

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

Jesus and Zacchaeus
Read about it: Luke 19:1-10



The Main Point

Meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus forever.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Zacchaeus was a tax collector who stole money from the people.
- ▶ Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus as He passed through the city.
- ▶ Meeting Jesus changed Zacchaeus forever.
- ▶ Jesus came to save sinners like Zacchaeus.

TODAY'S 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



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23 and read together as a family about the parable of the sower. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.

One day, Jesus was sitting by the sea. So many people came to hear Him that Jesus got into a boat and sat down to teach.

Jesus said, “A sower went out to plant seeds. As he was planting, some seeds fell along the path. Soon, the birds came and ate up the seeds from the path. Other seeds fell on rocky ground. The seeds sprouted quickly, but when the sun came up, the plants withered. Other seeds fell among thorns. The thorns grew, and they stopped the seeds from growing. But some of the seeds fell on good ground. Those seeds grew and produced a crop, more than what was planted!”

Then Jesus explained the parable to His disciples. He said, “Some people hear the truth about God’s kingdom, but they don’t understand it. Those people are like the seeds that fell on the path.

“Some people hear the truth about God’s kingdom, and they are happy to accept it. But when hard times come, they give up. Those people are like the seeds that fell on rocky ground.

“Some people hear the truth about God’s kingdom, but they worry about this life and they love money too much. Those people are like the seeds that fell among thorns.

“But some people hear the truth about God’s kingdom, and they understand it. Those people are like the seeds that fell on good ground.”

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ How can we know who will believe the gospel?
- ▶ What could you do if someone you tell about Jesus doesn’t believe the gospel?
- ▶ Think about how the sower scattered the seed. What does this show about how we should share the gospel?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Plant a garden with your family. Check on the seeds daily to see how they are growing. Consider using different kinds of soil to see which grow the best plants.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus is the Sower who shared the truth about God’s kingdom. His followers continue to share the truth today, and those who understand and accept the gospel become more like Jesus.

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
Matthew 13:1–4	Matthew 13:4–6	Matthew 13:7–9	Matthew 13:18–21	Matthew 13:22–23

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

When Jesus ... saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. —Mark 6:34