

Family Altar Liturgy

A simple 15-20 minute framework for daily or weekly family worship that children can grow up remembering.

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Why a Family Altar? Every home is built on something: noise, hurry, screens - or intentional presence . A family altar is not a piece of furniture. It is a pattern of meeting God together - simple, repeatable, and rooted in Scripture.

This liturgy is designed to work in: - Busy weekday evenings - Early mornings before school - Weekly "Family Night" slots Aim for 15-20 minutes . Consistency is more important than perfection. {/ stripped: duplicate frontmatter block /}

1. Call to Attention The leader usually a parent simply says: > _ "Let's come to the table. Phones down, TV off. This is our time before God as a family." _ Then a short call: > Leader: "The Lord is our Shepherd." > Family: "We will not fear." You can choose any simple verse to repeat every time. Repetition builds memory. {/ stripped: duplicate frontmatter block /} 3. Conversation & Reflection Ask simple, open questions : - _ "What stood out to you?" _ - _ "What does this tell us about God?" _ - _ "What does this invite us to do or change?" _ Do not turn it into an exam. The aim is heart engagement , not perfect theology. For younger children: - _ "Where do you see God being kind in this story?" _ - _ "How can we show that same kindness this week?" _ You can end with one clear takeaway: > _ "Tonight's truth: God is our shepherd. He sees us, leads us, and provides for us." _ Write it on a sticky note and leave it somewhere visible. {/ stripped: duplicate frontmatter block /} Weekly Rhythm Example Monday: Psalm focus comfort and trust Wednesday: Gospel story character of Jesus Friday: Thanksgiving night what God has done this week Sunday evening: Look ahead school, work, major events The goal is not to manufacture perfection. The goal is to anchor your home in the presence and Word of God . Start small. Stay consistent. Let the atmosphere of your home shift over time.