

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

Three Parables
Read about it: Luke 15



The Main Point

Jesus is the One who seeks and saves the lost.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus taught parables about people finding lost things.
- ▶ People celebrated when they find what was lost.
- ▶ Jesus is the One who seeks and saves the lost.

TODAY'S 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.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Luke 18:9–14 and read together as a family about the Pharisee and the tax collector. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

Jesus told a story to some people who looked down on others. Jesus said, "Two men went into the temple to pray. One man was a Pharisee. The other man was a tax collector.

"The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed, 'God, I thank You that I am not greedy, dishonest, and unfaithful like other people. I am glad I am not like that tax collector. I fast two days a week and tithe.'

"The tax collector stood far away. He pounded on his chest and said, 'Have mercy on me, God! I am a sinner!'"

Jesus explained that God was happy with the tax collector, and He forgave him. But God was not happy with the Pharisee.

Jesus said, "If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you are humble, God will honor you."

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ What's the difference between being proud of something and being prideful?
- ▶ When do you feel humble?
- ▶ Why do you think God wants us to be humble?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Check out a book of optical illusions from your local library. Go through it with your kids and talk about how looking holy is not always the same as being holy. Explain what it means to be humble.

CHRIST CONNECTION

The tax collector knew he needed God to forgive him, and he cried out to God. Everyone is a sinner who needs forgiveness. Jesus took the punishment for our sin by dying on the cross. We can cry out to God like the tax collector and because of Jesus, God will forgive us.

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 18:9	Luke 18:10–12	Luke 18:13	Luke 18:14	Romans 3:28

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