Six Days of Family Worship

Reconciled to God Through Christ

(October 19–24, 2026 • Colossians 1:21–23)

Instructions: Choose either the longer or shorter Scripture reading. Read it aloud, ask the questions that fit your children, sing or listen to the day's song, and finish by praying together. Keep it simple and warm; even 7–12 minutes can establish a meaningful family rhythm. Encourage every child to participate, even if a prayer is only one sentence.

One Truth for the Week

Through Christ's death, believers have peace with God and are welcomed into his presence, so we stand secure in the hope of the gospel.

Day 1 — Why We Need Peace with God

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:21–23; Romans 3:23–24

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:21

The main idea: Paul reminds believers that they were once far away from God. Sin affects both our thoughts and our actions. Everyone needs forgiveness, including people who have grown up going to church. We cannot repair our relationship with God by being good enough. God has provided the Savior we need: Jesus, who died and rose again for sinners.

Younger Children Ages 3–5
Who made us and loves us?
Do all of us need forgiveness?
Can we save ourselves?
Who is the Savior we need?

Older Children
What does Paul say separated people from God?
Why is sin more than doing a few bad things?
Why can good behavior never erase our guilt?
How does remembering our need help us value God's mercy?

Sing: His Mercy Is More — Matt Papa and Matt Boswell
This song helps us praise God for mercy greater than our sin.
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Prayer Points
Admit our need for God's forgiveness.
Thank God for sending Jesus to save sinners.
Ask God to help each family member trust Jesus.

Pray Together
Father, we have sinned and need your forgiveness. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us. Help each of us turn to him and trust him. Amen.

Parent note: Explain sin as thinking, saying, or doing what goes against God. Speak honestly and gently. Help children see their need for Jesus without trying to frighten them into a response.

Day 2 — Jesus Brings Us Peace with God

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:21–22; Romans 5:1–11

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:22; Romans 5:1

The main idea: Reconciled means brought back into a right relationship. Jesus made peace with God possible by dying in our place. He took the punishment our sins deserve and rose again. Everyone who trusts him is forgiven and brought into a right relationship with God. This peace rests on what Jesus has done, and it remains true even when life is difficult.

Younger Children Ages 3–5
Who died for our sins?
Did Jesus rise again?
Who gives us peace with God?
Can we thank Jesus today?

Older Children
How did Jesus reconcile us to God?
Why does Paul mention Jesus' physical body?
How is peace with God different from an easy day?
What can you remember about Jesus when you feel worried?

Sing: Nothing but the Blood — Reawaken Hymns
This hymn points to Jesus' sacrifice as the basis of our forgiveness.
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Prayer Points
Thank Jesus for dying in our place.
Praise God for peace through faith in Christ.
Bring God your worries and rest in his love and care.

Pray Together
Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for our sins and rising again. Thank you for making peace with God possible. Help us trust your finished work when life is hard. Amen.

Parent note: Distinguish peace with God from a calm feeling. Feelings change, but Christ's saving work gives believers a secure relationship with God.

Day 3 — Welcomed into God's Presence

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:22; Romans 8:1–4, 31–34

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:22; Romans 8:1

Talk it through: Jesus brings those who trust him into God's presence. Holy means set apart for God; blameless means without a fault that condemns us. Our acceptance rests in Christ's righteousness. We still need to confess sin and grow in obedience, but we can come to our Father with confidence. Jesus has removed the barrier that separated us from him.

Younger Children Ages 3–5
Who brings us near to God?
Can we talk to God?
Does Jesus forgive those who trust him?
Whom can we thank for welcoming us to himself?

Older Children
What do holy and blameless mean here?
Why does acceptance depend on Jesus rather than our best day?
How can God's welcome help us admit a failure?
What guilt or fear do you need to bring to your Father?

Sing: Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me — CityAlight
This song grounds our forgiveness and confidence in Christ's saving work.
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Prayer Points
Thank God for welcoming believers through Jesus.
Confess sin honestly to the Lord.
Ask for grace to obey from a forgiven heart.

Pray Together
Father, thank you for welcoming us through Jesus. Help us confess our sins honestly and remember that our acceptance rests in him. Teach us to live as your people. Amen.

Parent note: Being blameless before God does not mean Christians never sin. Our right standing with God is secured by Jesus. God's grace helps us admit wrong, receive forgiveness, and grow in Christ.

Day 4 — Jesus Is with Us in Our Struggles

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:22; Romans 8:35–39; 1 Peter 5:7

SHORTER READING
Romans 8:38–39; 1 Peter 5:7

Talk it through: Christ has brought believers near to God, and nothing can separate us from his love. Children may feel afraid, teenagers may wonder where they belong, and adults can feel lonely even in a busy home. We can bring every need to our heavenly Father. He hears us and cares for us. His love holds us while we wait for the day we will see him face to face.

Younger Children Ages 3–5
Does God care when we are afraid?
Can we tell him when we feel lonely?
Who loves those who trust Jesus?
Who can help us when we feel sad?

Older Children
What can separate believers from God's love?
How can belonging to Christ help when others leave us out?
Why can we bring worries to God?
How could our family care for someone who feels alone?

Sing: Jesus Strong and Kind — CityAlight
This song encourages us to bring weakness and fear to our faithful Savior.
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Prayer Points
Bring God our fears or loneliness.
Thank Jesus for his steady love and care.
Pray for someone who needs encouragement.

Pray Together
Lord Jesus, you know and are close when we feel afraid or alone. Thank you for loving and caring for your people. Help us come to you and encourage someone else who is hurting. Amen.

Parent note: Listen patiently to a child's fear or concerns. Pray about needs together and help your child know your hope and faith is in Jesus.

Day 5 — Stand Firm in the Gospel

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:23; Hebrews 12:1–3

SHORTER READING
Colossians 1:23

Talk it through: Paul calls believers to keep trusting the Gospel truth and hold on hope in Christ. Jesus died for our sins, rose again, and will bring his people home. When troubles or doubts come, we can return to these truths and ask God for help. Continuing in faith grows from Christ's saving grace. We depend on him as we keep taking the next faithful step.

Younger Children Ages 3–5
Who should we keep trusting?
Did Jesus rise from the dead?
Can we ask for help when we have questions?
Who gives us hope?

Older Children
What does Paul tell believers to continue doing?
What can make us forget the hope of the gospel?
How can Scripture and our church help us stand firm?
What question or struggle can you bring to Jesus today?

Sing: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death — Jordan Kauflin
This song places our lasting hope in Christ and the love that keeps his people.
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Prayer Points
Ask God to deepen our faith in Jesus.
Bring him our doubts and disappointments.
Pray for someone facing a hard season.

Pray Together
Father, help us keep trusting Jesus and the good news of his death and resurrection. Meet us in our doubts and give us strength to stand firm in the hope you have given us. Amen.

Parent note: Perseverance means continuing to trust Jesus. Help children bring questions to God and to you. A struggle or a question does not mean a believer has lost salvation.

Day 6 — Share the Hope of the Gospel

LONGER READING
Colossians 1:21–23; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21

SHORTER READING
2 Corinthians 5:18–20

Talk it through: God has reconciled believers to himself through Christ and entrusted us with the message of reconciliation. People we know need the same Savior we need. We can tell them what Jesus has done for us with kindness and honesty. Our family and Rusk Bible Church can share the hope of forgiveness, peace with God, and life in his presence.

Younger Children Ages 3–5
Who gives us peace with God?
Who can we tell about Jesus?
Can we speak kindly to our friends?
Whom can we pray for today?

Older Children
What message has God entrusted to believers?
Why do our friends and neighbors need Jesus?
How would you explain the good news in simple words?
Who could our family pray for and invite to hear about Christ?

Sing: There Is One Gospel — CityAlight
This song celebrates the gospel that gives the church peace and lasting hope.
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Prayer Points
Thank God for the good news of Jesus.
Pray for one person who needs to trust Christ.
Ask for a kind opportunity to share our hope.

Pray Together
Father, thank you for bringing us near through Jesus. Help our family and Rusk Bible Church share this good news with kindness. Draw our friends and neighbors to trust Christ. Amen.

Parent note: Keep the message clear: Jesus died for our sins and rose again; we are called to trust him. Share your confident hope with those who don't know Jesus and leave the person's response with God and his timing.