

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 Preached in Europe  
Acts 17:16–34



**The Main Point**

Paul taught the people in Athens that the one true God sent Jesus to be the Savior.



**What Did We Learn?**

- ▶ Paul was sad that the people of Athens had many idols.
- ▶ They had an altar to “an unknown god.”
- ▶ Paul taught the men of Athens that the one true God sent Jesus to be the Savior.
- ▶ Some believed Paul, but others rejected the truth.

**TODAY'S 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.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

*Open your Bible to Acts 18:1–4, 24–28; 20:17–38 and read together as a family about Paul's third journey. Or read the children's version of the passage below.*

Paul traveled from Athens to the city of Corinth. There he met a Jewish man named Aquila and his wife, Priscilla. Paul stayed with them. On the Sabbath days, Paul went to the synagogue to talk to the Jews and Greeks. He tried to persuade them to believe in Jesus. Some of the people believed, and the church grew in Corinth.

Paul traveled with his friends from Corinth to Ephesus. Aquila and Priscilla stayed in Ephesus while Paul visited churches throughout Asia. Paul helped the believers in the cities grow stronger in their faith.

While Paul was traveling, a Jew named Apollos came to Ephesus. Apollos liked to tell people about Jesus. But he did not understand everything about Jesus, so Priscilla and Aquila explained more to him. Apollos traveled and taught others, using the Scriptures to show that Jesus is the Messiah.

Now Paul traveled back toward Ephesus. He asked the leaders of the church there to meet him in a nearby city. Paul said to them, "I am obeying the Spirit and am going to sail to Jerusalem. I do not know what will happen to me there, but I know that trouble and jail wait for me. I do not care about my own life. The most important thing is that I finish the work Jesus gave me to do."

Paul and the church leaders prayed together. Then they went with him to the ship to say goodbye.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ What dangers did Paul face while sharing the Gospel?
- ▶ What dangers might we face while sharing the Gospel?
- ▶ How can we be brave?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Take your family on a camping trip where you sleep in a tent (maybe even in the living room). Discuss Paul's job as a tentmaker and how God used that to provide for him. Ask how God provides for you.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

As Paul traveled on his third missionary journey, he used every opportunity to tell people the Good News about Jesus and to help the church. Paul was dedicated to Jesus, who called him to do the work of sharing the Gospel.

## 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 18:1–4	Acts 18:24–28	Acts 20:17–21	Acts 20:22–27	Acts 20:28–38

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