

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

The Church Was Divided
1 Corinthians 1:10–31



The Main Point

Paul wrote that we are saved through faith in Jesus alone.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Paul wrote a letter to the Corinthians.
- ▶ The Corinthians were fighting about whom to follow.
- ▶ Paul wrote that Christians are joined together by faith in Jesus.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

Paul told believers in the Corinthian church to come together because of the Gospel of Jesus. He reminded them that Jesus saves sinners. Because of Jesus and what He has done, believers can humbly come together as one body.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to James 2:1–13 and read together as a family about how James calls us to treat people with mercy because Jesus shows us mercy. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

James was a leader in the Jerusalem church. He wrote a letter to the Jewish believers who had moved to many different places. He told them the way believers should live. People who trust Jesus show that they really believe in Him by doing good and right things.

One important right thing, James taught, is to not show favoritism. That means we should treat everyone the same. No person is more important or less important than any other person.

James said, "Imagine you are meeting together and a man comes in wearing a gold ring and fancy clothes. Then a poor man in old, dirty clothes comes in, too. Is it right to pay attention to the man in fancy clothes and give him a chair to sit in, but say to the poor man 'Stand over there,' or 'Sit on the floor'? If you do this, you have treated one man better than the other."

James said that God does not show favoritism.

God taught us His law: Love your neighbor as yourself. Anyone who treats one person better than another person breaks God's law.

James told the believers to show mercy to others because they had been shown mercy. They were sinners, but God forgave their sins through His Son, Jesus.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why is it unloving to show favoritism?
- ▶ When is it easy to show favoritism?
- ▶ Whom can you show more of Jesus' love to this week?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Take your family out for ice cream. Ask why it's OK to have a favorite flavor, but not OK to show favoritism to people.
- ▶ Encourage your kids to keep a kindness journal where they keep track of times they show kindness to others and how those people react to kindness.

CHRIST CONNECTION

When believers in the early church treated some people as better than others, James told them they were wrong. He reminded them that Jesus commanded believers to love one another. Because He has shown great mercy to us, we can show mercy to others.

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
James 2:1–4	James 2:5–7	James 2:8–9	James 2:10–11	James 2:12–13

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

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. —Galatians 2:20