

# Matins for Children & Families

Week of Nov. 18 - Nov. 24, 2019



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 of the Week (different Psalm + musical refrain each week)

*\*Children sing the [refrain](#) and an adult reads the the Psalm text in between*

### **Psalm 46 (NIV)**

*\*Optional discussion question---What scary things make you afraid? This Psalm teaches us that God cares for us, even when we experience scary things.*

[Be still and know that I](#)  
[Am God in all the earth](#)  
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[Am God in all the earth](#)

*\*Click the text above for [audio](#)*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,  
an ever-present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
- 3 though its waters roar and foam  
and the mountains quake with their surging.

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- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- 5 God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day.

6 Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;  
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.  
7 The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Be still and know that I  
Am God in all the earth  
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8 Come and see what the Lord has done,  
the desolations he has brought on the earth.  
9 He makes wars cease  
to the ends of the earth.  
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the shields with fire.  
10 He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth."

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11 The Lord Almighty is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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

*\*Optional --- Make the sign of the cross while saying the "Glory be"*

## **Examen/Confession**

Lord, forgive us for the things we do that hurt you and other people.  
Because you always love us, help us to love each other.

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

*\*Optional --- Adults and children appropriately share ways they have hurt God and other people that week. Ask forgiveness if fitting.*

## **Gospel Reading**

### **Luke 23:33-34, 39-43** (NIV)

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Day 1 - Read, then imagine and have kids act it out this passage? How many characters do we read about in this passage? How do they react to Jesus?

Day 2 - Who does Jesus forgive in this passage? How does Jesus demonstrate love? How does the criminal next to Jesus show that he has faith?

Day 3 - Discuss the question: What does it mean to forgive others in the same way that Jesus has forgiven us? Can you think of a time it has been hard for you to forgive others?

Your Word is a light unto our feet  
And a lamp unto our path.

## **Profession of Faith (Philippians 2:5-11)**

*\*For memorization: Add one section each week*

**5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:**

- 6 Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
7 rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness. <sup>Week 1</sup>  
8 And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!  
9 Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>Week 2</sup>  
10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
11 and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. <sup>Week 3</sup>

## **Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Day 1 - Adult offers a short prayer of dedication.

Day 2 - Adult provides prompts (ie. Pray for family, friends, city, those who are sad), 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**

*\*Holding hands in a circle or individual hands open and outstretched in the sign of the orans*

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## **Optional --- Doxology, Hymn, or Weekly Psalm Refrain**

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

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## 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.

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## Vertical Habits for Children:

Cultivating Faithful Speech and Relationship Towards God and People



## Relational Words / Worship Words ([More Resources...](#))

I Love You / Praise  
I'm Sorry / Confession  
Why? / Lament  
I'm Listening / Illumination  
Help / Supplication or Petition  
Thank you / Thanksgiving  
Here I Stand / Creed  
What Can I Do? / Service  
Bless You / Blessing