

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

Jesus Will Return



The Main Point

Jesus will return, destroy evil, and make all things new.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ John saw a new heaven and a new earth.
- ▶ God will live with people, and His glory will light up the world completely.
- ▶ Living water will flow from God's throne.
- ▶ Jesus will return, destroy evil, and make all things new.

TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION

Jesus promised to come back to earth soon. When Jesus returns, those who trust in Jesus will be with Him and enjoy Him forever. God will undo every bad thing caused by sin—no more death, no more pain, no more tears. Jesus is making all things new.



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible and read Luke 24:27. Then read the following together as a family to learn about how all of the Bible points to Jesus.

We usually think that the New Testament is the part of the Bible that tells us about Jesus. But this verse tells us that the Old Testament also tells us about Him! In fact, the whole Bible points us to Jesus, who God sent to be our Savior.

God’s prophets specifically told about God’s plan to send a Savior: The prophet Isaiah spoke about Jesus’ birth (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6–7), and Micah told Jesus would be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2). Isaiah also foretold that Jesus would suffer and die for the sins of others (Isaiah 53:4–6, 8–9).

Throughout the Bible we can read about people and events that point to Jesus. Do you remember the story of Joseph (Genesis 37, 39–46)? Joseph was betrayed and sold into slavery by his brothers, but he ended up at the right hand of the king. There he was able to use his power to save his family and forgive them for what they had done to him.

Joseph points us to Jesus! Jesus was also betrayed by His own people. He was killed, but then raised to sit at God’s right hand. Through His death He saved us and has forgiven us.

Everyone and everything in the Bible points us to Jesus! Why? Because God wants a relationship with us and He gave us His Word, the Bible, to tell us on page after page how Jesus came to be our Savior—making a way for our sins to be forgiven and making it possible for us to have the relationship that God desires!

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why did God give us the Bible?
- ▶ How do you think the people responded when they heard the prophets?
- ▶ Did all the things the prophets said come true?
- ▶ Who can you tell about the true story of Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ The Old Testament is full of stories about many people and they all point to Jesus. Act out the story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17) and talk about how it points to Jesus. (Hint: Who conquered our enemy?)

CHRIST CONNECTION

The whole Bible points us to Jesus, because through Jesus we can be made right with God. We need Jesus to rescue us from our sins. When we put our faith in Jesus, our sins are forgiven!

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
Isaiah 9:6–7	Micah 5:2	Daniel 9:25	Zechariah 9:9	Isaiah 53:4–6

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

He promised the Good News long ago. He announced it through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures. —Romans 1:2