

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 Shipwreck
Acts 27:13–44; 28:11–16



The Main Point

God protected Paul in the shipwreck so he could stand before Caesar.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Paul was sailing to Rome to see Caesar when a storm began to toss the ship.
- ▶ The sailors were afraid the ship would sink and prisoners would escape.
- ▶ God protected Paul in the shipwreck so he could stand before Caesar.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

Paul trusted God to keep His promise to rescue them from the storm. He encouraged the sailors to trust and obey God too. God calls us to trust in His Son, Jesus, who died to rescue us from sin and death, and to tell others this Good News.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Philippians 1:12–30 and read together as a family about Paul's joy in prison. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

Paul was living as a prisoner in Rome. He was waiting to meet with the emperor of Rome. While in prison, Paul wrote a letter to the Christians in Philippi to thank them for sending a gift and to tell them about his work.

Paul wrote, "I want you to know, brothers, that even though the Jews tried to stop me, everything that has happened has actually helped me tell more people the Good News about Jesus.

"I hope that I will never be afraid or embarrassed about anything. I want to be bold and honor Jesus, whether I live or I die.

"For me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I live, I live for Jesus. If I die for Jesus, I will be with Him forever.

"No matter what happens, live your life in a way that brings honor to the Gospel of Christ."

Paul also urged the believers to not let anyone scare them away from doing God's work. He said, "This is the work God has given you to do—not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for Him."

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Where did Paul's joy come from?
- ▶ Do you think you would feel joyful while in prison?
- ▶ How can we have the same joy Paul felt?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Take your family to get a treat, like ice cream, and discuss the differences between feeling happy and having lasting joy.
- ▶ Help your kids write letters to loved ones who they haven't seen in a while.

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.

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
Philippians 1:12–14	Philippians 1:15–18	Philippians 1:19–21	Philippians 1:22–26	Philippians 1:27–30

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 to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. —Philippians 1:21