

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

The Holy Spirit Came
Read about it: Acts 2:1–4, 22–42



The Main Point

The Holy Spirit came to the apostles on the Day of Pentecost.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus' disciples were waiting for the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ The Holy Spirit came to the apostles on the Day of Pentecost.
- ▶ With the Holy Spirit, Peter spoke bravely about Jesus.
- ▶ The church grew and obeyed Jesus' commands.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

God kept His promise to send the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit's help, Jesus' disciples could begin their work to share the Gospel with the entire world. God gives the Holy Spirit to those who trust in Jesus as Lord and Savior. The Holy Spirit gives us power to do God's work, and He changes us to be more like Jesus.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Acts 3:1–10; 4:5–31 and read together as a family about when Peter healed a man who could not walk. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

One afternoon, Peter and John went to the temple. When they got there, Peter and John saw a man sitting by a gate. The man could not walk. As people entered the temple, they walked by the man, and the man asked them for money since he could not work.

Peter said to the man, "Look at us." The man looked at Peter and John.

Peter said, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, get up and walk!"

Peter reached out and helped the man up. All of a sudden, the man's feet and ankles were strong. He could walk! He went into the temple with Peter and John, and he praised God.

The people were amazed at what had happened.

The next day, the religious leaders got together. They asked Peter and John, "How did you heal this man? By what power or in what name did you do this?"

Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit. He said, "We want all of you to know that this man was healed by the power of Jesus Christ from Nazareth."

The religious leaders were amazed, and they didn't know what to say. They ordered Peter and John to never preach or teach in the name of Jesus again.

Peter and John said, "We cannot be quiet. We must tell people about what we have seen and heard."

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Share about a time you got something better than you expected.
- ▶ Where did the power to heal the man come from?
- ▶ How can the Holy Spirit empower us to help people today?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Spend an afternoon volunteering with your family at a homeless shelter. Talk to your kids about the importance of helping those in need.

CHRIST CONNECTION

After Jesus returned to heaven, the Holy Spirit gave the disciples power to begin working. With the power of Jesus' name, Peter healed a man who was lame. Not even the religious leaders could stop Jesus' followers from sharing the good news about Jesus.

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 3:1–10	Acts 4:5–12	Acts 4:13–17	Acts 4:18–22	Acts 4:23–31

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

It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill His good purpose. —Philippians 2:13