

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 Appeared to the Disciples
Read about it: Luke 24:36–49 and John 20:19–23



The Main Point

Jesus appeared to His disciples.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus' disciples were afraid, so they gathered together with the door locked.
- ▶ Jesus appeared to the disciples.
- ▶ Jesus told them He is alive and that He would send them out to tell the world about Him.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

For 40 days, Jesus presented Himself to at least 500 people and proved that He is alive. (1 Corinthians 15:38) Jesus is still alive today. He sends out believers to tell others about Him and gives us power through the Holy Spirit.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to John 20:24–29 and read together as a family about when Jesus showed His hands and side to Thomas. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.

Thomas was one of Jesus’ disciples, but he was not with the others when Jesus visited them. The other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen Jesus!”

But Thomas doubted. He said, “I don’t believe you! I want to see and touch the holes in His hands and His side, or I will never believe!”

Eight days later, the disciples were indoors again. This time, Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, “Peace to you!”

Then He said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at My hands. Reach out and touch My side. Don’t be an unbeliever; believe!”

Thomas did believe. “My Lord and my God!” he said.

Jesus said, “Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Those who believe in Me without seeing Me are blessed.”

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ What do you believe about Jesus? Do you have any doubts about Him?
- ▶ Do you think it is ever okay to doubt?
- ▶ Why do you think Jesus said that those who believe without seeing are blessed?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Host a storytelling contest. See who tells the most exciting and the most believable story. Remind them that the story of Jesus is both exciting and true.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Thomas saw Jesus for himself. He saw that Jesus had been raised from the dead and was alive. He saw Jesus’ scars from the cross, where Jesus died for our sins. We have not seen Jesus, but Jesus said if we believe in Him without seeing Him, we are blessed.

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 20:19–20	John 20:24–25	John 20:26	John: 20:27–28	John 20:29

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

What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. —1 Corinthians 15:3–4