

**in addition to our many valuable resources provided by our denomination, the list below consists of various resources that have either been particularly helpful for me as a pastor and our church and families at large*

Planning and Preparing with Families in Mind

[Becoming a Welcoming Church, Thom Rainer](#)

[The Ultimate Toolkit for Church Leaders](#)

Secret Guest Survey
Guest Readiness Checklist
Church Facilities Checklist
Evangelism and Outreach Checklist
And a whole lot more!

Have Monthly or Quarterly Family Worship Sundays.

What do Family Worship Sundays entail?

God's Kids Choir helping lead us in worship
Working to make all the liturgy kid friendly
Including kid friendly songs (maybe even with hand motions!)
An interactive, kid friendly message (live Q and A, call and response, turn to the person sitting next to you)

[Family Worship Sundays](#) (click on link to watch our April 10th and May 8th services)

Devotional Resources for Home

Crossway's Free Offers

Example: [Easter Storybook Bibles \(50\)](#)

[Register for Crossway+](#) (Free)

[Advent Blocks](#)

Have you ever wanted to find a way to help make Christmas for you and your family first and foremost about Christ? Well, Advent Blocks are just that - they're like an advent calendar that helps you remember the true reason for the season through daily devotionals that lead us to Jesus. [Check out this video to learn more.](#) Easter Blocks are now available too.

[Bible Project](#)

Hands down my favorite resource these days. The Bible Project (bibleproject.com) is an online resource that makes short (5-10min) animated videos that help people better understand the bible. Some videos capture key themes within the bible (ex. Image of God) while others walk through individual books of the bible. Each one is very informative, yet also incredibly engaging.

[New City Catechism](#)

A catechism is simply a way of learning the core teachings of the Christian faith in question and answer form. It's great for learning (and re-learning) the basics. They even have a kids version w/ songs that go with it too! Available as an app as well.

[Jesus Storybook Bible, Sally Lloyd Jones](#)

[The Biggest Story Bible Storybook, Kevin DeYoung](#)

These books do a fantastic job of telling some of the most famous bible stories in ways that kids (ages 4 & up) will love and understand. And even better, it doesn't fall into moralism (i.e. "Just try to be a good person") and instead points to Jesus all along the way.

[The Intentional Father](#)

[Risen Motherhood](#)

Parenting books with a gospel focus

[5 Dates](#)

[Sticky Faith](#)

[Parenting in the Pew](#)

Things You Can Do In Worship Starting This Sunday (And Free!)

[Worship Opportunities for MS/HS Students](#)

[Sermon Application Grid](#)

Pastoral Prayer

- Stay up to date and pray for the realities and rhythm of families & youth (Ex. pray for college graduates)

[Sermon Notes for Kids](#)