Church at Home!

Good afternoon Northlakers, as you may all know by now, we're not gathering this Sunday for corporate worship (if you missed that news, <u>click here</u>). Instead, we're asking you to do "church at home" this weekend. Here's a few things you can do to have a meaningful time of worship.

- First, we'll be posting a fresh message each week <u>click here</u>. The messages will be part of a series called "Pathway to the Cross" and will focus on Jesus and some of the events that lead up to Easter.
- Also, we have started a Northlake youtube channel which you can find by <u>clicking here</u>. In addition for weekly messages, we'll occasionally post other content to help you during this time.



In addition, here's some other tips and ideas for at home church!

- Set a specific time and place: Have a time and a location for "church at home." Whether it's your kitchen, living room, or your backyard, find a spot that works for you. Tell your kids that you're still having church and it starts at ______ o'clock.
- Have a service plan: Keep it simple, but have an "at-home" service with the big 3 Worship, Prayer, and a Message. Have kids? Mix in a craft or something tangible.
- **Be creative:** There's no "one-way" to do church at home and there's no right way. Focus on helping your family grow closer to God during this time.
- Give your kids some ownership: If you have kids in the house, put them in charge of something! Have them lead a prayer, or a song together, or come up with their own creative way to do church at home.
- Worship: Pastor Mike has written a short devotional with some thoughts about how we can worship at home. Click here and check it out!
- **Prayer:** Click here for some ideas and things you can be praying for.
- Stuff for Kids (Nursery and Elementary):
 - We have a Northlake Nursery Facebook page that will continue to be updated. You can find it here: <u>facebook.com/northlakenursery</u>.
 - Music: If you have a Spotify account you can listen to all of the songs we have been learning. The current preschool album is called "All Good," and the elementary album is called, "Can't Stop Won't Stop," both by Orange Kids Music.
 - Parent Cue App: To augment our curriculum, there is a free app called Parent Cue that has each week's lesson along with a memory verse. You can add your kids to your profile and they can watch the lessons for their age group. Go to the app store on your phone, iPad, or tablet and look for "Parent Cue" by the reThink Group. Follow the sign-up instructions and look for "Northlake Community Church" and you'll be set.



• Share your experience: Have something that worked well? We want to hear about it! Email us here. We'll collect some of these ideas and post some of them to our church page.

Finally, we want to encourage you to stay connected. Even as we're encouraged to distance ourselves socially, let's remain connected spiritually and communicate and support each other during this time. If you need anything or have any questions, our church office remains open during business hours or email us at info@northlakeonline.org. If you need prayer, use this link and let us know how we can pray.