

1. **KNOW** what's going on
 - a. Calendar and Webpage
 - b. Emails and flyers
 - c. Conversation at pick up and drop off

2. **ENGAGE** with you kids over the Scriptures
 - a. Our vision: *to partner with you to help your kids know, love and follow Jesus*
 - b. Online resources
 - i. Schedules, Music, Flash Cards, etc.
 - c. Ideas from family night

3. **WORSHIP** Jesus with your kids
 - a. Do all things to God's glory 1 Cor. 10:31
 - b. Don't stop at memorizing or merely talking about the Bible and Jesus.
 - c. Talk to Jesus about his word (i.e. pray with your kids)
 - d. Possibly incorporate Awana handbooks into a family worship time (See below)



Awana and Family Worship

What is family worship?

Family worship refers to a family gathering to read the Bible, pray, and sing together.

Reasons to do family worship¹

1. Glorifies and Honors God — This is the primary and essential reason.
2. Centers the Home – Family worship has the wonderful effect of centering our homes upon Christ.
3. Binds the Family Together – In our fast-moving society there are few things that a family does together daily. Even eating a meal together these days seems like a feat. What if your family gathered together daily? And what if that gathering was for worship? Your entire family will come to the realization that no matter what else we do or don't do, the most important thing that marks us as a family is that we are a worshiping family submitted to Christ. And that bond is an eternal one that strengthens the family in all its other endeavors.
4. Provides Common Knowledge – As the Scriptures are read together in family worship, the family grows in common knowledge. Conversations around the dinner table or in the car will change dramatically as you have a common knowledge from which to converse.

¹ These are taken from <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/11-reasons-to-worship-with-your-family/>

5. Trains Children for Corporate Worship – Family worship provides the added benefit of training our children for corporate worship. As they sit and listen to the Word of God, hear prayers, and sing hymns these elements in corporate worship will take on a new meaning. The value of this cannot be overestimated.
6. Encourages our Children in Christ – They will see that for mom and dad worship is not just something they do on Sunday mornings. It is something at the very core of their being, important enough that they center their home upon it. We are not raising children just to be moral and competent people, but worshipers of the triune God.
7. Provides Systematic Discipleship – Daily family worship will provide a strong foundation that is built upon hearing the Word daily, praying daily, and giving thanks daily. It takes time to build a strong house.
8. Provides Generational Testimony – One of the greatest benefits of family worship is the actual passing on of our faith to the next generation. We are teaching our children how to read the Scriptures, pray, confess their sins, sing unto God, and more. Our children will leave the home with memories of this daily worship. They will have learned by watching and participating how to search the Bible, intercede for their future children, and rejoice in God. And by God’s grace and mercy they will carry it to the next generation of our families.

Where does Awana fit in?

You can use Awana verses to help shape your family worship. Consider using one of the verses set to music as a song you sing together for a week. (see <https://fellowshipbeaumont.org/about-awana> for links to songs and other resources). Or consider ending family worship by checking in on everyone’s Bible memory progress.

Tips for getting started²

- Find the best time for your family
- Meet at the same time
- Meet in the same place
- Start slow
- Make it brief (10-20 minutes)
- Make it a priority
- Be flexible
- Model the right attitude
- Persevere

² See more at: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/then-what-when-and-how-of-family-worship/>