

Together with God

HOW TO RUN A FAMILY WORSHIP BRUNCH



A **Family Worship Brunch** is an opportunity for the church family to gather together and encourage each other to model faith within the home. While especially for parents, it can be open to all in the church.

To run a **Family Worship Brunch**, plan it for a Saturday morning (perhaps 9 – 10:30am) and invite people to bring along resources for family worship that they've found helpful. On the morning itself, get together cereals, pastries, juices and hot drinks. Provide some pens and colouring-in pages for kids on the tables, as well as a corner with toys for very young children. Set up the tables in time for people to arrive.

Here's one **suggested schedule** for running the Brunch;

9–9:30am

Prayer and Sharing Food.

Begin with prayer, and start the brunch.

9:30–40am:

Explaining Family Worship

The leader/facilitator should keep it simple here, but can – perhaps – give three reasons for starting (or continuing) family worship:

- It's biblical (Deut 6:4-9).*
- It shows our children that faith is a priority in the home.*
- It helps our children learn to pray and engage the Bible for themselves.*

9:40–10:00am:

Stories of Family Worship

This is the central part of the 'Brunch', and involves the facilitator asking three different parents the following questions:

- How do you worship together with your children?*
- What's been difficult or challenging?*
- What's been encouraging?*

10-10:05am:

Resources for Family Worship

As people end their brunch, introduce resources that might be helpful for family worship. Leave plenty of time at the end for people to finish brunch and to browse through the resources others have brought along.