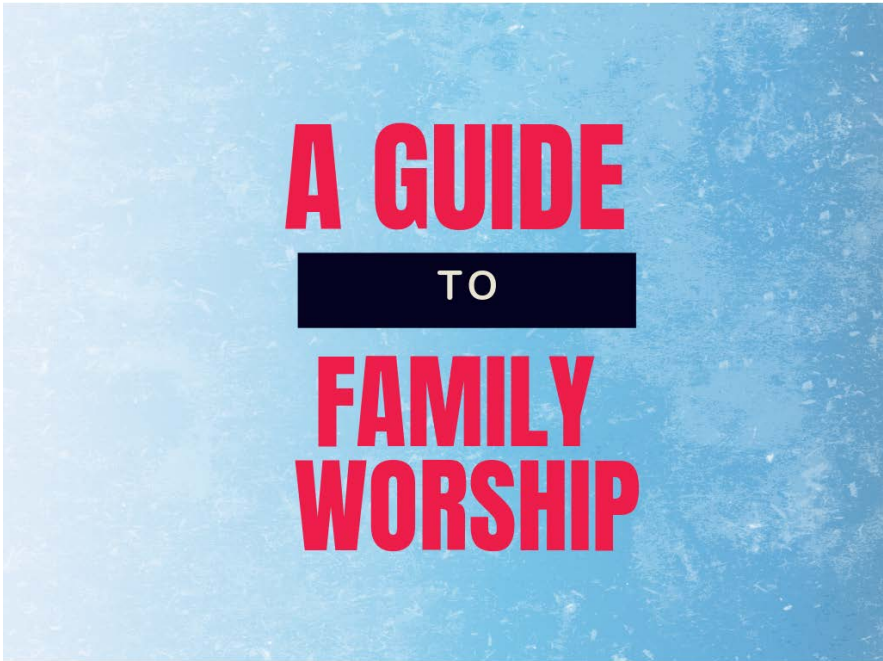


WHY DO WE DO IT?

HELPING KIDS UNDERSTAND OUR WORSHIP PRACTICES

Kids ask a lot of questions. And they might be asking questions about your family or adult service that their parents don't know how to answer. Share this printable with the families in your ministry to help parents teach their kids about worship practices.

The more kids understand what they're doing and why, the more they'll engage in the service!



A GUIDE TO FAMILY WORSHIP

For a full resource that helps you equip parents and kids for a family service, check out our [Guide to Family Worship Download here.](#)

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WHY DO WE CLAP OUR HANDS?

People usually clap when they are excited and happy! Sometimes, you'll notice people clapping their hands in worship. It's a way to show how excited and joyful we are about who God is and what He has done. Psalm 47:1 says "Clap your hands, all you people! Shout to God with voices of joy!"

WHY DO WE SING?

The Bible talks a lot about singing! Singing is a way to celebrate all the things that God has done in our lives. It's also a way to proclaim how amazing God is! Psalm 105:2 says: "Sing to Him, sing praise to Him, tell of all His wonderful acts."

WHY DO WE LIFT OUR HANDS?

You might notice people lifting their hands during worship. The Bible mentions lifting up our hands in worship many times. People lift their hands in worship to show they agree with what they're singing. They can also lift their hands as a sign of asking God for help, reaching out to Him, or showing God how amazing He is!

WHY DO THEY TAKE AN OFFERING?

The Bible says that "God loves a cheerful giver!" (2 Corinthians 9:6-7). People give money in church to help us pay the people who work here, support our missionaries, keep the church building running, and to reach out to people who don't know Jesus. Taking up an offering is a way of giving some of the money we have back to God!

WHY DOES THE PASTOR PREACH?

People have been preaching since the New Testament! When someone preaches, they are reading from the Bible, and then explaining what it means to us. Sermons can be long, or they can be shorter. Sometimes, sermons are about a certain Bible story, some Bible verses, or sometimes they can be about a certain question people might have. We listen to the pastor preach because God has chosen them to explain the Bible to our church family during this time!

WHY DO WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER?

There is a lot of praying in church! We usually open our services in prayer, finish them in prayer - and there might be praying in between. People pray because God hears us. It's a way to invite God to be a part of what we are doing today, to ask Him to help us, and to help people in our church family who might need extra help.