

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
One Big Story



The Main Point
Everything in the Bible points to Jesus.



What Did We Learn?

- ▶ The prophets taught about Jesus.
- ▶ God's promises point to Jesus.
- ▶ The characters in both the Old and New Testaments point to Jesus.

TODAY'S 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!



LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

Open your Bible to Isaiah 11:1–10 and read together as a family about when Isaiah prophesied about the coming Messiah. Or read the children's version of the passage below.

The people of Judah were afraid. Their king, Uzziah, had died. Now they had a bad king and their enemies, the Assyrians, threatened to destroy them. God sent Isaiah the prophet to give the people a message of hope.

Isaiah told people about God's plan. A King is coming!

"The King will come from Jesse's family," Isaiah said. Jesse was King David's father. God was going to keep His promise that someone from David's family would be King forever.

Isaiah said, "God's Spirit will be with Him. He will be wise and understanding."

Isaiah said that the coming King will always do the right thing.

Isaiah said that the Messiah will bring peace.

Everyone on the earth will know the Lord. The earth will be filled with knowledge of Him, just like the sea is filled with water.

In the future, this King will bring the nations together. All the people will come to Him, and He will rule in glory.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ In what ways has Jesus already fulfilled some of these prophecies?
- ▶ Which prophecies are we still waiting to see Jesus fulfill?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Find a trustworthy charity that allows you to give gifts to children in need. Shop with your kids to find toys, clothing, shoes, or hygiene products. Wrap up the gifts according to the charity's procedures.

CHRIST CONNECTION

Isaiah and many other prophets in the Old Testament told about a King who would come and rule forever. Jesus is the promised Messiah. He will make all these words come true.

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 11:1–5	Isaiah 11:6–10	Matthew 1:1–17	Luke 2:1–7	Luke 2:8–20

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

The young woman will ... give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. — Isaiah 7:14