



Faith Together at Home

Sing to the Lord!

**Be the
Church**

Gather Together

Gather together in a comfortable place in your home. Build a little altar together by placing a Bible, cross, and candle on a small table or box covered with a cloth. Begin by lighting the candle and asking everyone to sit quietly for a few moments, welcoming God's presence.

Take turns reading Psalm 100 aloud by passing around the Bible. Talk about why people often sing when they worship God. Pass the Bible around again. This time invite each person to sing a verse from the psalm. Encourage fun musical styles (opera, country, rock, rap, etc.). Prereaders can provide background humming while another family member reads.

Discover Together

When we sing with other members of our faith community, we are echoing the voices of our ancestors from centuries ago. Read Psalm 150 to discover some of the instruments our faith ancestors played as they worshipped God. What instruments do we use today? Gather instruments from around your home (pan lids, wooden spoons, boxes, kazoos, harmonicas) and praise God with some joyful noise! Name some times when you have felt like singing. Were those also times you felt like praying? Why or why not?

Talk Together

Ask these questions of each other:

- What are some of your family's favorite hymns, camp songs, and other faith-based tunes?
- What is your favorite style of worship music?
- Is it important for churches to include different kinds of music during worship? Why or why not?

Sing Together

If you have a church hymnal at home, bring it out. If not, recall some of your favorite hymns or Bible camp songs. Take turns humming the first line of a hymn/camp song while the group tries to guess its title. Then sing it together!

Serve Together

Many people who are confined to home or live in nursing homes and assisted living centers would love to be serenaded with some of their favorite old hymns. Even if your family isn't "musically inclined," practice a few hymns together and then record yourselves singing them from the heart! Send the recording to someone you know in a nursing home or assisted living center.

Family Prayer

Sing a familiar church song, such as "Jesus Loves Me" or "This Little Light of Mine." Offer the following blessing to each family member: **"(Name), may you carry God's song in your heart each day."**