

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

Paul's Second Journey
Acts 16:11-34



The Main Point

Paul and Silas told the jailer, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Paul and Silas were arrested while sharing the Gospel.
- ▶ God rescued them from jail with an earthquake.
- ▶ The jailer was afraid the prisoners had escaped.
- ▶ Paul and Silas told the jailer, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

Lydia, the jailer, and many others were saved because they heard the Gospel and believed in Jesus. Paul and Silas preached the same message to all people, no matter who they were: "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Acts 17:16–34 and read together as a family about when Paul preached in Eupore. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

Paul had been traveling from place to place, sharing the Gospel. When Paul got to Athens, he was upset by what he saw. The people there worshiped many idols. Paul told them the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.

Paul said, "Men of Athens, I saw in your city an altar that said: 'TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.' You worship a god that you do not know. This is the God I want to tell you about."

So Paul told the people about the one true God. He explained that God is not like the idols in Athens. He is not made of gold, silver, or stone. God does not need anything, and He is not far away. Paul also said that God wants everyone in the world to repent, to turn away from their sin and turn to Him.

Paul said, "One day, God is going to judge the world in a way that is right. He has chosen Jesus to do this, and He proved this by raising Jesus from the dead!"

When the people heard about Jesus being raised from the dead, some of them laughed. But some of them wanted to hear more later. So Paul went away from their meeting. However, some people joined Paul, and they believed in Jesus.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why is it foolish to trust in idols or false gods?
- ▶ How can we know God is real?
- ▶ What are some things we might trust in besides God?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Go on a nature walk with your family. Discuss how different parts of nature reveal some things about God.
- ▶ Pick a historical figure that your family knows little about and research that person together.

CHRIST CONNECTION

The men of Athens worshiped a false god whom they did not know. Paul explained to the men God's plan of salvation. He said that God is not like the Greek idols. Only God deserves our worship! Paul talked about Jesus and the resurrection. All people can know God because Jesus took the punishment for sin that separates people from God.

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
Acts 17:16–18	Acts 17:19–23	Acts 17:24–26	Acts 17:27–31	Acts 17:32–34

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

You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. —Acts 1:8