

PARENT PARTNER

WEEKLY PLAN



Week 1: Personal

As you teach your child what it looks like to pray faithfully, we must start with an understanding of the work of Jesus in our prayer life. Christ became the ultimate sacrifice that removes the barrier of sin that separates us from the Father. In the Old Testament, we would see the work of the high priest who would stand in the gap between the people of God and God Himself. Jesus is our great High Priest. He is not only the sacrifice for our sin, but stands in the gap so we can pray directly to a Father who loves us. For us to teach our children to pray, we must make sure they know and follow the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER TIME

THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved (Rom. 10:9).

THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

Jesus, I confess with my mouth that You are Lord. I’m thanking you now for those in my family who have done the same and praying for those who haven’t. I believe in my heart that God raised Jesus from the dead. I praise you Lord for my salvation.

DRIVE TIME

CONVERSATION

PARENT PRE-READING: Before this faith came, we were confined under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith was revealed. The law, then, was our guardian until Christ, so that we could be justified by faith. But since that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for through faith you are all sons of God in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:23-26).

CONVERSATION STARTER: I was reading in Galatians 3, and it tells us that because of what Christ has done, we who have faith are children of God. When it comes to praying, how might us being children of God change the way we talk to God or ask for something?

DINNER TIME

CONVERSATION

STARTING QUESTIONS

If you were trying to teach someone how to have a conversation with a stranger, what would be the three most important things you taught them? Would your advice change if you were trying to help them have a better conversation with a loving parent?

READ THIS TOGETHER “Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one” (Matt. 6:9-13).

SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What do you believe it means in verse 9 when it says, “your name be honored as holy”? How do we do this? How do we do this in prayer?

Why would it be important to pray for God’s will over our own will?

When we pray only for the things we want or need, do you think we are looking for God’s will or our will?

How might we pray when we do need to ask God for a need we have but still want His will for our lives?

What other elements of need or provision do you see Jesus show us through this prayer?

ACTIVITY TIME

In Matthew 6:9, Jesus tells us that our heavenly Father’s name should be honored as holy. His name is powerful. But we can also call him Father because He is personal and loving. Challenge each person in your family to list a characteristic that they know to be true about God on a notecard or small piece of paper. For example, you might write that He is loving or mighty. Write as many as you can together and fill a large bowl. Each day that week, draw a card out of the bowl. Throughout your day, encourage one another with the phrase that you withdrew from the bowl. You might take a picture of your phrase and text it to your son that God is worthy. Or you might buy flowers for your mom and remind her that God loves her. We want to honor God by living out the characteristics of His name!