

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: THE PHILIPPIANS' HYMN

Philippians 2:1-13



KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

HUMBLE

OBEDIENT

LORD

**UNCONDITIONAL
LOVE**

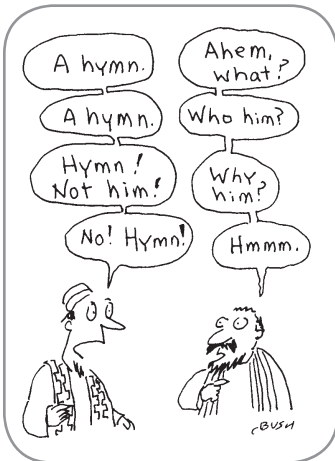
Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

Pray a silent prayer to God by using these gestures: Place hands flat on the table, palms up. Next, put your right hand on top of the person's hand to your right. Have a moment of silence to signify your openness to God and your connectedness to each other. Lift your hands together in the air, signifying praise of God. Then bring arms down and place them on each other's shoulders, signifying love and care for each other.

TALK TIME

- How would the world be different if Jesus had come as a conquering king instead of as a loving servant? What if he had sought to claim power instead of to serve and to suffer for all people?
- Why do the members of your family love and care for others? What's the difference between the serving your family does and the serving of others who don't follow Jesus Christ?
- How can you let people know that your love and care are based in the love we've first known through Jesus? Think of realistic ways to do this, ones that won't be intimidating either to yourselves or to the people you want to serve.



WEB TIME

The fancy, theological word for talking about who is Jesus is *Christology*. Type "Christology definition" into an Internet search engine, and see what comes up. Do any of the Web sites help you figure out the two root words that make up *Christology*?

RITUAL TIME

We hear in the letter to the Philippians that Jesus' message is that we are acceptable to God. Even though we know we are acceptable to God, it is sometimes difficult to feel acceptable to one another. As a family, place your hands on each person's head while giving the following blessing: "(Name), you are acceptable to God, and I accept and love you too. Live in love."