

Making the Most of Online Worship with Family and Friends

PLAN

- Prayerfully plan for your worship time each week. - *Proverbs 16:3*
- Invite guests early in the week.
- Make arrangements for how children will participate in advance.
- Make arrangements for any snacks, meals etc.

PREPARE

- Wake the household with ample time to prepare for worship.
- Prepare technologically: television, internet connection, sound quality etc.
- Prepare for children to watch Big House or to have other arrangements if needed.
- Eliminate distractions: turn off cell phones, remove pets, etc.
- Prepare everyone in the household by encouraging focused attention during the service.
- PREPARE YOUR HEART: - *Psalms 24, 27, 42, 51, 63 & 84*, - *Jeremiah 29:11-13* & - *John 4:1-24*

PRAY

- Rise early and spend time alone with God preparing for worship. - *Mark 1:35*, - *Luke 5:16*
- Spend time in prayer with everyone present before the service begins.
- Include children in the prayer time.
- Prayer for God to make His presence known in the place where you are gathering.
- Maintain a spirit of prayerful attention to the presence of God throughout the service.

PRAISE

- Invite and expect children to participate in praise and worship. - *Psalms 8:2*
- Set an example by worshiping with your heart and mind on God and not self.
- Praise and worship involves more than singing. Join in prayer and seeking God.

PART

- Older children can share the entire service with the adults.
- You may plan to “part” with the children for the message if they are too young.
- Have plans for younger children to watch Big House or be cared for during the message.

PROCESS

- Use the discussion questions at the end of the service to process what you have heard.
- You can use the questions from the Cgroup guide for adults. - *Luke 2:46-47*
- Families can use the questions from the Family Cgroup Guide to Big House with children.

PRACTICE

- Be sure to put into practice what God has shown you. - *James 1:22*
- Take the suggestions offered in the service or come up with your own ideas.
- Putting it into practice with your family and friends is where the real life change comes.