

KIDS WORSHIP AT-HOME TOOLKIT

We get it. You want to worship at home with your family, but sometimes following along with live streamed worship online can be challenging when it comes to keeping your little ones engaged. You want to raise children who love Jesus, but without going to the church building in this season, you feel like you're not doing enough. SPL Kids is here for you with a few tools and tips for worship at home. We pray that these tools help create an engaging, grace-filled worship environment for your whole family from the comfort and safety of your couch.

BEFORE ONLINE WORSHIP

- Set the tone for worship by praying out loud with your family, inviting Holy Spirit into the room.
- Grab your Bibles (adult and kids versions).
- Find or make a cross and put it in a prominent place.
- Light a candle. Explain that Jesus is the light, and He is present in worship.

DURING ONLINE WORSHIP

During Music

- Model being physically engaged in worship. Sing along, stand up, dance, and/or clap.

During Prayer

- Close your eyes and hold hands with your family members
- Create your own prayer request wall using sticky notes on the fridge

During the Message

- Give your child paper and crayons to draw what sticks out from the message or use coloring pages
- Tell your child to listen closely to count how many times Pastor says variations of God's name (Jesus, Father, God, Savior, etc.). Or have your child jump up and say "Jesus loves me" every time His name is mentioned.
- Share a Bible verse with your kids and ask them to illustrate that verse
- Have your child to listen for specific words and write them down
 - 5 words your child thinks are the most important
 - 5 words your child doesn't understand
 - 5 words that make your child feel loved

During Confession

- Lead your family in a time of personal confession and forgiveness.
Jesus, I'm sorry for.... please forgive me.
Jesus, I don't thank you enough for... please forgive me.
Jesus, all too often I worry about... please forgive me.

During Blessing

- Lay hands on your child and speak a verse of blessing (try Philemon 1:25 or Psalm 20:4)

AFTER ONLINE WORSHIP

- Have an extended time of singing and dancing to worship music as a family. Consider songs like the ones listed below. *Visit our SPL Kids YouTube Channel or connect to our SPL Kids group on Facebook to connect with resources.*

Every Move I Make

This Little Light of Mine

My God is so Big

Who You Say I Am

- Continue the conversation at the dinner table by asking questions like:
 - *What stuck out to you during worship? What did you remember?*
 - *Was there anything in worship today you did not understand?*
 - *Can you tell me about a God-moment you had this week?*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

We're here for you! If you have questions or are seeking out additional resources for your family, connect with Kristin Harman, Director of Children's Ministry, at kristin@spldecaur.org or Jennifer Suckow, Assistant Director, at jennifers@spldecaur.org or by contacting the Church Office at 217-423-6955.

We encourage you to connect with our SPL Kids YouTube Channel (go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search SPL Kids) and join our group on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/SPLKids