

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**

John's Vision of Jesus



**The Main Point**

Jesus appeared to John in a vision to tell about the end of time.



**What Did We Learn?**

- ▶ John was sent away, likely for preaching about Jesus.
- ▶ Jesus appeared to John in a vision to tell him about the end of time.
- ▶ John wrote down what he saw for Christians to read.

**TODAY'S 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.



# LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Revelation 2–3 and read together as a family about God's warning to seven churches. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

John had a vision of Jesus. Jesus told John to write down a message for the seven churches. So that is what John did.

"To the church in Ephesus: You do not love well like you did when you first believed. Turn back and love like you used to.

"To the church in Smyrna: You are poor and are suffering, but really you are rich! Do not be afraid.

"To the church in Pergamum: You are faithful to Me, but not everyone in the church is doing the right thing. Turn away from your sin and turn back to Me!

"To the church in Thyatira: I know about your love, faithfulness, and service. Keep believing the truth until I come.

"To the church in Sardis: You used to have a strong faith, but now you are weak. Wake up! Be ready for My return. Turn from your sin and remember the Gospel.

"To the church in Philadelphia: I am coming soon. Be ready and keep believing.

"To the church in Laodicea: You are lukewarm—not hot or cold, so you are not good for anything. I will spit you out of My mouth!"

Jesus said, "See! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me." Jesus will reward every faithful and obedient believer.

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ What were some of the messages Jesus had for the churches?
- ▶ How are those messages still useful for us today?
- ▶ What does it mean to "stand strong in the faith"?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Print pictures of different warning symbols from the Internet. Show each one to your family and see if they can guess what the warning is for. Discuss the importance of heeding warnings.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus loves the church. His message to seven local churches called them to turn away from their sin and remain faithful to Him. We can learn from those churches. Through the church, Jesus helps believers work together to do God's plan.

## 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 2:1–11	Revelation 2:12–17	Revelation 2:18–29	Revelation 3:1–13	Revelation 3:14–22

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

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in. —Revelations 3:20