

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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**Today's Big Idea**

Jesus Rejected in Nazareth  
Read about it: Luke 4:14–30



**The Main Point**

Jesus explained that the Scriptures tell about Him.



**What Did We Learn?**

- ▶ Jesus visited the synagogue of His hometown, Nazareth.
- ▶ Jesus explained that the Scriptures tell about Him.
- ▶ The people became angry when He reminded them that God's plan is for gentiles too.
- ▶ Jesus passed through the crowd unharmed though they wanted to kill Him.

**TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION**

Hundreds of years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah wrote about God's plan to send a Messiah. He would bring good news and redeem people who were broken and hurting. Jesus read Isaiah's words and told everyone who was listening that He is the promised Messiah.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

*Open your Bible to Luke 19:1–10 and read together as a family about how meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus forever. Or read the children's version of the passage below.*

Jesus was traveling through Jericho, where a man named Zacchaeus lived. Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector, and he was very rich.

When Jesus came into town, a large crowd gathered to see Him. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus too, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed into a sycamore tree.

When Jesus came by, He looked into the tree and saw Zacchaeus.

“Come down, Zacchaeus,” Jesus said. “I want to stay with you today.”

Zacchaeus hurried down from the tree. But everyone who saw this complained.

Later that day, Zacchaeus told Jesus, “I will give half of everything I have to the poor.”

Jesus told Zacchaeus, “Today you have been saved. You have shown that you are one of God’s people.”

Jesus said, “I have come to seek and to save the lost.”

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why did the people grumble when Jesus stayed with Zacchaeus?
- ▶ How are we like Zacchaeus?
- ▶ How has Jesus changed our lives forever?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Start a coin collection with your family. Collect all the loose change in your home. See if any coins found are rare by searching the Internet for the kind of coin and the year it was minted. Talk to your kids about the value of trusting Jesus.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He came after us—sinners who do not deserve Him—and He rescues us from sin. Jesus died on the cross for our sin, and He is glad when we repent and trust in Him.

## 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 19:1–2	Luke 19:3–4	Luke 19:5–7	Luke 19:8–10	Matthew 9:13

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

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. —John 14:6