

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

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The Main Point

God has equipped each of us in different ways to share the Good News with the people around us.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ God created each of us with different personalities and gifts.
- ▶ We can use our different gifts to reach different people.
- ▶ We can be missionaries in our own neighborhoods.

TODAY'S 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.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Revelation 1:9-20 and read together as a family about John's Vision of Jesus. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

The apostle John faced suffering and persecution for telling people about Jesus. The Roman emperor punished John by sending him to an island called Patmos.

While John was on the island, he had a vision. John heard a loud voice like a trumpet. The voice said, "Write on a scroll what you see. Then send the message to the seven churches."

John turned around to see whose voice he heard. He saw seven gold lampstands, and he saw Jesus. Jesus was wearing a long robe with a gold sash wrapped around His chest.

When John saw Jesus, he fell at Jesus' feet. Jesus put His hand on John and commanded him, "Do not be afraid! I am the First and the Last, and the Living One. I was dead, but look—I am alive forever and ever."

Jesus told John to write about everything he had seen.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why do you think Jesus showed John the future?
- ▶ How do you feel when you think about Jesus returning?
- ▶ Is it important for Christians to know how God's story ends?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Have a family storytelling night. Tell the end of the story, then let each member of your family tell a different story that ends the way you describe.
- ▶ Make a recipe with your kids, but stop before the last step. Discuss why the "end" is so important.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus showed Himself to John and explained that He is the First and the Last, the Living One. While Jesus was on earth, He defeated sin and death by dying on the cross and coming back to life. Now Jesus is lifted up in glory and honor forever and ever.

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
Revelation 1:9-11	Revelation 1:12-13	Revelation 1:14-16	Revelation 1:17-18	Revelation 1:19-20

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

I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. —Isaiah 6:1b