

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**

Love One Another  
1 John 3:10-18



**The Main Point**

John wrote that others will know we are Christians because we love one another.



**What Did We Learn?**

- ▶ John wrote a letter to Christians.
- ▶ John's letter was about love.
- ▶ John wrote that others will know we are Christians because we love one another.

**TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION**

John wrote a letter to teach believers in the church about the importance of showing love. Love is more than feelings or words—it is an action. Jesus showed God's love for us when He died on the cross to rescue people from sin.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY 8

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

*Open your Bible to Romans 8:12–39 and read together as a family about what happens when we become children of God. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.*

Paul wrote a letter to the believers in Rome. He wanted to make sure they believed the right things about Jesus. Paul also wanted believers to remember how they should live.

Paul wrote that when we trust in Jesus, God gives us the Holy Spirit and makes us His children. That changes everything about how we think and what we do.

Paul explained that the Holy Spirit helps believers say no to sin, and He gives us power to live in a way that pleases God. The Holy Spirit makes us God’s children! We do not need to be afraid of God; He is like a Father. He loves us! Because we are part of God’s family, our future is incredibly bright. One day we will be with Him forever.

Paul wrote that the Holy Spirit helps us when we are weak. He helps us pray when we don’t know what words to say. He is changing us to be more like Jesus.

God the Father gave us the greatest gift—Jesus—and we know He will give us everything we need. God loves us, and nothing can separate us from His love. Death cannot separate us from His love. Life cannot separate us from His love. No enemy power can separate us; nothing in all of creation can separate us from the love of God that is in Jesus.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ How do we become children of God?
- ▶ How does being in God’s family change how we think and act?
- ▶ Can anything separate us from God’s love?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Help your family do some research about kids you could sponsor through an international charitable fund. Discuss how God cares for us.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

God is changing believers to be more like Jesus. We are God’s children—freed from sin, given power to do what is right, and adopted into God’s family. Because Jesus died on the cross, God the Father welcomes us and promises a future with Him forever.

## 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
Romans 8:12–17	Romans 8:18–25	Romans 8:26–30	Romans 8:31–34	Romans 8:35–39

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

If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:  
The old has gone, the new is here! —2 Corinthians 5:17