

## FAMILY WORSHIP DEVOTIONAL

**How to use this devotional:** Take some time during the week leading up to Sunday service (after dinner, before bed, etc.) to do these three things as a family:

1. Read the passage
2. Ask the application questions
3. Pray together

### SEPTEMBER 20 SERVICE

**Text:** [James 1:13-15](#)

#### Application Questions:

- Who is responsible when we sin? Can we ever say, "It's not my fault!" when we sin?
- How can wanting something so badly lead to sin? Think through situations involving toys, friends, and entertainment. What other examples can you think of?
- Think about the last time you sinned. What were you wanting so badly that you sinned to get it or sinned because you didn't get it?

## WORSHIP SONGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

[Sunday Morning Worship Playlist](#)

## CAR RIDE OR COUCH QUESTIONS

Ask these questions on the car ride home or on the couch after service:

- What part of the Bible was the sermon based on?
- What is one thing you remember from the sermon?
- What does the sermon make you want to do this week?



Check out the [Sunday Kids!](#) page and watch the Elementary and Preschool videos as a family.

## FIGHTER VERSE

**Memorize this week's verse as a family:**

### Jeremiah 32:40

I will make with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.

#### Memorization Resources:

- [Current Fighter Verse and Devotional](#)
- [Memory Aids and Tools](#)
- [Song](#) for this memory verse
- Fighter Verses App with learning tools and games [iPhone](#) / [Android](#)

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP READINESS CHECKLIST

#### During the week:

- Check out the [Sunday Kids!](#) page and watch the Elementary and Preschool videos as a family.
- Have children practice sitting quietly for 10 minutes at a time, increasing the time each time up to 30 minutes\* (In-person: Practice wearing a mask while sitting quietly)
- Set your kids up to take notes during service. This could mean:
  - Printing [Sunday Kids Notes](#) ahead of time
  - Providing a blank notebook for notes and doodles
  - Purchasing note-taking tools
  - Purchasing [My First Church Notebook](#) for Preschool children
  - Purchasing [My Church Notebook](#) for Elementary (K-4<sup>th</sup>) and 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup>

#### Saturday Night:

- Set expectations for Sunday:
  - Sit in service patiently, onsite or at home\*
  - Take notes, draw, or play with a quiet toy while listening
  - (In-person) Leave mask on while inside
  - (In-person) Wait patiently at your seat and for dismissal after service
  - (In-person) Social distance outside as you fellowship with friends

#### Sunday Morning:

- Prepare your hearts for worship as a family by praying and playing worship music before service at home or in the car
- Bring or have ready:
  - Bible
  - Writing or coloring supplies
  - Paper, notebook, or [Sunday Kids Notes](#)
  - Something firm to write on
  - Quiet, non-distracting toy
  - (In-person) Face mask
- (In-person) Leave home in time to arrive 15-20 minutes early to check in, be seated, and prepare your heart for worship

\*Don't stress about wiggly and noisy moments during service. We support families as they train their children to sit and listen in Sunday morning worship service