Morning Prayer for Families

The Liturgy Letter

Opening Words

Let us remember that we are in the Holy presence of God.

Light a prayer candle.

Lord, open our lips, and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise. *Psalm 51:15*

Psalm 51:1-10

Create in me a clean heart O God, And renew a right Spirit within me.

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Create in me a clean heart O God, And renew a right Spirit within me.

- 2 Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.
- 4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict

Create in me a clean heart O God, And renew a right Spirit within me.

and justified when you judge.

5 Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

- 6 Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.
- 7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Create in me a clean heart O God, And renew a right Spirit within me.

8 Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
9 Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity.
10 Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now And will be forever. Amen.

Examen/Confession

Bless the Lord who forgives all of our sins **His love endures forever.**

Gospel Reading

Reading the Gospel Luke 15:1-10

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

15 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and

says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

The Parable of the Lost Coin

8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? 9 And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.' 10 In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Day 1 - Read, then imagine and have kids act it out.

Day 2 - How does this passage connect to the OT or whole biblical narrative?

Day 3 - Talk about a piece of art associated with the passage.

The Lost Drachma
Lost Coin
The Good Shepherd

Your Word is a light unto our feet

And a lamp unto our path.

Confessing Our Faith

(Nicene, Apostles', Heidelberg Confession Q&A #1)

*One line is added to the creed/confession each week; each text is memorized over the course of many weeks.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried...

Prayer (With Prompts)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Day 1 - Teacher offers a short prayer of dedication.

Day 2 - Teacher provides prompts, kids can offer a word or sentence of prayer after each prompt.

ie. Let us pray for: family, friends, people in trouble, other countries...

Day 3 - A child or children pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Optional - Doxology or Hymn

ie. God is So Good, Doxology (Old 100th), Jesus, the Light of the World

Prayers Before a Meal

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest And to our lives these gifts be blessed. Amen.

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the food before us,
the friends beside us,
and the love between us.
Amen.