

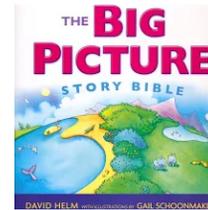


***“The Gospel is so simple that small children can understand it, and it is so profound that studies by the wisest theologians will never exhaust it’s riches.”***

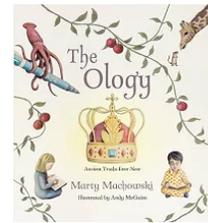
Charles Hodge

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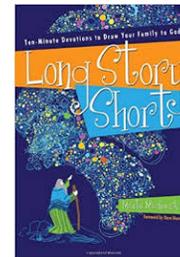
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Long Story Short Series



Family Worship Bible Guide (Reformation Heritage Books)

Family Shepherds (Voddie Bauchan Jr.)

Hymnal



**INTRODUCING  
FAMILY  
INTEGRATED  
WORSHIP**

## Why we are doing family Integration?

- It's biblical

### **Deut. 31: 12-13**

12 "Assemble the people, men, women, and little ones, and the sojourner within your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, 13 and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live in the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess."

### **Josh. 8:34-35**

34 "And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, hand the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived<sup>3</sup> among them."

### **Eph. 6:1-3**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 Honor your father and mother" (this is the first commandment with a promise), 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land."

- Modern day church trends would tell you to put children in the nursery and children's church because the main service would be over their head. And that they need to go have fun while their parents sit uninterrupted.
- We believe as a church that scripture is sufficient for life, which includes how we function in the church and raise our families.

## How can we prepare our families for Sunday worship?

- Preparation for Sunday begins on Monday and continues all week long. Daily bible time and family worship help your children develop a habit of sitting and listening.
- Explain to them the significance of sitting under the preaching of the Living Word of God.

### **Rom. 10:13-17**

13 For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?3 And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" 16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" 17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ."

- Make it a point to sing and worship with your children throughout the week with the songs that we sing during our services so that they can participate on Sunday mornings.
- Pray that God through the Holy Spirit would open our hearts and ears to hear His Word.
- Familiarize your family with the scripture a head of time.
- Pray for the Elders of our Church that God would give them wisdom and discernment.

## How can we as a church serve one another during this transition and moving forward?

- Pray for families with young children.
- Encourage one another, including the children.
- Space will be available for children who are unruly or in need of special care during the service. Please don't hesitate to ask another parent for help.

## What we can do if families need help

- The Elders of the Church are committed to helping you disciple your family.
- The Elders would welcome an opportunity to come alongside you in your home and show you what family discipleship looks like. Our church provides children's sermon notes that they can use during the service.
- Review the sermon notes with your children Sunday evenings.

Christian parents have a great privilege and weighty responsibility. We must teach and show our children how to trust and follow Jesus. By God's grace, we can center our homes and families around Christ.

### **2 Tim 3:15**

"And how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through Faith in Christ Jesus."

