

Here is a simple guide to help your family pray together.



Pray for **FAMILY MEMBERS.**



Pray for your **NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.**



Pray for **OUR CHURCH.**



Pray for **OUR MISSIONARIES.**



Pray for **PEOPLE WE KNOW WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS.**



Pray for **OUR GOVERNMENT AND LEADERS.**



Pray for **OTHER CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD**—especially those who are treated badly because they are followers of Jesus.

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Church and Family Partnering Together



Today's Big Idea

From Abraham to Jesus
Read about it: Matthew 1:1-17



The Main Point

Jesus' earthly family included Abraham, David, and others.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus is God's Son.
- ▶ Jesus came to earth as a baby.
- ▶ Jesus had a family.
- ▶ Jesus came from the family of Abraham and King David.
- ▶ Mary and Joseph were Jesus' parents on earth.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus came to earth as a baby in Bethlehem. Jesus had earthly parents, Mary and Joseph, but His true Father is God. Through Jesus, God kept His promises to Abraham and David. Jesus saves people from their sin and adopts them into God's family.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Luke 1:26–56 and read together as a family about when Mary praised God. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

One day, God sent an angel to visit Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph.

The angel said to Mary, "Rejoice! You have found favor with God. He is with you." Mary was very afraid and puzzled.

The angel told Mary to not be afraid. He told Mary that she was going to have a very special and unique baby, and they would call the baby Jesus.

Mary asked the angel, "How can that happen? I am not married yet."

The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come, and a miracle will happen. The baby will be God's Son."

Mary replied, "I belong to God. May everything happen just as you said." Mary praised God with a song about how great God is. God was keeping His promise to Abraham to bless the whole world through Jesus.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why do you think God uses people who have not done anything "special" in His plan?
- ▶ How did God show He can do anything through Mary and Elizabeth? How have you seen that God can do anything.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Host a baby shower in your home for a local pregnancy support center or a foster family.
- ▶ Honor Mom by thanking her for specific things she does for each family member. Sing a song of thanksgiving to God for her.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Mary was willing to follow God's plan, even though being Jesus' mother would not be easy. Mary wanted to bring praise to God. Likewise, Jesus brought praise to His Father by willingly dying on the cross to save people from sin.

BIBLE READING THROUGH THE WEEK

Take time this week to read the Bible together as a family. Breakfast, dinner, or bedtime—you choose when and where.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Luke 1:26–28	Luke 1:29–33	Luke 1:34–38	Luke 1:39–45	Luke 1:46–56

As you read, ask these questions:

- ▶ What is God teaching us?
- ▶ What does this show us about who God is?
- ▶ What do we need to ask God's help for to change?
- ▶ How would you share this with a friend?

UNIT MEMORY VERSE

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

—1 Timothy 1:15