

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

Anticipating the Coming King
Read about it: Isaiah 11:1-10



The Main Point

Isaiah prophesied about the coming Messiah.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Isaiah prophesied about the coming Messiah.
- ▶ Isaiah said the Messiah would be filled with the Holy Spirit and bring peace to the earth.
- ▶ Isaiah wrote that even animals would stop fighting each other.
- ▶ The Messiah would fill the earth with knowledge of God.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

Isaiah and many other prophets in the Old Testament told about a King who would come and rule forever. Jesus is the promised Messiah. He will make all these words come true.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

As we get closer to Christmas, we pause in our regular lesson schedule to remember when Jesus was born. Open your Bible to Luke 1:26–56; Matthew 1:18–24 and read together as a family about when angels spoke to Mary and Joseph. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.

One day, God sent an angel named Gabriel to visit Mary. She was engaged to be married to Joseph. The angel said to Mary, “Rejoice! You have found favor with God.” Mary was very afraid and puzzled.

“Do not be afraid,” the angel said. Then he told Mary that she was going to have a very special and unique baby, and they would call the baby Jesus, which means “the Lord saves.”

Mary asked the angel, “How can that happen? I am not married yet.”

The angel replied, “God will be the father of the baby. The baby will be God’s Son.” Then the angel told Mary, “Nothing will be impossible with God!”

“May everything happen just as you said,” Mary replied. Mary hurried to her relative Elizabeth’s house. When she arrived, the baby inside Elizabeth leaped for joy!

Mary praised God with a song about how great God is. God was keeping His promise to bless the whole world through Jesus. Mary stayed with Elizabeth for three months. Then she went home.

Now Joseph found out Mary was going to have a baby, but Joseph knew it was not his baby. Joseph decided to quietly break his engagement with Mary. Soon after Joseph thought these things, an angel appeared to him in a dream. “Joseph!” the angel said. “Don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife, because the baby she is carrying was put there by the Holy Spirit. Name Him Jesus because He is going to save His people from their sins!”

When Joseph woke up, he did exactly as the angel commanded. He married Mary, and when she had a son, Joseph named Him Jesus.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ How do you think it felt to be Mary and Joseph?
- ▶ Why is Jesus’ earthly family important?
- ▶ What about being Jesus’ earthy family would be hard? What might be easy?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Celebrate Advent with your family. Find instructions for making an Advent wreath and read through a devotional. Light the appropriate candles and sing carols together.

CHRIST CONNECTION

The baby Jesus fulfilled Isaiah’s prophecy, as well as other Old Testament prophecies, about the coming Savior. Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus fulfilled God’s plan of redemption that God planned before the world began.

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 1:26–33	Luke 1:34–38	Luke 1:39–45	Luke 1:46–56	Matthew 1:18–24

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

This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

—1 John 4:9