

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 Gave Hope  
1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11



**The Main Point**

Paul encouraged the Thessalonians by reminding them that Jesus will return.



**What Did We Learn?**

- ▶ The church in Thessalonica wondered about people who died before Jesus returned.
- ▶ They expected Jesus to return in their lifetime, but he did not.
- ▶ Paul encouraged the Thessalonians by reminding them that Jesus will return.

**TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION**

The prophets in the Old Testament told about the Day of the Lord, a day when God would come to judge the world and save His people. Paul said that in the future, on the Day of the Lord, Jesus will return for His people and judge the wicked. Believers live with hope, knowing that Jesus will come again.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

*Open your Bible to Jude 3–4, 17–25 and read together as a family about when Jude encouraged Christians to stand strong in the faith. Or read the children’s version of the passage below.*

Jude wanted other believers to share this good news about Jesus and to stand up for what is true about Him. Jude wrote a letter to his friends.

“Dear friends, I urge you to stand up boldly for what is true—for the faith that God has given to His people.”

Jude explained that some people among them made ungodly choices. Jude reminded them that people would make fun of believers and the truth. These people would live however they wanted, sinning against God. These people do not have the Holy Spirit. They are unbelievers who bring division to the church.

But believers build themselves up in the faith to stand for what is right. They let the Holy Spirit guide them as they pray. “Remember God’s truth,” Jude wrote. “He loves you. Jesus will come and give you eternal life.”

Jude told the believers to show mercy to those who doubt, to lead others to Jesus, and to hate sin.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ How can you tell if something is true or false?
- ▶ What is our source to learn what is true about God?
- ▶ How should we react when we hear lies about God?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Teach your kids what a concordance is and how to use it to look up what the Bible teaches about different topics.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

Jude warned the early Christians that some people would try to divide them by sinning and by teaching things that weren’t true. Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life—the One who protects His people from sin. Because of Jesus, we will be able to stand before God with joy.

## 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
Jude 3–4	Jude 17–19	Jude 20–21	Jude 22–23	Jude 24–25

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

For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. — John 1:17