



TRINITY KIDS

LET'S GET GROWING!

BEST PRACTICES FOR FAMILY WORSHIP AT CHURCH

Jesus modeled family worship for us at the Sermon on the Mount and we are pleased when Families choose to attend worship together. That being said, the following are tips, accommodations and supplies you may want to consider when planning for an on-site family worship experience:

For All Families

- **Church Bags:** - For Prek-5th Grade, let your child choose a special bag or backpack to use as a "Church Bag." Let this be a special bag that is only used for Church to keep it fresh.
- **Step Out** - Please keep in mind Trinity Church welcomes families who choose to worship together, but we realize you may need for you and your child to step out of the service if they are being disruptive. We encourage you to feel the freedom to exit as needed.
- **Where to Sit** - If you are concerned that you might need to step out with your child, sitting towards the back of the worship center or at the end of a row may provide you with the freedom to exit as frequently as needed.
- **Printable Worship Scavenger Hunts** - We have a selection of Worship Scavenger Hunts to encourage your children to participate throughout the service. These can be printed and brought to church on Sundays. Go to www.trinitychurchvb.com/kids to download and print.

For Preschool Families

- **Changing Stations:** - All campuses will have a changing station available. It will be manned by a Trinity Kids volunteer and will be sanitized before and after each use.
- **Strollers** - Please feel free to bring strollers into the worship center. This may make you and your child feel more at ease with family worship.
- **Church Bag Suggestions** – Some further suggestions of what you could include in a Preschool Church Bag can be found below:
 - Snacks: A no-spill drink cup and cheerios or crackers placed in a snack cup will help to slow your preschooler down making snacks last longer.
 - Bible picture book, sticker books, water books, and felt books
 - A favorite quiet toy or lacing/sewing cards
 - Dry erase clipboard with dry erase crayons: These can be used on a dryerase clipboards and will not leave marks on clothes!
 - Coloring book and crayons

For K-5th Families

- **Church Bag Suggestions:** - Some further suggestions of what you could include in your k-5th Church Bag can be found below:
 - A Bible
 - Printable Worship Scavenger Hunt
 - Pencil, pen, crayons, washable markers, colored pencils or dry erase crayons or dry erase markers
- **Pray Together:** - Pray for your family's worship experience before attending.
- **Model Participation** - Children learn best by watching their parents as they worship through singing, reading God's word, prayer, listening and participating in communion and giving. Your children will be following your lead.
- **Talk About It** – Set aside time after Church, maybe in the car or at lunch, to talk about what they learned, or what they might have questions about. It's okay if you don't have all the answers to their questions...use it as a chance to say, "I don't know, but I will find out." Let them see that our faith journey is lifelong...we are continually learning and growing in our personal relationship with God.