

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 Turned Water to Wine
Read about it: John 2:1-12



The Main Point

Jesus' first miracle was to turn water into wine.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus went to a wedding in Cana.
- ▶ Jesus' mother, Mary, told Jesus when the people ran out of wine.
- ▶ Jesus instructed servants to fill large jars with water.
- ▶ Jesus first miracle was to turn water into wine.

TODAY'S 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.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to John 6:1–14 and read together as a family about when Jesus provided bread from heaven. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

Jesus and His disciples got into a boat to cross the Sea of Galilee. When Jesus and His disciples got to the shore, the people were already there waiting for them. Jesus saw the crowd and He cared about them because they were like sheep who needed a shepherd. So Jesus taught the people many things about God's kingdom, and He healed people who were sick.

By this time, it was late in the day. Jesus' disciples came to Him and said, "Tell the people to go away to buy themselves something to eat."

But Jesus said, "They don't need to go away. You give them something to eat."

Jesus' disciples were confused. "We can't feed this many people," they said.

Jesus asked them, "How many loaves of bread do you have? Go look."

Jesus' disciple Andrew said, "A boy here has five loaves and two fish."

Jesus told the disciples to instruct everyone to sit down. Jesus took the five loaves of bread and the two fish. He looked up to heaven, and then He blessed the bread. He broke it into pieces and gave it to the disciples. He also divided up the fish. The disciples passed out the food to the people, and everyone ate until they were full.

The disciples collected 12 baskets full of pieces of bread and fish. Jesus fed about five thousand men that day, plus women and children.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ How did Jesus feel about the crowds that followed Him? (See Mark 6:34.)
- ▶ Why did the disciples want to send the people away?
- ▶ When you see people in need, do you respond like Jesus or like the disciples? Why?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Volunteer with your family at a local food bank.
- ▶ Bake bread together as a family and then share it with a neighbor.

CHRIST CONNECTION

By feeding the five thousand, Jesus provided for the physical needs of the crowd. The next day, Jesus called Himself the bread of life. (John 6:35) Only Jesus is able to satisfy our souls forever by providing forgiveness, friendship with God, and 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 6:1–3	John 6:4–6	John 6:7–9	John 6:10–11	John 6:12–14

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