

Theme: How faith and God is shown through your family's daily life.

There are many ways God has shown faith through my family's daily life. I have believed God throughout my whole entire 14 year life but never really enjoyed God or going to church. I knew why God was in my life and has plans for me, but I didn't really enjoy worshiping or having a separate family worship until Covid-19 hit. Before, Covid-19 I would go to church and worship and have separate family worship but never took it seriously and thought it was boring. Covid-19 hit my life and my family's daily life really hard. I lost contact with some friends and I never got to go to 7th grade in person so I was in distress and had a lot of worries. I thought God was destroying my life and my parents had financial problems so at that moment I hated God and kept questioning to myself if I really wanted to stay as a Christian. Throughout the Covid-19 lockdown I had nothing to do at home and was really bored when my mom said we should start having family worship. As soon as I heard the word WORSHIP in family worship I told my mom I was busy, but she said there were no excuses and I was forced to worship with my family. As the Covid-19 lockdown was continuing my family had family worship every single night. Worship for me every night was a forced worship and I would read and sing praises but with a heart like a rock. Reading scriptures of the LORD and praising was just like reading a boring story book. Family worship at night time was also hard for me all the time because I would be tired at the end of the day. There were days where we could not do family worship because we were all busy in some way, and I loved it. I thought skipping

family worship was like heaven and behind my parents back I would smirk a lot. I was really enjoying skipping family worship and that continued to happen because my parents were busy with their work and my brother and I were busy studying and doing homework. I enjoyed not having family worship until problems started to occur a little by little. I figured out as we slowly started getting busier and slowly stopped doing family worship. Satan was appearing back into my life. My parents and I would argue, I would have fights with my brother and most of all when SUNDAY came I did not want to worship online. I would argue with my parents so much they would get really stressed out and talking to my brother I would always talk to him in an annoyed way. SUNDAYS coming along after a Saturday was difficult for me. I would log onto zoom and turn off my camera, not paying attention to online messages, and I started to doodle on my papers and my concentration level on GOD was dropping. One day I was being really weird and had weird thoughts. I kept wondering about why GOD wanted me in this world, why he wanted me to evangelize to others, and wanted to know why problems kept occurring. That is when I read the bible verses, John 3:30 and Matthew 11:28. I read the bible verse John 3:30 and I realized that I have been the center of myself when GOD was supposed to be in the center of me. The next bible verse: Matthew 11:28 was talking about how GOD wanted me to come to him when I was weary and burdened, but I never went to him. As soon as I read these bible verses I started tearing up a little bit and felt bad for what I have been doing to myself and GOD. I figured out I was being the center of my heart and destroying my life and that is when I told my mom we should restart our family worship and we would do family worship. When I told my mom I wanted to restart family worship whenever my mom

would say we would start the worship a smile ran across my face. I was excited to go back to GOD and confess to him all of my dirty sins. During family worship I would praise like a person as if I had the whole world to myself and bible reading became really fun and the verses started touching my heart. Then, time passed and it was time to go to in person school for 8th grade. I was excited to go to middle school for the first time. First day of school started and I started attending school and it started to become fun and exciting when Satan started poking his head back into my life. I would start having a lot of homework and studying for tests that slowly made my family stop the family worship. When I was stressed out about school and everything else that was going around me the rest of my family started having problems too. We would really be tired at the end of the day and we would skip the night time family worship. We were not doing family worship and something in me felt empty. I decided to pray to GOD and asked for his wisdom, but he did not give me an answer right away. I decided to tell the rest of the family to pray for each other and each other's lives. We prayed and waited for GOD'S answer when he finally gave us an answer. We all got the same answer from GOD which I think is really hard to believe and amazing. The answer GOD has given to us was to read a chapter of the bible each and every day no matter what situation we were in. Reading a chapter of the bible is not as fun and exciting as having a family worship but it made my family change. We started to concentrate more on reading the bible because we could not do family worships sometimes we would separately sing praises too. Reading a chapter of the bible every single day changed my family's life because when problems occurred we would tell each other to read the bible chapter. Telling each other to read the bible chapters

and meditate on the word of the God helped us have less family problems. We still sometimes have problems throughout our daily lives but now we know the correct answer. My family has figured out the blessing of the Holy Spirit and why Jesus Christ is so important in our daily lives. I have been struggling with my family but I will never forget about how GOD came into my life and family's life in dark times.