



# MORE THAN CONQUERORS

FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

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# WHY FAMILY WORSHIP

## AND HOW TO GET STARTED

In a 2017 study, Lifeway Research sought to understand which childhood behaviors were the best predictors of spiritual health as an adult. They hoped to find the answer to a question that is close to the heart of most Christian parents: how can I help my child become a faithful follower of Christ as an adult? Of course, the answer to this question can't be boiled down to a statistical formula. There is no infallible equation for raising kids whose faith becomes their own in adulthood.

But the researchers did find that one childhood behavior had more positive effect on spiritual health than any other: reading God's Word. More than any other behavior – even some you might be surprised didn't make the list – a child who reads and loves God's Word is most likely to become a spiritually vibrant adult.

I'm guessing that didn't really surprise you. After all, God has been telling us about the importance of his Word from almost the very beginning. In fact, at a pivotal point in the history of God's people, as they prepare to enter the Promised Land, comes one of the most foundational commands in all of Scripture. In Deuteronomy 6, God places a huge responsibility on parents to pass down the truth of God's Word – his promises, his commandments, his story – to their children:

*"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and*

*with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”*

**Deuteronomy 6:4-9 (ESV)**

This scripture is the very heart of Doorpost Songs. It's an invitation to participate in God's design for generational discipleship, and the key to it all is hidden right in plain sight. If you want to help your children follow Jesus, then make God's Word a part of your everyday life, as common as sitting down or walking along, as routine as lying down or getting up, as normal as going in and out your door.

We know most Christian parents want to be spiritual leaders for their children. But many don't know exactly where to start. *I'm not a pastor. I'm not a worship leader. How can I lead my children in worship?*

Don't worry! You don't need some set of specialized skills to create a time of worship for your family! You just need a willing heart. At the core of worship is a very simple process: God reveals himself through his Word and through his presence, and we respond by worshipping. Worship doesn't require a seminary degree or musical talent. *It only requires a heart that is ready to respond to God.*

We want Doorpost Songs to be a tool for you to help create these simple moments of worship in the everyday life of your family. Start by putting the CD in your car and singing along to

these amazing truths from God's Word as you go along your way. Then carve out fifteen minutes once a week and use these family worship moments to create intentional times of worship and discipleship for you and your children.

## **USING the FAMILY WORSHIP MOMENTS**

Each family worship moment is a template for a fifteen-minute time of worship and discipleship based around one song from the Doorpost Songs *More Than Conquerors* album. Each worship moment includes a passage of scripture to read, a memory verse to learn, lyrics to the song, a short devotional in a writing style designed for your children, discussion questions, and even suggested prayer topics.

You can use all of our suggestions or come up with your own. This isn't a magic formula; it's simply a place to begin, a way for you to step into your role as the primary spiritual leader for your children. It seems like a daunting task – but it's not! Your role is simply to lead them into God's presence and then let HIM do the work! Fill your kids' lives with God's Word and watch what happens.

We want to encourage you to put this weekly time of worship on your calendar. Find a time that works for your family. It might be gathered around the breakfast table one morning each week. It might be the last few moments before bed. In our family it's usually an extension of dinner time. We all linger at the table, read a passage of scripture, talk about it, and pray together. Whatever you decide, set your appointment and keep it – even if you're tired, even it's been the most difficult of days. We promise you won't regret it!

Make your worship time interactive. If you have preschoolers, grab the plastic harmonica they got at church or the toy xylophone that's been sitting in the corner since Aunt Ruth gave it to you last Christmas. Let them play (or pound!) along and make a joyful noise. If your older children are learning to play an instrument, encourage them to learn the songs. If your child is learning to read, let him or her read a section of the scripture or devotional. Encourage every family member to participate in a time of prayer.

Parenting can be a rollercoaster of intense emotion! Sometimes it fills our hearts with incredible joy. And sometimes we feel helpless and alone. But don't forget that you are a dearly loved child of your heavenly Father! It is his calling that is on your life, and it is his power and strength that will accomplish it. Your children aren't the only ones who need to spend time in his presence. You do, too! Our prayer is that these simple moments of worship are life-giving experiences for both you and your children.

Now, call a family meeting, get out the calendars, and let's schedule a time for family worship!



# POWER of GOD

ROMANS 1:16

## **Intro**

OH, WHOA

OH, WHOA

## **Verse**

I AM NOT ASHAMED, NO

I AM NOT ASHAMED, NO

I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL

## **Chorus**

FOR IT IS THE POWER

THE POWER OF GOD

BRINGING SALVATION TO ALL

TO ALL WHO BELIEVE

TO ALL WHO BELIEVE

IT IS POWER



# POWER of GOD

## FAMILY WORSHIP MOMENT

### READ IT

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Read the Scripture passage aloud as a family. If your kids can read, consider having one of them read or letting them take turns reading.

**Romans 1:16 (NIV)**

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

### SING IT

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Play the song from the *More Than Conquerors* album and sing together. You can find Doorpost Songs on Spotify, Apple Music, iTunes, Amazon, and more.

### MEMORIZE IT

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Pick a section of the verses to memorize as a family. Use the suggestions below or choose your own.

**Long Version (Romans 1:16, NIV)**

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

**Short Version (Romans 1:16a, NIV)**

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God.

LEARN IT

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**What's the BIG IDEA?**

The gospel is the good news about Jesus.

Have you ever heard *really* good news? Maybe your favorite sports team won the championship, or you found out you were going on a great vacation. Maybe you heard that a sick family member was feeling better. Let me ask you another question. Have you ever *told* someone really good news? It feels great, doesn't it? It's super fun to have good news to tell people. You can't wait to tell them, because you know when they hear it their face will break out in a wide smile. You know it will bring joy to their hearts to hear the good news you have.

Did you know the Bible is filled with good news? That's right! And there's a word the Bible uses whenever it talks about good news. That word is *gospel*, and it actually means "good news." So what good news does the Bible have to tell us? Well, when Jesus

was born, a host of angels appeared to a group of shepherds – do you remember that story? – and the angels said to the shepherds, “I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people” (Luke 2:10). Can you guess *who* the good news is about? That’s right. It’s about Jesus!

Here are four simple sentences that will help you remember the good news:

1. God sent his son, Jesus, to the world.
2. Jesus died on the cross for our sins.
3. On the third day, Jesus rose again.
4. Jesus reigns forever and one day will make everything good and right.

That’s the good news the Bible has to share. That’s the gospel!

The Bible is filled with people who loved telling everyone the good news about Jesus, and one of those people was named Paul. He’s the one who wrote the Bible verse we read today. Paul wasn’t ashamed to tell people the good news because he knew it would make them happy. The good news about Jesus was meant to bring great joy to our hearts.

You see, Paul knew that when people believed the good news about Jesus, God would forgive their sins and they could live forever with him in heaven. That sounds like something that would make people pretty happy, doesn’t it? I know it makes *me* happy!

Just like Paul, we can tell people about the gospel, the good news about Jesus. After all, *everyone* loves to hear good news!

## TALK ABOUT IT

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Use the questions below or ask some of your own.

1. What is the good news about Jesus?
2. How does the good news about Jesus make you feel? Why?
3. Who needs to hear the good news about Jesus? What are some ways other people hear the gospel?

## PRAY ABOUT IT

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Pray together. Here are some ideas:

- Thank God that he loved us so much that he sent his Son to die and the cross for our sins.
- Thank God that he gave us the job of sharing the good news about Jesus with everyone.
- Ask God to give each person in your family an opportunity to tell someone the good news about Jesus this week.

## DO IT

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Here's one way your family can put the **BIG IDEA** into practice.

Come up with a set of hand motions to remember the four “good news” statements. Conclude the set by saying, “That’s the gospel!”