

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**

A Cheerful Giver  
2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 9:6-15



**The Main Point**

God is generous to us, so we can be generous to others.



**What Did We Learn?**

- ▶ Paul wrote a letter to Christians living in Corinth.
- ▶ Paul told them about the generosity of the church in Macedonia.
- ▶ Paul encouraged the Corinthians to be generous too.
- ▶ God is generous to us, so we can be generous to others.

**TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION**

God has been merciful and generous to us. He gave us the greatest gift—His own Son. Jesus showed us what generosity looks like when He gave up His life to save us from sin. Because of Jesus, we can be merciful and generous to others.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

*Open your Bible Hebrews 11:1–12:2 and read together as a family about people who lived by faith. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.*

In the Book of Hebrews, we find a list of people who lived by faith. Faith is being sure that what we hope for will actually happen. Faith is obeying God because we trust Him.

Many people in the Bible had faith, and this pleased God. Abel had faith when he gave an offering to God, and God accepted his offering.

Noah had faith too. He obeyed God by building an ark to rescue his family. Noah trusted that God was telling the truth when He said a flood was coming. God was pleased with Noah.

Abraham had faith when God called him to leave his home. Abraham did not know where he was going, but he obeyed God.

Abraham’s wife Sarah had faith. She trusted God to give her a family even though she was too old to have children. God gave them a family as numerous as the stars in the sky.

Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, and Moses had faith. Rahab had faith when she hid the Israelite spies in Jericho. King David had faith too. All of these people trusted God, and so did many others.

We know today that God has a great plan. He kept His promise to send the Messiah—His own Son, Jesus—to rescue people from sin. Jesus gives us faith. We can look to Him because in Him, all of God’s promises will come true.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ What is faith?
- ▶ How did people in the Bible show they had faith?
- ▶ How can you show your faith in how you live?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Use the Big Picture Cards for Families to review past Bible stories. Talk about people who acted in faith or without faith.
- ▶ Talk with your kids about people you know that display strong faith in God.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

The Bible gives examples of people who had faith, but the true hero of the Bible is Jesus. Jesus looked forward to the joy that would come because of the cross. Because of Jesus, the things the faithful people in the Bible looked forward to will come true. We know that Jesus will come back one day because God always keeps His promises.

## 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
Hebrews 11:1–7	Hebrews 11:8–16	Hebrews 11:17–22	Hebrews 11:23–31	Hebrews 11:32–12:2

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