

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 Provided Bread from Heaven
Read about it: Matthew 14:13–21; Mark 6:30–44;
John 6:1–14



The Main Point

Jesus fed 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus and His disciples went away to rest, but a large crowd followed them.
- ▶ Jesus taught the crowd until it grew late.
- ▶ The disciples wanted to send the people away to get food, but Jesus insisted they feed the crowd.
- ▶ Jesus fed over 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish.

TODAY'S 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



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to to Matthew 14:22–33 and read together as a family about when Jesus walked on water. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.

Jesus had been teaching crowds of people by the Sea of Galilee. It was getting late, so He told His disciples to get into the boat and go to the other side of the sea.

Around three in the morning, Jesus came toward His disciples, walking on the sea. When the disciples saw Jesus, they were terrified.

Right away, Jesus spoke to them. “Have courage! It’s Me. Do not be afraid.”

Peter answered, “Lord, if it really is You, tell me to come to You on the water.”

So Jesus said, “Come!”

Peter got out of the boat and started walking on the water toward Jesus. But when Peter saw how strongly the wind was blowing, he was afraid. Peter began to sink.

“Lord, save me!” he cried.

Jesus reached out His hand and grabbed Peter. They got into the boat and the wind stopped. Then everyone in the boat worshiped Jesus and said, “Truly You are the Son of God.”

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why did Peter step out of the boat?
- ▶ Why did Peter start to sink?
- ▶ What did Jesus do when Peter called for help?
- ▶ What does Jesus do when we call for help?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Take your family on an outing to a swimming pool. Review the story and take turns jumping feet first into the water. Talk about how strange it must have felt for Peter when his feet didn’t fall through the water.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus proved that He can be trusted. His miracles, teaching, death, and resurrection showed that He is who He says He is. Only Jesus can save us when we look to Him in faith.

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
Matthew 14:22–24	Matthew 14:25–26	Matthew 14:27	Matthew 14:28–30	Matthew 14:31–33

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