



REALITY VENTURA HOME CHURCH GUIDE

Guide to Hosting Home Church During The COVID-19 Pandemic

The world and our community have been confronted with an issue that has a serious human impact, and our hearts go out to all who have been affected by the outbreak of COVID-19.

As members of the body of Christ, it is our responsibility to do two things in times like these: Be faithful followers of Jesus, and be good citizens in our community.

For the time being, we are changing the way that we gather. Due to restrictions placed on public gatherings at this time, and

in order to help stop the spread of the virus, our physical large gatherings are cancelled. However, Church and community must continue. WE ARE THE CHURCH.

Now, more than ever, there is a need for intentional gatherings and fellowship. This guide will help you lovingly and safely host a home church gathering.

PRACTICAL | Home Church Gatherings

Meeting in smaller groups is just not the same as meeting all together, BUT we believe The Lord will use these smaller, more intimate gatherings for His glory.

Hospitality

Home church is all about hospitality and making people feel welcomed! Consider your guests and invite them to come just as they are.

Safety

In light of COVID-19, part of hospitality is having certain safety elements that we may not have thought about before. For example; Think about having hand sanitizer available, having antibacterial soap at the bathroom sink, and having paper towels available in the bathroom instead of cloth hand towels, etc.

Social Distancing

Social distancing, also called "physical distancing," means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. To practice social or physical distancing, stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms' length) from each other.

Fellowship

Encourage people to come 30 minutes early for coffee & donuts, or to stay after Home Church for brunch or lunch. This doesn't have to happen every week. Maybe try once a month!

Video & Sound

Have the live stream up and ready to go before your guests arrive so you can troubleshoot any technical difficulties beforehand. When worship begins, TURN UP THE VOLUME! Believe it or not, it will encourage your guests to sing out during worship.

Distractions

Encourage your guests to limit distractions by silencing cell phones, using the restroom before the service begins, etc.

Communion

We encourage you to partake in communion together as a group! Provide communion elements (precut bread and separate juice cups) for your group, OR If you'd like to pick up communion elements from the church, please let us know by emailing info@realityventura.com

KIDS | Home Church Gatherings

The goal of leading Kids Ministry at home is to continue bringing our kids to Jesus through biblical teaching, worship, and family togetherness. Our hope is that our kids would continue to learn about Jesus in a way that best suits their developmental level.

The live stream of Home Church starts on Sundays at 10:00AM and lasts for about an hour and fifteen minutes. We encourage you to worship together as families during the first and second sets of worship. Then, have a person lead the kids through their lesson while the adults are watching the sermon.

Lessons are posted at RVTAkids.com/homechurch

Preschoolers & Elementary

The kids ministry lesson is designed to engage a wide range of ages. If you have kids attending, please assign someone to guide the kids through the kids ministry material that is provided every week. It might also be helpful to encourage the older kids to help lead the younger kids. In order to show the Bible lesson video, you will need a computer or TV. Kid's Church kits are available at the church for coloring/activity pages and lesson supplies, or you can download and print them [HERE](#).

Upper Elementary & Middle School

If you have older kids attending your home gathering who would prefer to watch the sermon, we've provided a simple sermon note taking page to keep them engaged during the message. Have some pens or colored pencils available. After the service, while guests are talking with each other, ask a parent to help you wipe down pens and pencils while you chat. This small task builds community and sends the message that you care about safety.

Younger Kids & Toys

For younger kids, you may consider having only washable toys (avoid toys that are not easily sanitized). After the service, while guests are talking with each other, ask a parent to help you wipe down the toys with a sanitizing wipe while you chat. This small task builds community and sends the message that you care about safety.

For any questions about Kids' Ministry, please email anna@realityventura.com

To request a Kids' Ministry Church Kit, please click [HERE](#)

CONSIDERATIONS | Home Church Gatherings

Current Community Groups - Multiply

If you are a community group leader and you have a co-leader, consider having your group split into 2 groups on Sunday mornings, with your co-leader hosting the second group. If you have people in your community group that are able, encourage them to open their home! Multiply!

“They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart”

Assess Space Size & Set Gathering Size

Your gathering SIZE should be calculated based on the size of your gathering SPACE. Be creative! If your outdoor space is larger than your indoor space, gather outside! Set a gathering size and stick to it!

Communicate & Be Available

Let your group know how many guests will be there BEFORE you meet. This will allow people to decide if they are comfortable joining you. Be available to answer any questions people have about the gathering.

Loving Precautions

Below are some practical ways we can operate in love, and be in compliance with CDC guidelines as we gather in homes to worship, pray, fellowship, receive the word, partake in communion, and be on mission. These loving precautions should be shared with the people attending your home church gathering:

- Stay home when you are sick
- Stay home if you have a compromised immune system
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Bring your own hand sanitizer to the home gatherings
- Leave 6ft of distance between family units
- Use air hugs instead of actual hugs and handshakes
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Wear a mask if you'd like

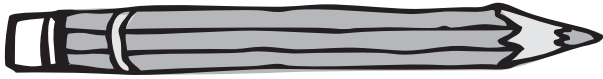
Sample Communication

Hey Everyone! We are excited to be able to meet again in small groups! We'd love for you all to join us on Sunday morning for home church! We have a great space out back which is large enough for 12 of us to meet comfortably while being mindful of social distancing guidelines.

Please join us at 9:30 AM for a short "Coffee and Catch Up Session" before the live stream starts at 10:00 AM. Please let me know if you plan to join us, OR if you have any questions!

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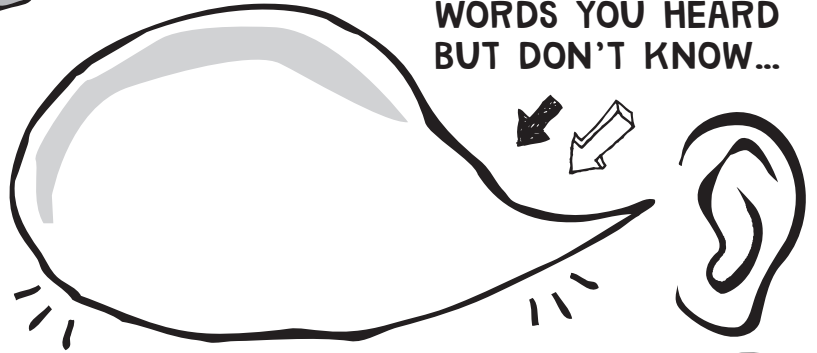
Sermon Notes FOR KIDS



AS YOU ATTEND CHURCH SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY, USE THIS SHEET TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN. WE WANT YOU TO WORSHIP WITH US BY SINGING TO GOD AND LISTENING TO THE MESSAGE.



WHO IS SPEAKING?



WORDS YOU HEARD BUT DON'T KNOW...

WHAT IS THE MAIN PASSAGE WE ARE READING TODAY?

BOOK:

CHAPTER:

VERSE:

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?

WHICH SONG FROM TODAY'S SERVICE IS YOUR FAVORITE AND WHY?

WRITE OR DRAW SOMETHING THAT YOU HEARD IN THE SERMON OR IN A SONG TODAY.



FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW WHILE IN SERVICE AND THEN, ON THE WAY HOME, TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU HEARD AND THE NOTES YOU WROTE DOWN.



I HEARD _____ TODAY
BUT WAS CONFUSED OR HAD A HARD TIME BELIEVING IT.



HEARING AND BELIEVING THAT GOD IS _____
CHANGES THE WAY I _____

MIDDLE SCHOOL SERMON GUIDE

AS YOU ATTEND WORSHIP SERVICE WITH YOUR FAMILY, USE THIS GUIDE TO HELP YOU PAY ATTENTION AND LEARN.
WE WANT YOU TO WORSHIP BY SINGING TO GOD AND LISTENING TO THE SERMON.

WHO IS SPEAKING?

WHAT PASSAGE ARE WE STUDYING?

DEFINITIONS:

WORDS YOU HEARD BUT DON'T UNDERSTAND:

WHICH SONG FROM TODAY'S SERVICE IS YOUR FAVORITE
AND WHY? WHAT LYRICS DID YOU ENJOY THE MOST?

FILL IN THE BLANKS:

CIRCLE ONE OR MORE OF THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD
THAT WERE TALKED ABOUT IN THE SERMON.

CREATOR	PROVIDER	MERCIFUL	JUST
HOLY	UNCHANGING	SOVEREIGN	GENEROUS
LOVING	WORTHY	FAITHFUL	

WRITE DOWN OTHER VERSES MENTIONED IN THE SERMON.

WHAT ARE WE LEARNING ABOUT GOD FROM THIS PASSAGE?
WHAT IS THE MAIN IDEA OF THIS SERMON?

→ ON THE WAY HOME, TALK ABOUT WHAT YOU HEARD AND THE NOTES YOU WROTE DOWN. FILL IN THE BLANKS BELOW AND SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY.

* I HEARD _____ TODAY BUT WAS CONFUSED OR HAD A HARD TIME BELIEVING IT.

* HEARING AND BELIEVING THAT GOD IS _____
CHANGES THE WAY I _____