

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

The Unmerciful Servant
Read about it: Matthew 18:21-35



The Main Point

God shows mercy to us so that we will show mercy to others.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus told a parable about an unmerciful servant.
- ▶ Even though the servant's enormous debt was forgiven, he was not willing to forgive a smaller debt owed to him.
- ▶ God shows mercy to us so that we will show mercy to others.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

Nothing we do is enough to pay the debt we owe God and take away God's punishment for our sin. Jesus came and died on the cross to pay for our sin and take the punishment we deserve. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin completely. We can forgive others because God has greatly forgiven us.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Luke 10:25–37 and read together as a family about the good Samaritan. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.

A Jewish lawyer asked Jesus a question: “Teacher, what must I do to have eternal life?” Jesus answered, “What do the Scriptures say?”

The lawyer replied, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind.’ And ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Jesus said, “That’s right. Do this, and you will have eternal life.”

Then the man asked, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus told a story to help the man understand.

“A man was traveling when robbers attacked him and left him for dead on the side of the road.

“A priest was traveling down the road when he saw the man lying there. But instead of helping the man, the priest passed by on the other side of the road.

“Then a Levite, or religious leader, came down the road. He saw the man lying there, but instead of helping the man, the Levite passed by on the other side of the road, too.

“Then a man from Samaria came down the road. When he saw the man lying there, he helped him. He put the man on his donkey and took him to an inn where he could rest.”

Jesus asked, “Which of these people was a real neighbor to the man who was attacked by robbers?” The lawyer replied, “The one who helped the man.”

Jesus said, “Go and do the same!”

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ How has Jesus shown us love?
- ▶ How can we show love to others?
- ▶ How can you be a neighbor to others nearby and far away?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ As a family, chose a nation of the world that you do not live in. Research about the people living there. Pray together for them each week. Then see if there are any local communities of people from that nation you could befriend and show love to.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus’ story about the good Samaritan surprised the people who heard it. Like the good Samaritan, God saw that we needed to be rescued. He sent His Son to save us from sin. Jesus died on the cross for our sin and rose again so we can have eternal life. God calls us to show His love for the world by helping people in need.

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 10:25–27	Luke 10:28–29	Luke 10:30–32	Luke 10:33–35	Luke 10:36–37

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