

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 Good Samaritan
Read about it: Luke 10:25–37



The Main Point

Jesus calls us to love others as He has loved us.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus told a parable about loving others.
- ▶ A man was attacked while traveling.
- ▶ Two religious leaders traveled by without helping, but a Samaritan stopped to help.
- ▶ Jesus calls us to love others as He has loved us.

TODAY'S 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.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Luke 15 and read together as a family about three parables. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

Tax collectors and sinners came to listen to Jesus teach. The religious leaders complained because Jesus welcomed sinners, so Jesus told them three parables to teach them about God.

Jesus said, "If a man has 100 sheep and loses one, what does he do? He leaves the 99 sheep in the open field and searches for the lost sheep until he finds it. Then he tells his friends, 'Let's celebrate! I found my lost sheep!'"

Then Jesus said, "This is what heaven is like."

Jesus said, "If a woman has 10 silver coins and loses one of them, she lights a lamp, sweeps the house, and searches carefully until she finds it! Then she tells her friends, 'Let's celebrate! I found my lost coin!'"

Then Jesus said, "This is what heaven is like."

Finally, Jesus said, "A man had two sons. The younger son said, 'Father, give me my inheritance today.' The younger son left home. He wasted his money and lived foolishly.

"The younger son made a plan. He would go back to his father and admit he was wrong. So the younger son headed home. His father ran to him, threw his arms around him, and kissed him.

The father told his servants, 'Let's celebrate! This son of mine was lost, and now he is found!'

"At this time, the older son came from the fields and heard music at the house. The older brother was angry! The father asked him to come inside. 'Look!' the older brother said. 'I never disobeyed you! But you never threw a party for me.'

"'Son,' the father said, 'everything I have is yours. We have to celebrate and be happy. Your brother was lost and is found.'"

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ How does Jesus feel about people who don't know Him?
- ▶ How do we feel about people who don't know Jesus?
- ▶ How can we show love to lost people?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Play a game of hide and seek with your family in a local park or in your home. See who can find the "lost" people fastest!
- ▶ Help your kids look around your home for lost change. Can they find enough for a candy bar or other treat?

CHRIST CONNECTION

The religious leaders complained that Jesus welcomed sinners. Jesus told these parables to teach about God's forgiveness. God sent Jesus so sinners can be forgiven. As Savior, Jesus seeks sinners. He paid the ultimate price—His own life—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 15:1–7	Luke 15:8–10	Luke 15:11–16	Luke 15:17–24	Luke 15:25–32

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