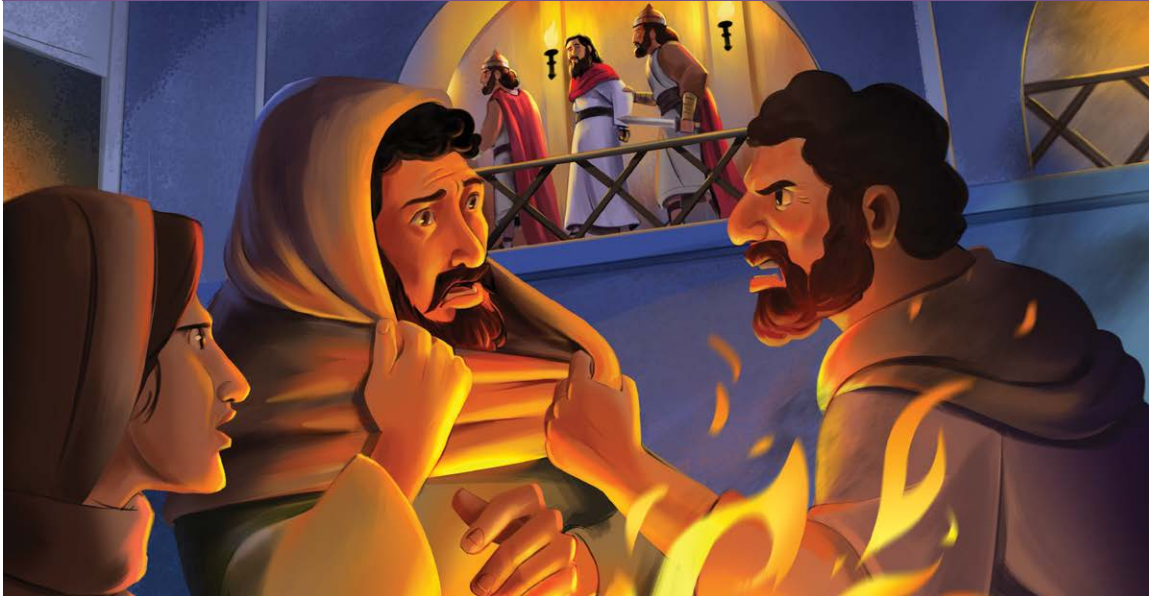




Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS'S ARREST AND TRIAL



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 26:36–27:1,11-26; Mark 14:32–15:15; Luke 22:31-62,66–23:25; John 18:1-11,15-40 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Did you know that firefighters train for months and go through rigorous exercises so they can run into burning buildings instead of away from them? While it sounds super scary, firefighters do this because they believe saving others is more important than their own comfort—and even important enough to put their own lives at risk.

When Jesus was arrested, He hadn't done anything wrong. He had obeyed God perfectly. Still, soldiers came at night and took Him away. During Jesus's trial, people told lies about Him, made fun of Him, and treated Him like a criminal. Jesus could have stopped it at any moment. He is God's Son and has all power. But He didn't fight back.

Jesus endured it all because He viewed saving people like us as more important than His own comfort. Providing salvation for sinners was even important enough for Jesus to willingly give up His life for us. The Bible teaches that our sins separate us from God. Sin is when we disobey God with our thoughts, words, or actions.

The punishment for sin is serious, but Jesus stepped in and took that punishment for us. Even though He was innocent, He took our place. Jesus didn't run away from suffering—He obeyed His Father and walked straight into it—because He loves you.

Jesus followed God's plan because He loves us. Jesus took the punishment for our sins even though He did nothing wrong. Jesus died on the cross and rose again so that everyone who trusts Him can be forgiven and have new life forever with God.

Pray: Jesus, thank You for enduring sadness and pain. We know all of this was God's plan. Thank you for following God's plan so salvation could come to all who believe in You! Amen.



Family Worship Experience

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Romans 8:31b-32a



Family Worship Experience

SING SCRIPTURE

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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to help you obey your parents, teachers, and leaders. How was Jesus obedient to God and His plan? Why is it important for you to obey those God has placed in charge?

Evenings

Thank God for the friendships He has provided for you. How can a friend help you to follow God's plan in hard times? How can you be a good friend to others?



Family Activities

For Fun

Play a family game of "Simon Says." Allow each family member to lead the game for a round. Explain that it can be difficult to perfectly obey a leader in a game, but it is impossible for us to perfectly obey God in real life. Remind kids that Jesus did what we cannot and perfectly obeyed His Father—even being obedient to the point of His death on the cross.

To Serve

This week, give up something you enjoy like TV, video games, or sugary foods. As you think about those things that you've given up, ask God to remind you of the suffering and the sacrifice of Jesus and how He willingly gave His life on the cross.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS'S CRUCIFIXION



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 27:27-66; Mark 15:16-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:16-37 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Aaaachoooo! Did you know that a sneeze is your body's way of blowing out bacteria and other harmful junk? The nose becomes irritated when dust, pollen, or smoke invades the nostrils, and it tells your brain that it's time to clear out your nasal cavity by sneezing. Sneezing might be uncomfortable, but it's necessary to stay healthy and breathe easier.

The Bible says that all have sinned (Romans 3:23). Sin has invaded every person's heart and separated them from God. As Jesus agonized on the cross, the Bible says He cried out with His final breath, "It is finished." After saying this, He died.

Like a sneeze that expels impurities from your body, those last words of Jesus were the final blow to get rid of sin. God required that sin be punished, so Jesus's death was the final payment for our sin. He died in our place so we could be forgiven and made right with God. Did you know that emperor penguins stand tall and strong even in the harshest conditions? Unlike other birds that might hunch over or hide during storms, these penguins refuse to bow down to the freezing Arctic winds—even when temperatures drop to -60 degrees!

Jesus died on the cross and rose again because of His great love for us. He took the punishment we deserve for our sins so we can have forgiveness and life forever if we believe in Him. This is the good news of the gospel!

***Pray:** God, thank You for loving us so much that You sent Jesus to die in our place. Thank You for counting His death as the payment for our sin and for offering His righteousness to anyone who trusts in Him. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Thank Jesus for specific ways He endured pain and suffering while dying for our sins. How did Jesus react to those who accused Him? How did Jesus respond to the soldiers who beat and mocked Him?

Evenings

Thank God for His great love and compassion. How does it feel to know you are loved with such an amazing love? How should we respond to God's love?



Family Activities

For Fun

Use painter's tape to create a cross on an art canvas. Allow the family to splatter paint across the canvas. The messier the better! After the paint dries, remove the tape to reveal the cross. As Jesus was dying on the cross, His final words brought hope to the world. Remind your kids that Jesus's last words declared that He had conquered sin and made forgiveness available to all who believe.

To Serve

Gather alphabet beads, heart-shaped beads, and elastic string. Work together to make bracelets that say "Jesus loves you" and hand them out at a park or to your neighbors. Remind your kids that we love and serve others because Jesus first loved us (1 John 4:19).



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS'S RESURRECTION



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-12; John 20:1-18 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

In the 1980 Winter Olympics, the United States hockey team was up against the powerhouse Russian hockey team, who had won every gold medal for the previous 16 years! The Russian team seemed unbeatable, but the U.S. team was in the lead as the final minutes of the match ticked down. When the final buzzer sounded and the U.S. team claimed the unexpected victory, announcer Al Michaels shouted, “Do you believe in miracles? Yes!”

While that was just a hockey game, the question does make us think of the greatest miracle of all time—the resurrection of Jesus! On the third day after Jesus’s death and burial, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. An angel of the Lord had rolled back the stone. The angel said to the women, “Don’t be afraid, because I know you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here. For He has risen, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay.” (Matthew 28:5-6) At this announcement, the women ran to share the good news with the other disciples.

The death and resurrection of Jesus are at the center of the gospel story. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. Because Jesus is alive, we do not need to fear anything. Those who trust in Jesus have forgiveness and eternal life and can joyfully obey Him. Now that’s a miracle to believe in!

Jesus’s resurrection shows that He truly defeated sin and death by coming back to life. Jesus wants us to tell others the good news that He is alive!

Pray: Thank You, Jesus, for dying on the cross for our sins and for coming back to life on the third day. We celebrate and worship because You are alive! You have defeated sin, and Your resurrection guarantees eternal life for all who believe in You! Amen.



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to help you see the beauty of new life today. How does creation show us the story of death and new life? Where else do we see the beauty of new life?

Evenings

Praise God for new life in Christ. What must we do to receive eternal life? How does the resurrection of Jesus guarantee the promise of eternal life?



Family Activities

For Fun

Search online for the recipe to make “Resurrection Rolls” and share the treat for breakfast with the family. Discuss why the empty tomb is good news for us and how the resurrection shows that Jesus truly defeated sin and death by coming back to life.

To Serve

Work as a family to learn how to share the gospel using “The Gospel: God’s Plan for Me.” Take turns sharing the gospel with another family member or the whole family. Talk about the people who’ve shared the gospel with you and who you might share it with in the coming days.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS APPEARED TO HIS DISCIPLES



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 24:36-43; John 20:19-31 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

If you're ever in Ozark, Missouri, and are brave enough, you should check out Smallin Cave. For a small fee, you can explore the miles of dark tunnels and wade in the pools of frigid water. The cave's darkness would scare the world's strongest man. The only light is the very dim, battery-operated lamp attached to your helmet. Sounds fun, right?

The tour of Smallin Cave is a frightening experience, yet people continue to sign up. Why? They sign up because they know that the guide will be close to them for the entire experience. In a similar way, Jesus served as the greatest guide to calm His disciple's fears. After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were afraid and confused. Some had heard Jesus was alive but doubted, and then Jesus appeared.

In the middle of this frightening experience, Jesus came to them with a message of hope and peace. He taught them. He ate with them. He even invited Thomas, who doubted that Jesus was alive, to come and touch His wounds. Thomas and the others were comforted because Jesus was with them. They couldn't wait to share the message that Jesus is alive!

Jesus's disciples had left Him when He was arrested, but Jesus died and rose again to give them hope, peace, and forgiveness. Jesus offers peace and forgiveness to everyone who trusts in Him.

***Pray:** Jesus, we worship You because You are alive! When we have doubts, please remind us that You are with us. Help us tell others the good news that You are alive! Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask Jesus to remind you of His presence as you go throughout the day. What can we do to remind ourselves that Jesus is with us? How does this knowledge help us face challenges?

Evenings

Pray for the good news of Jesus to spread to all nations. Ask God to raise up and send out Ask God to increase your faith in Jesus and your courage to share Him with others. What are some of the doubts that you need faith to overcome? How can we encourage others who may have doubts about Jesus?



Family Activities

For Fun

Make a list of the visions Daniel saw in Daniel 7. Play a game of charades as a family where Set up an obstacle course through the house and try to navigate through the course blindfolded. Attempt the course a second time with a family member holding your hand or guiding you by their voice. Talk about how faith is believing in something not seen. Even though we have not seen Jesus, we are blessed when we believe in Him.

To Serve

Gather supplies such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, snacks, soap, and a pocket Bible to include in a care bag for those who are homeless in your community. Help your child place each item into the bags with care. Create cards of encouragement with your child, writing messages that share truths about God's love and kindness. Talk together about how these bags can bless others and pray for the people who will receive them.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS ASCENDED TO HEAVEN



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of the book of Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:4-11 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Ludolph Van Culen died in 1610 at the age of 70. His gravestone reads, “3.14159265358979 323846264338327950288...” Ludolph was a mathematician who spent his entire life trying to calculate the mathematical constant known as Pi. He was able to calculate the number up to 35 digits, which was a major accomplishment considering he didn’t even have a calculator or computer!

Ludolph Van Culen had a mission. The numbers on his gravestone show just how important this mission was to him. He spent his whole life working to complete it. For those who follow Jesus, their life has an even greater mission.

Before Jesus returned to heaven, He gave instructions to all His followers. The mission He gave them was to go and make other disciples by telling them about Jesus and all He had said and done. The Holy Spirit would fill the disciples with power, and their witness would spread to the ends of the earth!

Today, believers carry on this mission that Jesus gave to His disciples. When we become followers of Jesus, we are filled with the same power to tell others about Him until the mission is complete. Our life has a mission, and it’s more than just a bunch of numbers!

Jesus returned to heaven, but He did not leave His followers alone. He gave them the Holy Spirit to be with them and help them share the good news to the whole world. Because Jesus died, rose again, and reigns in heaven, we can be forgiven and live with Him forever.

Pray: Jesus, help us live out the mission You called believers to complete. Show us the people who need to hear about You and give us the power to be Your witness to all the world. Amen.



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Acts 1:8



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask Jesus to empower you for the mission He gave to His disciples. What was the mission Jesus gave His followers? How can we play a part in His mission today?

Evenings

Pray for missionaries who share the message of Jesus all around the world. Pray specifically for their protection and boldness to share the good news. How can the work of missionaries encourage us to live on mission at home?



Family Activities

For Fun

Host a strength competition for your family. Include events to see who can lift the heaviest object, do the most jumping jacks, or stand on one foot the longest. Talk about how these events require strength and dedication. Remind your kids of the mission Jesus gave to His disciples and how He promised to give them the power needed to complete the mission.

To Serve

Put together a care package for foreign missionaries. Work with your church or a local missions office to coordinate sending the care package directly to missionaries or with a short-term mission team. Thank the missionary for sacrifices they've made to carry out Jesus's mission to make disciples.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

THE HOLY SPIRIT CAME



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Acts 2:1-41 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

You can't see the wind, but you can see what it does. You see leaves move, flags wave, and trees bend, even though the wind itself is invisible. Scientists know the wind is real because of the power and change it brings. That idea helps us understand what happened on a special day called Pentecost.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He told His disciples to wait. He promised God would send them a Helper—the Holy Spirit. They didn't know exactly what that would look like, but they trusted Jesus and waited together.

On Pentecost, a special day when the people of Israel celebrated God's faithfulness to provide a plentiful harvest, something amazing happened. The Bible says there was a sound like a rushing wind, and the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples. They were filled with courage and power from God. Suddenly, they could speak in different languages so people from all over the world could understand the good news about Jesus.

The disciples celebrated an incredible spiritual harvest as many people joined them in following Jesus. On this day, the church was born, and the message of Jesus began to spread throughout the world. Now, the harvest continues as the Holy Spirit empowers every believer to share the hope of Jesus with others!

When we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus, God forgives us and gives us His Spirit to help us love and obey Him. The Holy Spirit gives believers power to tell others the good news that Jesus died, rose again, and is Lord of all.

***Pray:** Thank You, God, for keeping Your promise to send Your Holy Spirit. As we learn more about Jesus, help us trust in Him as Lord and Savior. Give us opportunities to share the gospel with those around us so the whole world may hear about Jesus. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to be the Helper who lives inside of believers. How does the Holy Spirit living inside of believers help them in times of trouble?

Evenings

Pray for missionaries who serve God around the world. How does this week's Bible story show us God's love for people of all nations?



Family Activities

For Fun

Download a language translator app or use an online translator to practice speaking common phrases in other languages. Talk about the disciples' ability to share the gospel in various languages so the people could hear about Jesus. Remind kids that God loves people of all nationalities and saves everyone who trust in Jesus as Lord.

To Serve

As a family, plan a simple outing where your goal is to share the good news of Jesus in a loving way, trusting the Holy Spirit to guide you. Before you go, pray together and ask the Holy Spirit for courage, kindness, and the right words. Then choose a specific place to go as a family, such as a neighborhood park, a community playground, or a walk around your block, looking and praying for opportunities to share the gospel. Remind your kids that sharing the good news doesn't mean having all the answers—it means being willing to go, speak, and love, trusting that the Holy Spirit is the one who works in people's hearts. Like the disciples on Pentecost, your family can be part of God's plan to share the gospel with the world, starting right where you live.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

PETER HEALED A MAN



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Acts 3:1-26 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

If you could have any superpowers, which would you choose? A recent study found that the top three desired superpowers are flight, invisibility, and super strength. Those are great, but most of us would agree that the greatest superpower is the one that makes every vegetable taste like ice cream!

While superpowers are imaginary, the Holy Spirit filled the disciples with real, supernatural power. Acts 3 shares the story of how Peter healed a man who couldn't walk. Everyone was amazed at the sight of this man walking, leaping, and praising God. When the religious leaders asked Peter who had given him the power to do such a miracle, Peter told them that this man was healed by the power of Jesus Christ!

Jesus had given the disciples a mission, and the Holy Spirit supplied the power to fulfill that mission. The disciples received better power than the ability to fly or have super strength—they received the power to do God's will and boldly share the gospel with the world! This same power is available to all who believe in Jesus as Lord.

The man who could not walk was healed by the power of Jesus's name. Through His death and resurrection, Jesus made the way for us to be healed from something even greater—our sin.

***Pray:** Jesus, we praise You because Your name is powerful. Help us boldly share the gospel without fear. Thank You for sending the Holy Spirit to give believers the power to fulfill the mission You've given them. Amen.*



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Mornings

Pray for someone in your life who is sick or hurting. How does knowing that Jesus will one day return to make all things right help us face hard times?

Evenings

Pray for those who have yet to believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Pray for believers who will boldly share the gospel with them and give them the opportunity to trust in Jesus.



Family Activities

For Fun

Choose a favorite worship song together as a family. Create a simple dance or fun routine that matches the music and reflects your joy. Invite everyone to participate by adding their own movements or by freestyling along with the song. Remind your kids of the paralyzed man who was healed in Acts 3. Talk about the joy he must have felt when he was able to jump and move around.

To Serve

Visit a physical rehabilitation center to serve or send gifts to the patients. Talk with your kids about the man who was healed by Peter through the power of Jesus. Explain that it's OK to pray for healing and recovery for these patients, while we remember Jesus's promise to make all things right when He returns. Remind your kids that Jesus provided the greatest healing when He died on the cross and rose again to save us from sin.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

THE APOSTLES WERE ARRESTED



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Acts 4:1-31; 5:12-42 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Some plants, like the aspen tree, can be cut down or damaged by fire—and still grow back. Even when the main tree is hurt, its roots stay alive underground and send up new shoots again and again. The tree keeps growing because its life comes from something deeper than what you can see.

We see this same kind of perseverance in Peter and John. While they were preaching the gospel to people, the religious leaders had them arrested and questioned. The religious leaders wanted to know what power and authority these men had to preach in this way. Peter said their power and authority came from Jesus—the only one who can save people from their sin.

The religious leaders commanded Peter and John to stop sharing Jesus, but these men could not be stopped. Even when they were beaten and warned again, the apostles continued to spread the good news of Jesus with the world.

The apostles could not stop speaking about what they had seen and heard. They knew Jesus had really died—and they knew He had risen again. This message wasn't a made-up story. It was true, and it was worth sharing, no matter the cost.

Jesus died and rose again on the third day to save sinners. The apostles knew this message was worth sharing—no matter what. Because Christians have the Holy Spirit, they can be bold in telling others about Jesus.

***Pray:** God, thank You for sending Jesus to save people from their sin. Thank You for the Holy Spirit who comes to all who believe so they can have boldness to share Jesus with others. Help us learn more about Jesus and notice how the Holy Spirit is working in our life to help us know Jesus and share Him with others. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to give you courage today, like Peter and John, to stand up for the truth of God's Word. How does the presence of the Holy Spirit help believers to face scary things? How does Jesus's love calm you when you're afraid?

Evenings

Ask God to help you know Jesus better. Ask Him to give you ideas for how to tell others about His love and His plan to save us through Jesus. Why is the good news of Jesus worth sharing?



Family Activities

For Fun

As a family, gather a few small flashlights or glow sticks and go into a dim room or outside at dusk. Talk about how Peter and John didn't hide their faith, but they let the light of Jesus shine through them even when it was scary. Take turns sharing one way you could share Jesus's love with someone this week—through words, actions, or kindness. As each person shares, turn on their light or glow stick. At the end, talk about the way the Holy Spirit can use your family to spread the light of Jesus to those around you.

To Serve

Sit in a circle and take turns praying for someone you know who needs to hear about Jesus. After each prayer, write the person's name on a strip of paper, and then fold and tape the paper to make a loop. With each name, add a link to make a paper prayer chain as a reminder for your family to continue praying for those who need to hear about Jesus.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

THE DISCIPLES WERE PERSECUTED



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Acts 6:8–7:60; 8:1-2 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Today, there are more than 338 million Christians who suffer heavy persecution for their decision to follow Jesus. Many of these are in foreign countries where the government and other citizens are very opposed to the message of Jesus. Yet, even in those countries, the number of believers continues to rise as more people hear the gospel and believe.

Jesus warned His disciples about the persecution they would face for following Him. Matthew 10:22 says, “You will be hated by everyone because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.” It can be scary to read Jesus’s warnings, but those warnings came with a promise. Jesus told His disciples to not be afraid and to find peace in knowing that their reward was eternity with Him.

Many Christians have suffered, and some have died like Stephen, for their faith. The choice to follow Jesus may lead to persecution, but we can trust in the promises Jesus made. He promises that those who endure will be with Him forever and ever.

Stephen’s story points us to Jesus, who also suffered and died for telling the truth about God’s love. Jesus didn’t stop sharing the good news, even though He knew it would lead to His death. Like Stephen, we can trust Jesus and share His love with others, no matter what happens.

***Pray:** Jesus, we trust in You and Your promises. You suffered and died for us, so help us endure whenever we suffer for Your namesake. Help us live for You even when it’s hard to do so. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Pray for the persecuted church around the world—those believers who continue to follow Jesus even though it may cost them everything. How can the faith of these believers increase our faith?

Evenings

Praise God for His promise to calm our fears and be with us wherever we go. How does God's presence help us endure persecution? How can we encourage others to turn to Jesus when they are afraid?



Family Activities

For Fun

Promise your family a special treat or experience later this week. It could be ice cream, a trip to the park, or staying up past bedtime. As you go through the week and await the promised reward, talk about how every believer can endure suffering in this life because we know a great reward is coming—eternity with Jesus!

To Serve

Lead your family in a time of worship and prayer while sitting in a stairway, small closet, or bathroom. Talk with kids about the way many Christians must worship in secret—oftentimes in small rooms or hidden spaces—due to persecution for their faith. Celebrate the faith of these believers and pray for their safety as they follow Jesus.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Acts 8:26-40 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Think about all the people you encounter in a week. There's your teacher, bus driver, coach, grocery store clerk, friends, and your family. You have so many relationships with different people, and you'll continue forming new relationships as you grow. Why does God bring so many people into our path?

What if the answer to that question is so that you can help them grow closer to Jesus Christ? Every follower of Jesus has been given the mission to share the good news of the gospel with everyone they encounter. When we know Jesus as Lord, every relationship becomes an opportunity to share Jesus with those people.

When the Holy Spirit led Philip to an Ethiopian official, Philip obeyed and shared the story of Jesus with the man. Philip was willing to go where the Spirit led him to tell others about Jesus. If the Holy Spirit asks you to share Jesus with someone, will you be willing to accept that mission?

The Bible helps us know who Jesus is and how much He loves us. Jesus came to save us, and when we believe in Him, we can live with God forever.

Pray: Jesus, You are loving and good. You want all people to hear the good news of the gospel. Help us go where Your Spirit leads us and give us the courage to tell others about You. Amen.



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**Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new creation;
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see, the new has come!**

2 Corinthians 5:17



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to help you see opportunities to share Jesus with others today. What are some reasons why someone might not know about Jesus? What are some ways you can tell them about Jesus?

Evenings

Thank God for the teachers in your church who help kids learn about Jesus. How did Philip help the man understand what the Scriptures said about Jesus? How can you express thankfulness for those who help you learn about Jesus?



Family Activities

For Fun

Take a family walk through your neighborhood or in a local park. Discuss how the Spirit led Philip to find the man along the desert road and how Philip obeyed. Talk with your kids about how they might respond if the Holy Spirit leads them to use words and actions to help others learn about Jesus.

To Serve

Make a list of family, friends, or acquaintances who need to hear about Jesus. Talk about ways your family can use your relationships with others to help them learn more about Jesus. Ask God for opportunities for your family to tell others about Jesus. Pray that each person will respond by believing in Jesus.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

SAUL MET JESUS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Acts 8:1-3; 9:1-31 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

To pivot means to turn sharply in another direction. Sometimes, people describe pivotal moments in their lives—circumstances when their lives took drastic turns. In the Bible, Saul had a pivotal moment when he met Jesus.

Saul, also known as Paul, was against the followers of Jesus, and he tried to do everything he could to stop the message of Jesus from spreading. Then, Jesus stopped Saul on the road to Damascus and changed him.

After Jesus appeared to Saul, he lived with a different purpose. Instead of trying to stop the message of Jesus, Saul stood in the city and told everyone that Jesus is the Son of God! Saul went on to share the good news of the gospel with many people. People were amazed by the change Jesus made on Saul's life.

When we believe in Jesus, our lives are forever changed. First, we are made right with God and enjoy the promise of eternal life with Him. Second, we are given the power and opportunity to tell others about Jesus. Knowing Jesus truly is life-changing!

The story of Saul reminds us that no one is too far from Jesus to be saved. Jesus came to save sinners, and He saved Paul from his sins, even though he had been hurting Jesus's followers. Jesus loves everyone and wants to use believers to share His good news with the world.

Pray: *Jesus, our only hope is in You. You changed Saul's heart and called him to follow You. We want to know You so that You can change us from the inside out. Amen.*



Family Worship Experience

LEARN SCRIPTURE

The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



**Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new creation;
the old has passed away, and
see, the new has come!**

2 Corinthians 5:17



Family Worship Experience

SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the key passage song. This song is a helpful way to worship as your family learns and memorizes the key passage.



Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Praise God for being present and active in our lives each day. What are some ways we experience God's love? How can we remind ourselves that God listens to our prayers and cares about us?

Evenings

Ask God to help you know Jesus personally. What's the difference between knowing Jesus and knowing about Jesus? How can we truly know Jesus?



Family Activities

For Fun

Have a family fun run! Set up a short distance course in your neighborhood or at a local track and encourage each family member to run at their own pace. After the race, read Romans 10:13-15. Talk with your kids about Saul's life of spreading the good news and how your family can continue to be the feet that carry the message of Jesus!

To Serve

Take the time to share the testimony of how you came to believe in Jesus with your family this week. Think about how you can describe how your life changed when you met Jesus. If kids have professed faith in Christ, allow them to share their testimony with the family as well. You might even consider videoing the testimonies to share with other friends or family members.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

PETER AND CORNELIUS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Acts 10:1-48 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever not been allowed to get on a ride at an amusement park because you weren't tall enough? To monitor safety, employees at these parks check each kid's height to determine who is allowed to get on the ride and who isn't. In a similar way, some of the earliest followers of Jesus wanted to know who was allowed to be in the kingdom of God and who wasn't. But this had nothing to do with height. These disciples wanted to know if only Jews could follow Jesus, or if anyone could trust in Him.

In this week's Bible story, God used a vision to show Peter that the good news of Jesus is for everyone! Peter learned that God does not show favoritism to some people over others. When Peter preached the gospel to those at Cornelius's house, the Holy Spirit led both Jews and Gentiles to believe in Jesus and be baptized. God's love is big enough for all people, and the sacrifice of Jesus is great enough to forgive the sins of anyone who believe in Him!

God wants everyone to hear the good news about Jesus. It should never be limited to only certain people. The good news about Jesus is a message everyone needs to hear!

Peter learned that everyone needs to hear the gospel. Jesus came to save all who trust in Him, no matter who they are or where they are from. When we believe in Jesus, we become part of God's family and we can share His love with others.

***Pray:** God, thank You for loving all people and sending Jesus to save anyone who believes in Him. Help us love others because You love them and give us opportunities to tell them the good news about Jesus! Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Praise God for the diversity we see in His creation and for how each person is created in the image of God. How do our differences show God's creativity?

Evenings

Thank God for not showing favoritism but accepting people from every nation who fear Him and do what is right (Acts 10:34-35). Ask God to help you see others as made in His image and to treat them with respect and love, sharing with them the good news about Jesus.



Family Activities

For Fun

Celebrate the differences in God's creation by having a buffet of different meats, fruits, and vegetables for family dinner. Try to find items your kids might not have tasted before. As you enjoy the meal together, talk about the differences we see in God's creation. Remind your kids that God loves all people and wants everyone to hear the good news about Jesus!

To Serve

Host a dinner party for international students in your community. Contact a local university or ministry to get a list of students. During the dinner, invite each student to share more about their life, their family, and their culture. End the dinner by celebrating God's love for all people. Take the opportunity to share the good news about Jesus with them!



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

BARNABAS IN ANTIOCH



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Acts 11:19-30 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever tried to stop yourself from blinking? It's impossible! The average person blinks 15 to 20 times every minute, and blinking is necessary to clean and protect your eyes. No matter how hard you try, you will eventually blink. It's unstoppable!

The book of Acts tells us what happened after Jesus ascended into heaven and left His followers with the mission to make disciples. As the apostles and other followers of Jesus continued to share the good news about Jesus, the spread of the gospel was unstoppable!

The message of Jesus went out across the world. As people believed in Jesus, they formed churches. One of the churches was in a city named Antioch. This was the place where believers were first called Christians. Barnabas travelled to Antioch to celebrate what God was doing and to encourage the Jews and Gentiles who had believed in Jesus. They celebrated as more and more people came to believe in Jesus.

Barnabas encouraged the believers in Antioch to stay faithful to Jesus. Jesus wants us to love Him and trust Him with all our hearts, no matter what happens. When we follow Jesus, He helps us love and care for others, too!

***Pray:** Lord Jesus, thank You for giving us the mission to tell others about You. Give us opportunities to share the gospel with others and help us celebrate when they believe in the good news! Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to provide opportunities for your family to share the good news of Jesus with others today. Who are some people that need to hear about Jesus? How can you introduce them to Jesus through your conversations today?

Evenings

Pray for church planters who are sharing the gospel and starting churches in cities across the world. Why should we celebrate when others repent and turn to Jesus? How can we support these churches that are starting around the world?



Family Activities

For Fun

Help your kids select a country on a world map to study. Use the internet together to learn as much as possible about the country and its people. Try to find information about any churches or missionaries who are serving Jesus in the country. Finish by praying that the people of that country would hear the good news about Jesus and believe in Him.

To Serve

Volunteer to host a party for those being baptized in your church to celebrate what Jesus has done in their heart. Ask your pastor for ideas or gifts that your family could give to celebrate baptisms in your church.



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

JESUS IS OUR SUBSTITUTE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 2:1-20 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

A long time ago, God promised to send a Savior, and that Savior is Jesus. Though Jesus is God, He didn't come to our world to be a regular king or a famous person. He came to be our substitute—to take the punishment for the wrong things we do. The Bible says everyone sins, and the punishment for sin is death, which separates us from God. But God loved us so much that He sent Jesus to take our place.

Jesus's birth in a small town called Bethlehem was part of a journey that would one day lead Him to the cross. Jesus grew up, lived a perfect life, and died in our place. Then He rose again, defeating sin and death, so that everyone who trusts Him can be forgiven and have new life with God forever.

Jesus's birth wasn't just a cute story about a baby in a manger—it was part of God's rescue plan for the whole world. Because of Jesus's love, He became a human, faced the hardships of life, and willingly took the punishment we deserved.

Jesus has always been and always will be God, but He also became a human and was born as a baby to save people from sin. As Jesus grew up, He lived a perfect life and took the punishment for our sins so that if we believe in Him, we will be forgiven and have a right relationship with God.

***Pray:** God, thank You for sending Jesus to be born and to save us from sin. Help us love Him and remember how much He loves us. Amen.*



Family Worship Experience

LEARN SCRIPTURE

The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



If God is for us, who is against us? He did not even spare his own Son but gave him up for us all.

Romans 8:31b-32a



Family Worship Experience

SING SCRIPTURE

Finish your family worship experience by playing the Key Passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.



Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Thank God for the miracle of Jesus's birth. Praise Him for keeping His promise and sending Jesus to show us the way we can be made right with Him. Why was Jesus's birth good news for the world? How might Jesus—God coming to be with us—have been different than what the people expected?

Evenings

Ask God to remind you of the joy that came to our world when Jesus was born. Ask Him to fill your heart—especially in difficult times—with reminders of His love for you so you can experience joy in Him. How does knowing God loves you help you feel joy even in hard times?



Family Activities

For Fun

Choose a random time when your family is home to walk throughout the house blowing a pretend trumpet, shouting, or banging on pots and pans. Do your best to startle the family that something is happening. After the family is alert, sit down and discuss the feeling the shepherds might have had when the heavenly host of angels suddenly announced the birth of Jesus. Talk about how that might have been terrifying at first, but then very exciting! Read Luke 2:8-20 aloud for your family. Spend some time thanking God for the hope found in Jesus.

To Serve

Give each family member a piece of paper. On each paper, write: "Ways I see God's Love. Encourage them to choose another family member (make sure each person has a partner) and write two or three ways they see God's love through them. Then, finish the note by telling them to write the greatest way we see God's love is that He sent His Son, Jesus. After everyone finishes, take turns exchanging the notes and reading them aloud. Talk together about how special it is to know that God's love is personal and never-ending, and how Jesus's birth is the ultimate proof of that love.