

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

Heroes of Faith
Hebrews 11:1–12:2



The Main Point

The Bible tells us about people who lived by faith.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Faith is being sure that God will keep His promises.
- ▶ The people who lived by faith did not always live to see God's promises, but they trusted Him.
- ▶ We live by faith when we trust in Jesus and believe that He is coming again some day.

TODAY'S 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.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Acts 23 and read together as a family about how God protected Paul so he could preach about Jesus. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

The apostle Paul told people the Good News about Jesus wherever he went. When he returned to Jerusalem, the believers were glad to see him. But many Jews did not like that Paul taught people they don't have to follow Jewish rules to be saved. So these Jews made a plan to stop Paul.

Paul was at the temple when a crowd of people dragged him away and tried to kill him. But a Roman official came and stopped them. This official arrested Paul and brought him to the Sanhedrin.

Paul stood in front of the Sanhedrin. "Friends," he said. "I do not believe I have done anything wrong." Paul explained that he had been arrested because he taught that Jesus was resurrected from the dead. The men in the Sanhedrin began arguing. The Roman soldiers took Paul away to keep him safe.

The next night, the Lord stood by Paul and gave him an incredible message: "Have courage!" He said. "You told about Me in Jerusalem. I want you to tell about Me in Rome, too."

In the morning, a group of Jews got together and made a plan to kill Paul. These men told the Jewish leaders about their plan.

Paul's nephew overheard this evil plan. He hurried to tell Paul what was going on. Paul told his nephew to report it to the commander.

The army commander told two of his officers to get together a large group of soldiers and horses. They brought a horse for Paul to ride on, and that night, the soldiers took Paul to Caesarea to see the governor.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ How do you think Paul felt when he was arrested?
- ▶ Do you ever feel afraid to speak about Jesus?
- ▶ Who can help us have courage to share the Gospel?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Use *The Gospel: God's Plan for Me* to help your kids practice sharing the Gospel. Pick up a copy from the WBC Home Discipleship Resource Center or search for it by name online.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Even when others threatened his life, Paul continued to obey Jesus. He believed that God, who showed His love for the world by sending His Son to die on the cross and rise again, would help him through hard times. We too can risk everything to share the Gospel with courage because we know that God loves us and will care for us.

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 23:1–5	Acts 23:6–11	Acts 23:12–22	Acts 23:23–30	Acts 23:31–35

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

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. —Isaiah 41:10