

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 Wicked Tenants
Read about it: Matthew 21:33–45



The Main Point

God will judge those who reject Jesus.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus told a parable about a man who built a vineyard.
- ▶ He entrusted his vineyard to men to grow grapes and take care of the land.
- ▶ The men did not listen to the servants the owner sent to collect the grapes. They even killed the owner's son.
- ▶ The parable showed how Jesus would be rejected.
- ▶ God will judge those who reject Jesus.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus told this story to teach the religious leaders about Himself. God sent His own Son, Jesus, to earth but the religious leaders rejected Him. Jesus is the cornerstone—the most important One of all. Only He can save us from our sin.



LOOKING AHEAD TO SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to John 2:1–12 and read together as a family about when Jesus turned water to wine. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

One day, Jesus' mother, Mary, was at a wedding feast in Cana. Jesus and His disciples were there too. When the wine was all gone, Mary told Jesus, "They do not have any more wine."

Jesus replied, "What does this have to do with Me? My time has not yet come."

Jesus knew what was best, so Mary said to the servants, "Do whatever He tells you."

Now there were six stone water jars at the feast. Jesus told the servants to fill the jars with water. The servants filled the jars to the top. Then Jesus said, "Now take some of the water out and give it to the man in charge of the feast."

So they did. The man in charge tasted the water that had now turned into wine. He called to the groom and said, "Usually the best wine is served first. But you have kept the best for last!"

This was Jesus' first miracle. This miracle showed Jesus' glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why was Jesus able to perform miracles?
- ▶ What did Jesus' miracle show about Him?
- ▶ Do you think everyone who saw Jesus' miracles believed in Him? (See Luke 16:31.)

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Help your kids make grape juice by crushing or blending seedless grapes and pouring it through a coffee filter to remove pulp. Review the story with your kids as you work.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus performed miracles to help people believe that He is the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus has power over everything, and those who believe in Him will have eternal life.

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
John 2:1–2	John 2:3–4	John 2:5–7	John 2:8–10	John 2:11–12

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

These are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. —John 20:31