

A Pattern for Worship Preparation

Take 5

- 1 On Tuesday, ask your child who they are looking forward to seeing at worship on Sunday.
- 2 On Wednesday, use your WeeKirk set and ask your child to set up the sanctuary like it is for worship. Ask them where they want to sit.
- 3 On Thursday, on your refrigerator or a large cookie sheet, work with your child to arrange the magnets in the order they think worship will happen.
- 4 On Saturday, give your child 2-3 choices of what they can wear to church the next day. Let them choose and set out their clothes. Together, pack their worship enrichment bag, including a set of star stickers. Each time your child does what the congregations is doing (pray, sing, stand, etc.) give them a star to put on their bulletin or arm.
- 5 On Sunday...
 - On the way to church, ask your child, "Who should we pray for today?" If it is Communion Sunday, remind them that Jesus will be at the table, eager to have conversation with them.
 - At lunch, invite them to tell about their favorite part of worship. Ask, "What is one thing your remember?"
 - Later in the day, compare the order of magnets arranged earlier in the week with the worship bulletin. Discuss why you think there were differences. Then, put the magnets back in the box until the following Thursday.

