

## Northside Family Worship Guide

Dear Northside Family,

Every once in a while, due to the weather, we cannot meet at the building to worship or livestream.

However, this does not mean we do not want you to worship. We believe, as Jesus said, that *“God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”* We hope even when these rare cancellations occur, you will take the opportunity to worship together as family on the Lord’s Day.

The weather may prevent the whole church from assembling together at the building, but it should not prevent our families from worshipping together.

It is our desire “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.” And so, we have provided below a guide we hope will help you conduct a meaningful family worship time. We have also included some additional online resources that may be helpful.

Remember to collect enough communion cups for your family and store this guide with them. On our next weather event, we hope you can use these tools to help you worship together as a family.

May the Lord bless you until we meet again.

Sincerely,

The Northside Elders

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### Family Worship

- Prayer
- Song - Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
- Song - Amazing Grace
- Lord’s Supper
- Song - God Is So Good
- Song - It Is Well with My Soul
- Scripture
- Devotional - The Greatest Commandment
- Song - A Common Love
- Closing Prayer

### Other Helpful Resources:

- [Northside Youtube Channel](#) (Replay a full worship from a previous Sunday)
- [Know Your Bible](#) (Watch episodes under the Program Archive)
- [RightNow Media](#) (Free to NS members. But, you need to have account setup)

# The Greatest Commandments: Loving God and Others

## 1. Introduction

- A. Opening prayer
- B. Read Matthew 22:36-40.
- C. Give a brief explanation of the Greatest Commandments and why they are so important.

## 2. The First Commandment: Loving God

- A. Read Deuteronomy 6:4-5. This is called the “Shema” by the Israelites and was considered the highest command of all the commands of the Law. Why is loving God critical to all the other commands?
- B. Read 1 John 5:2-3. Scripture teaches that the easiest way to tell if we love God is if we are doing what He commands. Share some examples of characters in the Bible who showed their love for God through their obedience to God.
- C. Discussion: What does it look like for us as a family to love God with all our heart, soul, and mind?
- D. Prayer: Ask God for His guidance and help to love Him more as a family.

## 3. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment: Loving Your Neighbor

- A. Read Luke 10:25-37 (The Good Samaritan). What question is Jesus answering when He tells this parable?
- B. Discussion: In what ways specifically did the Samaritan show love? And what lessons can we learn from his example about loving our neighbors?
- C. Read 1 John 3:18. What is the difference in SAYING you love someone and SHOWING you love them?
- D. Activity: Brainstorm some ideas for a family service project where we can show some love to others. Make a plan for what you will do to serve another and when you will do it.

**Closing Prayer:** Ask for God's guidance to help us as a family love Him better and love others better.

# Home Devotional Songs

## A Common Love

A common love for each other,  
A common gift to the Savior,  
A common bond holding us to the Lord;  
A common strength when we're weary,  
A common hope for tomorrow,  
A common joy in the truth of God's Word.

## Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.

## It Is Well with My Soul

When peace like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well, with my soul.

(Chorus) It is well with my soul.  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, o my soul!

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll.  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend.  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

## Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove,  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
Hither by Thy help I've come.  
And I hope by Thy good pleasure  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God.  
He to rescue me from danger  
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be.  
Let Thy goodness like a fetter  
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.  
Never let me wander from Thee,  
Never leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart. O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

## God Is So Good

God is so good. (3x)  
He's so good go me.

He cares for me. (3x)  
He's so good go me.

I love him so. (3x)  
He's so good to me.

He answers prayer. (3x)  
He's so good go me.