

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

God's Warning to Seven Churches



The Main Point

Jesus told the seven churches to stand strong in the faith.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ Jesus had something to say to seven different churches.
- ▶ Most churches were doing some things well, but many had problems.
- ▶ Jesus told the seven churches to stand strong in the faith.

TODAY'S 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.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Revelation 4:2–5:14 and read together as a family about Jesus on the throne. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

John was on the island of Patmos when he had a vision. John saw a throne in heaven and someone sitting on it. John saw four living creatures around the throne. All day and night they said:

“Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God, the Almighty,
who was, who is, and who is coming.”

The elders fell down and worshiped. They said to God:

“You are worthy to receive
glory and honor and power,
because You have created all things.”

Then John saw a scroll in the Lord's right hand. A mighty angel asked, “Who is worthy to open the scroll?”

At last, one of the elders said, “Look! The Lion of Judah may open the scroll. He is worthy!”

Then John saw someone near the throne. He took the scroll, and the elders and living creatures fell down before Jesus, the Lamb. John heard thousands and thousands of angels around the throne. They said in a loud voice:

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slaughtered
to receive power and riches
and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and blessing!”

John heard every creature everywhere worshiping the Lamb together.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why was Jesus worthy to open the scroll?
- ▶ Why do you think some people do not worship Jesus?
- ▶ What would you say to a person who doesn't worship Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Briefly review with your family the story of God's covenant with David (2 Samuel 7:12,16). Discuss the ways the story of Jesus on the throne shows God's faithfulness to keep His promises.

CHRIST CONNECTION

John cried when he saw that no one was worthy to open the scroll. Then John saw the resurrected Lamb—God's Son, Jesus. Jesus was killed on the cross so that we could have forgiveness and eternal life. Jesus is worthy. He deserves all praise, honor, and blessing.

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 4:2–8	Revelation 4:9–11	Revelation 5:1–5	Revelation 5:6–10	Revelation 5:11–14

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

To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever! —Revelation 5:13