

Traveling Worship

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Summer schedules can mean families aren't always near their home church when it's time for worship. This activity equips your family for Sunday worship, no matter where you are!

For
Teen Family

Season

Summer

Needed

Small tote bag, Bible, plastic sandwich bag, Worship worksheet (see last page), scissors

Prepare in Advance

Before you leave home, make a copy of the Worship worksheet (see last page) and cut out the squares. Put the squares in the plastic sandwich bag. Put the Bible and bag of worship squares in the tote bag.

Activity Plan

1. When you are away from home, choose a place to worship: in your hotel room, at the beach, in a park, in a tent, or in your car. If you are traveling with others, be sure to invite them to worship with you! Take along the bag with the Bible and worship cards.
2. Divide the worship cards among family members. Allow people to choose the parts they feel most comfortable leading, but make sure each person takes at least one card. Some people may take more than one.
3. Allow a few moments for people to prepare what they will lead. Here is an order for worship, which can be modified to fit your family:
 - Opening prayer
 - Song
 - Bible story
 - Faith story
 - Lord's Prayer
 - Song
 - Closing prayer



Worship

<h3>Opening Prayer</h3> <p>An opening prayer prepares everyone for a time of worship by thanking God for being with you and asking God's Spirit to inspire your worship. Speak from your heart and your prayer will be perfect.</p>	<h3>Bible Reading</h3> <p>Choose a favorite Bible story or passage to read aloud. If you need ideas, most Bibles have a section in the back with lists of verses on specific topics or lists of Bible stories. If it speaks to your heart, it's perfect to read.</p>
<h3>Song</h3> <p>Plan to lead or play two songs. If you have worship songs on your phone or other electronic device, you might play songs from there. If not, choose familiar songs to sing from Bible camp or Sunday school. You could also read aloud a Psalm, as the psalms were originally composed as worship songs. Psalm 100 or Psalm 121 or Psalm 145:1-10 might work well.</p>	<h3>Lord's Prayer</h3> <p>Lead your family in the prayer Jesus taught. If your family does not know a version of this prayer by heart, read the prayer aloud from Matthew 6:9-13.</p>
<h3>Faith Story</h3> <p>What is the story of your faith? Tell your family how God has touched your life. Thinking of how you would answer the following questions is a good starting place: What or who has helped you to believe in God? Why is your Christian faith important to you? When has your faith helped you through a challenging time?</p>	<h3>Closing Prayer</h3> <p>A closing prayer gives thanks to God for the time to worship and asks God for ongoing guidance in your daily lives. Your prayer may include specific requests for family members or for other people.</p>

