

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**

While We Wait  
2 Peter 3:1–13



**The Main Point**

Peter wrote that Jesus will return soon, so we should obey Him and tell others about Him.



**What Did We Learn?**

- ▶ It had been years since Jesus went back to heaven, and He had not returned.
- ▶ People began to make fun of Christians for still believing that Jesus was coming back.
- ▶ Peter wrote that Jesus will return soon, so we should obey Him and tell others about Him.

**TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION**

Some people thought the believers were foolish for thinking Jesus is coming again. Peter explained that God is patient, and He wants everyone to trust in Jesus. At just the right time, Jesus will come again, and we look forward to the day when He creates the new heavens and a new earth.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

*Next week we will take a break from our regular lesson schedule for MissionsFest 2018 where we will be learning about the power God has to transform people and how we can use our different gifts to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

MissionsFest 2018 brings us face-to-face with God's grand mission to restore a broken world. Each of us has a part, using our unique gifts and experiences, and we do it together!

So, what does that mean to kids? It means that God has created each of us differently. He has created some of us to be more outgoing than others. He has created some of us to be more introverted or shy.

He created some to be more artistic, some more adventuresome, and some more thoughtful. Even though we are all different, we are all created exactly the way God designed us to be.

Our personalities and gifts allow us to reach different types of people. Who we are gives us unique opportunities to share God's love with the people around us. We can share with our friends at school, with our teammates, and with our neighbors.

When we think about missionaries, we often think about people going overseas to tell others about Jesus. We often forget that God has equipped each of us in different ways to share the Good News with the people around us.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ What are some of the ways God created us different?
- ▶ How can we show Jesus' love to others?
- ▶ Who do you know that you can tell about Jesus?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Pull out pictures of your kids when they were little. Tell them something you loved about them at that age, then tell them something you love about them now. Reinforce that God made them special exactly the way they are.
- ▶ Write a note to someone in your neighborhood telling them what you appreciate about them. Consider delivering the note with a plate of cookies.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

The Bible tells one story of God's plan to rescue His people from sin and death. It is the story of redemption, the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. And it's our story, too. We get to share God's story with the people around us and help them know that Jesus can be their rescuer, too.

## 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 12:3–5	Romans 12:6–8	1 Corinthians 12:4–6	1 Corinthians 12:8–9	1 Corinthians 12:10–11

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

God has given each of you a gift... use them well to serve one another... bringing Glory to God through Jesus Christ.

—1 Peter 4:10–11, NLT