**9th July 2017 – “Psalm 27”**

**FAMILY SERVICE GUIDE**

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| Call to Worship | Rose will get us ready to worship God this morning. Listen to what she says. |
| Worship | Encourage your children to sing along and read the words to the song – don’t worry if you have to keep reminding them to stay focused! For pre-readers, feel free to get them standing up on a chair, dancing as you sing, and joining in the chorus as able. Clapping or waving their arms is great! |
| Offering | Encourage children to put their coin into the offering bag as it comes pass, if they brought their coin. Ask them what they think the offering is used for and why people give back to God. |
| Notices | Watch the video and ask your child “I wonder if there are any notices that our family needs to remember? Who were the presenters?” |
| Spotlight | Doug Angove is going to talk about serving. Explain to your child why serving is important and how everyone serves at home. Ask them what they can do to serve. |
| Sermon | Our youth leader, Ben, is preaching about Psalm 27 this morning. God is our castle or fortress. There are packs with paper, sermon sheets and pens. Ben is asking children to draw a castle or fortress to show him after the service. Encourage your child to do this and to follow as much of the service as they can. Point out Bible references and if they have any questions let them whisper them to you. Make sure you chat with them over lunch about their sermon notes. |
| Communion | Everyone is invited to come forward for communion. We celebrate an open table. If your child has asked Jesus to be their friend and forgive them they are welcome to come with you and celebrate the Lord’s supper. Explain to them what will happen. If they are not ready to take communion you can still bring them with you and ask Raewyn to pray a blessing on them. |
| Worship | As above 😊 |
| Benediction | Nick will close our service with a prayer of blessing, again you can help your children by reminding them to listen carefully, then say **Amen** at the end. |

Dads, Mums, Nannas, Poppas, Aunties, Uncles, family friends – we want to welcome you and your children to this morning’s service. Today in our service, we want to make it a bit easier for your children to participate in every part of the service. So here is a run-down on what’s happening this morning, as well as ways you can help your children stay engaged with every part of the service.

Thank you to all of you for working so hard this morning. We know that often, just getting children

up, fed, dressed and in the car is exhausting! Today you’ve gone the extra step and helped your children actively worship our wonderful Saviour Jesus Christ – well done! The angels are rejoicing and Jesus has been blessed because you and your family worshipped together.