

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's Joy in Prison
Philippians 1:12–30



The Main Point

While he was in prison, Paul told the Philippian church to be joyful.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Paul remained a prisoner for a long time.
- ▶ Paul wrote letters to churches since he could not visit them.
- ▶ While he was in prison, Paul told the Philippians church to be joyful.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

God used Paul's difficult circumstances to spread the Gospel and build the church. Paul knew that because Jesus suffered to bring salvation to the world, believers doing God's work would suffer too.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Colossians 1:15–2:3 and read together as a family about when Paul told people that Jesus is better than anyone or anything else. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

When Paul was a prisoner in Rome, Paul wrote a letter to the church in Colossae. The Colossian believers knew the Gospel, but false teachers had been telling them lies. Some were saying there was a secret Gospel only they knew about. Paul wrote to remind them the truth about Jesus. This is what Paul wrote:

“Jesus shows us what God is like.
The Son of God existed before God created anything.
He created everything—
everything exists for Him.
Jesus holds everything together.
God was happy to send His Son to earth to rescue people from sin
through His blood on the cross.”

Paul reminded the believers that their sin had separated them from God. But now, they had salvation and forgiveness through Jesus.

Paul had told them the complete Gospel. Anyone who came and said there was a secret Gospel was lying.

“Be encouraged and love one another,” Paul wrote. “I want you to know Jesus. All wisdom and knowledge is found in Him.”

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why do you think the Bible has many different names for Jesus?
- ▶ How do we know that Jesus is so great?
- ▶ Who can you tell about Jesus this week?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Play a “one-upping” game with your family. Mention something good and take turns adding to the first thing to make it better. Talk about how Jesus is the best of all.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Paul encouraged believers by reminding them that Jesus is great. Jesus is God’s Son, and He died on the cross to rescue people from sin. The Gospel is true, and Jesus is all we need.

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
Colossians 1:15–17	Colossians 1:18–20	Colossians 1:21–23	Colossians 1:24–28	Colossians 1:29–2:3

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

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. —John 14:6