

7 tips for remote Sunday worship in families

1. Pray: for your children and their hearts; pray about what you'll learn together.
2. Set the expectation: let your family know on Saturday night that this is what you're going to do together on Sunday. It can be hard work, but it is worth it. They will see and remember – beyond lock down – that coming together to worship God, even remotely, is very important to you.
3. Be prepared: scan the resources, including the web links, in the email in advance to help you think about the passage with your family. Have the 'you will need' equipment ready.
4. Be expectant and excited: talk about how you're sad that we can't be in the church building, but how amazing it is that technology enables us to hear from God's Word, pray together, sing the songs and still see our church family (if you can attend the Zoom events). Church is not a building, but rather it's God's incredible way of gathering people of all ages and stages to read His Word together, pray together, and sing together – even if it's online.
5. Join in: with the singing (shake a shaker!), praying (encourage your children to listen quietly and say 'amen'), opening the Bible together (let them bring their Bible or share yours), listening out for key points.
6. Don't worry! They may not engage with everything, but they will remember bits and pieces, and they'll ultimately remember that worshipping Jesus was important in their family.
7. Keep trusting: God's Spirit can work in all of our hearts even in the chaos of remote worship!