



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

### JESUS' SECOND MIRACLE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of John 4:46-54 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever sent a text message to a friend who lives really far away—like in another state or even another country—and they got it almost instantly? It's crazy how fast technology can send our words across the world!

Do you know what's even more amazing? Jesus doesn't need Wi-Fi, cell towers, or satellites to make something happen far away. His words have power—real power. When a royal official asked Jesus to heal his son who was back home about 20 miles away, Jesus simply said, "Go, your son will live."

The man believed what Jesus said and started walking home. Jesus didn't go with the official because He didn't need to. On the way, his servants ran to meet him with amazing news—his son was alive and got better at the exact moment Jesus spoke those words!

Jesus' words have power. He healed the boy without even being in the same house, and He has the same power in our lives today. We can trust Jesus to do everything He says He will do. This includes His promise to save everyone who believes in Him.

**We all are dead in our sins, but Jesus provided the way to save us by dying for our sin and rising again. Everyone who repents and trusts in Him is saved from death and will live forever with God.**

***Pray:** Jesus, thank You that Your words are powerful and true. Help us trust You even when we can't see the answer right away. You love us and care about what we are going through. Amen.*



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Ask God to make you aware of His presence today. Ask Him to remind you of His promises throughout the day and help you trust what He says He will do. How does trusting God's promises help you to live for Him each day?

### **Evenings**

Take a moment to thank God for caring about you today. Tell God any worries on your heart and ask Him to give you peace as you rest, knowing His words are true and powerful.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Write down short instructions on slips of paper, such as do 5 jumping jacks, run to the kitchen and back, or clap your hands 10 times. Place the slips of paper across the room. One family member is the "messenger" who will run to grab a slip, race back, and read the instructions out loud. Everyone else must do what the slip says—trusting the words without questioning. Keep going until all the slips are used. After the game, talk about how the royal official in John 4 trusted Jesus' words and His power.

### **To Serve**

As a family, make a list of relatives or friends who live out of town and decide who will call or video chat each person. During the call, share what your family is learning from John 4. Talk about how Jesus' words are powerful and true. Tell them about a specific promise from God's Word that encourages you. Finish the call by asking how your family can pray for them. Remind kids that God's words can bring encouragement and hope, even across long distances.



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## JESUS REJECTED IN NAZARETH



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 4:16-30 from the Bible.



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Did you know that some of the most successful writers were rejected many times before their work was finally published? They were told “no” over and over again. Their stories were worth sharing, and many would become beloved around the world, but some publishers just couldn’t see the true value right in front of them.

Did you know that Jesus, even though He is God’s Son, experienced this too? He went to His hometown of Nazareth to teach, but the people He grew up with didn’t cheer Him on. Instead, they doubted Him.

Jesus read from the scroll of Isaiah and told everyone that He is God’s promised Savior. At first, people were amazed at His words because He taught with such authority, but then their amazement turned to doubt. They knew Jesus as Joseph’s son and couldn’t imagine He was the Messiah. Some even became angry and wanted to get rid of Him!

Even though many doubted and ultimately rejected Jesus, He continued His mission to bring salvation to those who believe. Jesus’ rejection led Him to the cross, where He took the punishment for our sins so that anyone who believes can be forgiven and have eternal life.

**All people sin and need a Savior, but not everyone will believe in Jesus. Only those who believe the good news about Jesus and repent will be rescued from sin and death.**

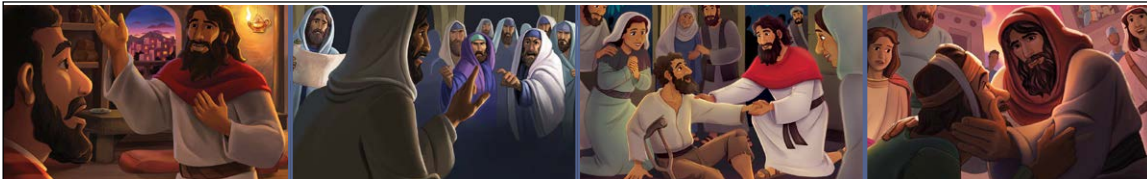
***Pray:** Jesus, thank You for going through rejection so we could be accepted through faith in You. Thank you for dying in our place and for rising again to give new life to everyone who believes in You. Help us trust Your plan and follow You no matter what. Amen.*



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Take a moment to thank Jesus for going through rejection so He could save those who believe in Him. Praise Him for being obedient to God's plan all the way to the cross. Ask Jesus to help you love and obey Him today.

### Evenings

Think about your day and any times you felt ignored or rejected. Thank Jesus for taking rejection on the cross so we could have forgiveness and hope. Ask Him to help you rest in His love and remember that He is always with you.



## Family Activities

### For Fun

Play a game of "Would You Rather?" as a family. Come up with several serious and fun options for family members to choose between like, "Would you rather be a superhero who can fly or one who can know the future?" Or "Would you rather be really good at math or really good at reading?" After the game, talk about the choice people have to either reject or accept who Jesus is and what He has done to save people from the punishment for their sin.

### To Serve

Write the Scripture reference for each "I AM" statement of Jesus on a craft stick (John 6:35, John 8:12, John 10:7, John 10:11, John 11:25, John 14:26, John 15: 1). Encourage each family member to choose a craft stick and read the verse. Talk about Jesus' claims about Himself and why such claims might cause some to believe and others to reject Jesus. On the backside of the craft stick, write the name of a person to believe these I AM statements of truth. Keep the craft sticks in a jar and encourage family members to use them as reminders of who Jesus is and pray for the names listed.



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### HEALINGS IN CAPERNAUM



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Mark 1:21-34 and Luke 4:31-41 from the Bible.



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In 2019, Simone Biles made headlines as the first gymnast to perform a “double-double dismount” off the balance beam. This move included two flips and two twists! The crowd went wild when she landed it perfectly because it was a move they’d never seen before!

As Jesus performed miracle after miracle in Capernaum, the people were amazed at the power, authority, and compassion that was unlike anything they’d ever seen before. Jesus’ miracles showed that He cared deeply for hurting people and that His power came directly from God.

In a similar way, the cross was the ultimate display of Jesus’ power and compassion. It was there that Jesus paid the greatest price for those who were lost and hurting. And it was there that He purchased salvation for anyone who believes in Him. Just as the people were healed when they trusted in Jesus’ power, we receive forgiveness and new life when we believe in Jesus’ power to save us from the consequences of our sin.

**Jesus has all authority and power to heal the sick and save sinners. Anyone who repents and trusts in Him will be forgiven of sin and can look forward to the new heaven and earth where sin, death, and sickness will no longer exist.**

***Pray:** Jesus, thank You for showing Your amazing power—not just to heal sickness, but to save us from sin. Thank You for dying on the cross and rising again so that everyone who believes in You can have forgiveness and eternal life. Amen.*



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Take a moment to ask Jesus to show you His power in your life today. Ask Him to help you trust His authority over anything that worries you—like fear, sickness, or sin—and to remind you that His death and resurrection bring forgiveness and healing to all who believe.

### Evenings

Think of something amazing God has done in your life recently, no matter how big or small. Thank Him for it and tell Him how it helps you trust His power even more.



## Family Activities

### For Fun

Use a large pitcher of water, a funnel, and a bucket to demonstrate the power of water. Hold the funnel over a bucket and start pouring water through the funnel. Allow kids to try and stop the water from flowing by stopping the bottom of the funnel with a finger, blocking the water from the top of the funnel, and so forth. Discuss how each attempt only makes the water flow a different way instead of actually stopping the water. Remind kids of how God's power was seen through Jesus and how nothing could stop Him from displaying His power and compassion to people who need to know Him.

### To Serve

As a family, think of people who need prayer such as friends, relatives, neighbors, classmates, or teachers. Write down specific needs if you know them. Encourage each family member to pray daily for these people and their needs. Remind kids that people in Capernaum brought their sick friends to Jesus and experienced His healing power, and we can bring people and their needs to Jesus in prayer, trusting His power to work in their lives.



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### HEALINGS IN GALILEE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Mark 1:35-45 and Luke 4:42-44; 5:12-16 from the Bible.



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Your skin is the largest organ in your body. In fact, if you stretched out all your skin, it could cover about 20 square feet. That's as big as a picnic blanket! Your skin protects you from germs, helps control your body temperature, and even lets you feel things like a hug, a tickle, or the warm sun.

But what if your skin hurt all the time, or if you had a disease that made other people not want to be around you? That would be a very sad thing, but that's what it was like for people in Jesus' day who had a serious skin disease called leprosy. People with leprosy weren't allowed to live with their families, didn't have many friends, and probably felt very lonely.

That's why Jesus' miracle in Galilee was so amazing! Instead of ignoring or avoiding a man with leprosy, Jesus touched the man and healed him. What a picture of not only Jesus' power, but also His compassion toward people.

By healing the man's skin, Jesus gave him back his life, his family, and his joy. Jesus is still able to heal and restore the sickness and brokenness we experience because of sin. When we trust in Him, we receive new life, are welcomed into His family, and get to live with eternal joy.

**Jesus was willing to heal the man's skin and make him clean. Jesus is also willing to save those who humble themselves, repent of their sin, and trust in Him.**

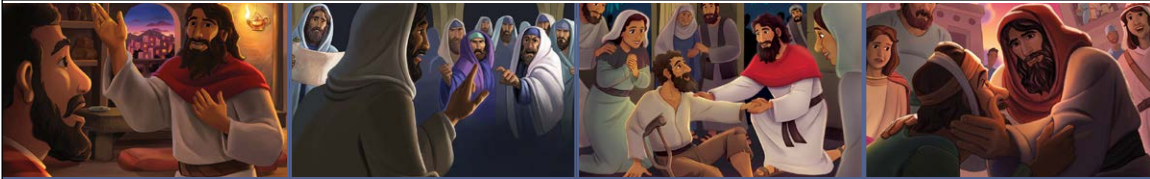
***Pray:** Jesus, thank You that You didn't just come to heal sickness, but to heal our hearts. Thank You for dying on the cross, rising again, and taking away our sin so we can be forgiven and made clean. Help us to know You and trust You as Lord. Amen.*



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### **Mornings**

Thank Jesus for showing compassion to people who were left out or hurting, like the man with leprosy. Ask Him to help you see those around you who need to be seen and loved today. How can our love toward others help them see and experience God's love?

### **Evenings**

Thank God that Jesus has the power not only to heal sickness but also to forgive sins. Be honest with God about ways you sinned today. Ask Him to help you see your need for His forgiveness and to help you trust Jesus more and more.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Use a washable marker to make a spot on a light-colored washcloth. Let each family member try wiping it off with just their hand or a dry paper towel. It smears but doesn't go away. Then, dip the stained cloth in a bowl of soapy water and watch as the stain comes clean. Remind kids that similar to how the man with leprosy couldn't heal himself, we can't fix our problem of sin. Only Jesus can wash us clean. He does for us what we can't do for ourselves. Jesus makes us new.

### **To Serve**

Choose a park, playground, or walking trail in your community that needs a little care. Work as a family to pick up trash, sticks, and leaves. Pray that people who visit the park feel joy and peace because of the clean, cared-for space. Ask God to help you notice and care for people who feel unclean or overlooked, just like Jesus did.



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### JESUS FORGIVES AND HEALS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; and Luke 5:17-26 from the Bible.



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For \$2,000, you can take a helicopter tour over Lake Hillier in the Western Australia islands. Despite the cost, the tours are very popular because Lake Hillier is no ordinary lake. The salt content of the water makes this lake a bright bubble-gum pink! It is truly a sight that people haven't seen before!

One of the most well-known miracles was when Jesus healed a paralyzed man who had been lowered through the roof by his friends. Jesus saw their faith and told the man that his sins were forgiven. When the Pharisees questioned Jesus' authority to make such a statement, Jesus showed His power and authority by telling the paralyzed man to get up and walk, and the man took up his mat and walked!

The crowds who saw this miracle were amazed because they had never seen anything like this. John 1:18 says "No one has ever seen God. The one and only Son, who is himself God and is at the Father's side—he has revealed him." When Jesus showed His power and authority to heal and forgive, He was showing that He is God. Though we can't see God, we can see His power and His love demonstrated through His Son, Jesus.

**Jesus showed His power by forgiving sin and healing the man who could not walk.  
Jesus can forgive sins and heal people because Jesus is God.**

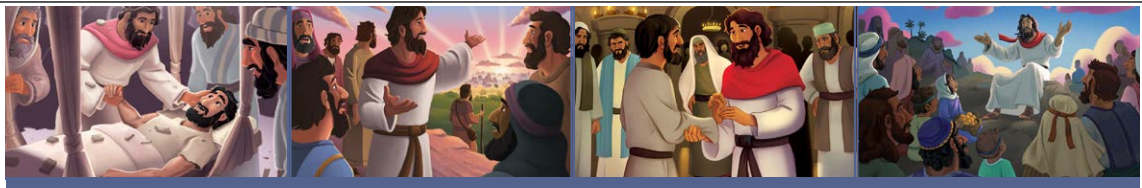
***Pray:** God, thank You for revealing who You are through Jesus—the Son of God. By showing us His power and authority, Jesus showed us that He is God. We can trust His promise to forgive sins because He is able! Amen.*



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## **Family Prayer Time**

### **Mornings**

Make a list of friends, family, or church members who are dealing with health issues. Ask God to comfort these people in their sickness and to bring healing if it is His will.

### **Evenings**

Thank God for His kindness and compassion. Think about the ways He has shown these attributes in the Bible and in your own life. Praise Him for those ways.



## **Family Activities**

### **For Fun**

Make a list of to-dos and chores for your household. Assign each chore to a family member. Encourage them to work together to accomplish the task. Remind your child of the friends who helped bring the paralyzed man to Jesus. Talk about other ways your family can help one another. Be sure to point out how Jesus has forgiven all who believe in Him and has given them the Holy Spirit as a helper to follow Jesus.

### **To Serve**

Purchase a Bible and choose a person or place to receive the Bible as a gift. Remind your child that the Bible shows us God's plan to save sinners through His Son, Jesus. Explain how the whole Bible points us to Jesus as the one who has power and authority to forgive sins. Deliver the Bible and ask God to use it to reveal His Son, Jesus, to whomever reads it.



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### JESUS CHOSE DISCIPLES



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Mark 2:13-17; 3:7-19 and Luke 6:12-16 from the Bible.



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Have you ever played “Follow the Leader?” In this game, one person is the leader, and the rest of the group must imitate whatever actions he or she does first. If the leader jumps up and down, then the group must jump up and down. If the leader clucks like a chicken, everyone else must also cluck like a chicken. The point of the game is to pay special attention to the leader and mimic what they do.

Thinking about the rules of this game helps us understand what Jesus meant when He said to the disciples, “Follow Me.” Jesus was inviting them to walk with Him and watch Him teach people about the Kingdom of God. Along the way, Jesus would also be teaching them and showing them how He is the Son of God. Then, Jesus would give them power and opportunities to share in the work of telling others about the Kingdom of God.

One day, these followers of Jesus would have the chance to tell the world the good news about Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection. The small group of disciples led to hundreds of followers, and after Jesus’ resurrection the numbers grew great into the thousands! Today, there are billions of people who have accepted the invitation to believe in Jesus and follow Him.

**Jesus chose the disciples and still calls people to follow Him today. He invites all people to turn from their sins and trust in Him as Lord and Savior.**

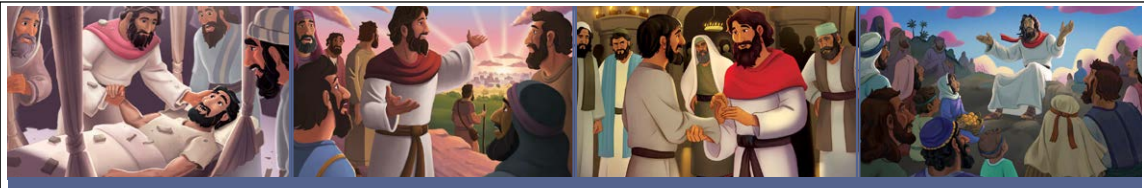
***Pray:** Jesus, You are the Son of God. You are the King who lived a perfect life, died as a sacrifice for sin, and rose again as the King above all kings. Help us believe this good news and share it with the world who needs to hear it. Amen.*



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## **Family Prayer Time**

### **Mornings**

Think about the invitation Jesus gave when He said, “Follow Me.” Ask Him to give you courage to accept the invitation and strength to follow Him even when it’s difficult. What does it mean to follow Jesus? How does accepting His invitation change our priorities?

### **Evenings**

Praise God for the promise that when we share the gospel and teach others from His Word, it always fulfills His purposes. The Bible is powerful, and the truth of Jesus can change lives. Pray for those who have never heard and for those who have never believed to be changed by the good news about Jesus.



## **Family Activities**

### **For Fun**

Host a family dance party. Call out the name of a family member to show off his or her unique dance moves and have the rest of the family imitate those moves. Allow each family member to lead the dance party at least once. Talk to your child about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Remind your child that it begins with faith in Jesus and leads us to a mission of telling others about Him.

### **To Serve**

Pray for unreached people groups around the world who have limited or no access to the good news about Jesus. Pray for the people, for missionaries who are attempting to reach those people, and for the good news of Jesus to be revealed to all these groups of people.



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## THE LORD OF THE SABBATH



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 12:1-14; Mark 2:23–3:6; and Luke 6:1-11 from the Bible.



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Scientists say that a day of rest is a really good thing for your brain. When you take a break from work or school—even for just one day a week—it helps your brain process memories, repair muscles, and lower stress hormones. Your immune system also gets a boost when you rest.

In Bible times, the Israelites had the Sabbath, a special day each week to rest and focus on God. A problem emerged when some people took this day that was meant to be a good thing and made it into a strict rule that made life more stressful.

When Jesus' disciples were hungry and picked grain on the Sabbath, the Pharisees criticized them. But Jesus used this moment to show that the Sabbath is meant to help people, not trap them in rules. The Sabbath wasn't meant to be a burden—it was meant to help people rest, be healthy, and focus on God.

Sometimes we get so focused on following rules perfectly that we forget why God made them in the first place. God gave us rules, ultimately, to show us why we need Jesus. He is the one who brings us rest, heals our hearts from sin, and helps us to enjoy a relationship with God.

**Jesus showed that God gives us commands to help us, not to hurt us. Jesus rules over all. Jesus died on the cross and rose again to show God's love and do good by rescuing sinners.**

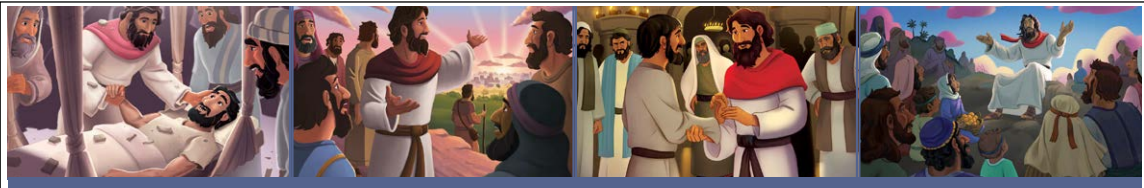
***Pray:** Jesus, thank You for showing us that God's rules are for our good and meant to help us love and enjoy Him more. Thank You for taking our punishment when we fail to follow God's rules. Help us follow You with all our hearts, love others like You do, and rest in Your mercy every day. Amen.*



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## Family Prayer Time

### **Mornings**

Take a moment to thank God for the Bible and the way it instructs us on how to live for Him. Thank God for giving you rules and guidance that help you stay safe and healthy. Ask Him to help you delight in His Word so that you can obey and enjoy life with Him.

### **Evenings**

Think about your day and any times you didn't follow rules or forgot to show love. Confess that to Jesus and thank Him for forgiving you when you fail and for showing mercy, even when you mess up. Ask God to help you grow in your love for Him and your obedience to His Word.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Gather your family for a game of "Freeze Dance." Play music for a few minutes and then explain that everyone should freeze when the music stops. Stop the music and see how long your child can stay frozen in that pose. Restart the music and continue dancing. After a few rounds, explain that just like the dance breaks, God has provided times for us to rest and be refreshed in Him.

### **To Serve**

Set aside a full day or extended period of time for your family to rest. Plan out some ways for the family to physically rest but also include times to focus on God and delight in Him. Remind your child that taking a Sabbath reminds us that Jesus came to rescue us from the burden of trying to earn God's favor, and in Him we can rest because our salvation is already secure. Resting together points our hearts to God's goodness and teaches us to trust Him. Lead a family discussion about the importance of resting in preparation to serve others.



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### JESUS' SERMON ON THE MOUNT



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 5–7 and Luke 6:17-49 from the Bible.



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What kind of juice would you get if you squeezed an orange? What about if you squeezed an apple? Of course, the orange would give orange juice and the apple would give apple juice. If something else came out, then you need to throw away those oranges and apples!

One of Jesus' most well-known teachings is the Sermon on the Mount. In these verses from Matthew 5, Jesus described the type of character He desires in His followers. Jesus spoke of the blessings that come to a person who is humble, merciful, peaceful, and pure in heart. When the pressures of life squeezed His followers, these characteristics should come out.

When you are pressed by hard situations, does what comes out look like Jesus or something else? When we believe in Jesus, our hearts are changed to love and obey Him. We want to live in a way that honors Him. We will never do this perfectly, but the Holy Spirit helps us continue growing to look more like Jesus.

Humility, mercy, peace, and righteousness perfectly describe Jesus. When the Spirit helps us grow these traits in our lives, He is making us a light that points the world to Jesus!

**Jesus taught how people in His kingdom have hearts that love God and love others. But because of sin, no one always does what is right and good. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and changes our hearts so we can live in ways that glorify Him.**

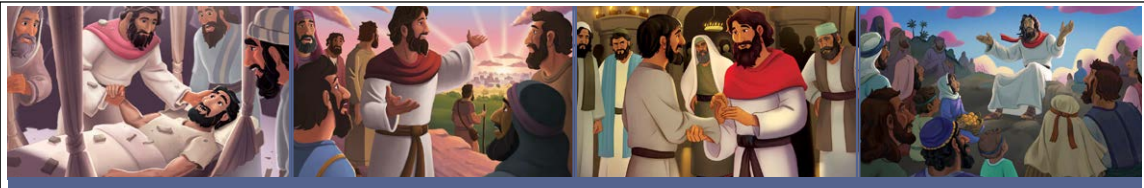
***Pray:** God, help us to grow in Christ-like character. Make us humble, peaceful, merciful, and hungry for righteousness. We want the Spirit to produce this good fruit in us so that we can live in a way that honors Jesus and points others to Him. Amen.*



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Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in Christ-like character. What are the fruits of the Spirit? How is the Spirit working to produce this fruit in you?

### **Evenings**

Pray for those who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus. Why did Jesus say the Kingdom belongs to those who are persecuted for righteousness? How is their suffering uniting them to Jesus?



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Make fresh juice or lemonade by squeezing oranges, lemons, or limes. Let your child choose the fruits and try to make different juices. Read Matthew 5:1-12 and discuss the character traits Jesus described. Talk about how these traits describe Jesus and why they should be true of His followers. Remind kids that God has given the Holy Spirit to help believers grow in these good fruits.

### **To Serve**

Make a fruit basket with fresh fruit, nuts, and candy. Choose a neighbor to receive the basket as a gift. Include a card that explains how your family is learning about showing love to others. Remind your child that one of those traits is to love others as He has loved us, so this gift is an expression of love for your neighbor!



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### JOHN THE BAPTIST IN PRISON



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Matthew 11:2-19; 14:1-12; Mark 6:14-29; and Luke 3:19-20; 7:18-35 from the Bible.



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If you're ever in Lebanon, Kansas, you'll find a monument that marks the geographical center of the United States. The stone pyramid monument is like a giant signpost telling you, "This is the center."

John the Baptist prophesied about the coming of Jesus. John gave his life to being a messenger who prepared the people for the Messiah. But at the end of his life, while John was in prison, he wondered if Jesus truly is the Messiah.

John sent messengers to ask Jesus, "Are you the one we've been waiting for?" And Jesus responded by telling John the Baptist of the miracles He was doing: healing the sick, helping the hurting, and bringing hope to the broken. These were the markers, the signs that showed Jesus is the promised one.

Even strong believers like John had doubts. God welcomes our questions and helps us find answers. Just like the marker in Kansas shows the center, Jesus' actions were signs that pointed to who He is. We can look to His words and deeds to understand God's plan. When life feels uncertain, remember Jesus is the center of everything. He is our constant, our guide, and our Savior.

**When faced with suffering, John was reminded that Jesus is the Messiah who had come to bring the good news of salvation. Followers of Jesus will face troubles, but they have hope: Everyone who trusts in Jesus for salvation will live in His kingdom forever.**

***Pray:** Dear Jesus, thank You for being the center of our lives. Help us trust You, even when we have questions or doubts. Thank You for the signs You've given us to know You better. Amen.*



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for me with all your heart.**

Jeremiah 29:12–13



## Family Worship Experience

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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**

Take a moment to thank Jesus for being the center of our lives. Colossians chapter 1 tells us that all things were made through Him and for Him. Ask God to help you trust Him today, even when things feel confusing or unfair.

### **Evenings**

Think back over your day and notice any moments when you felt worried, scared, or unsure about the things that were happening. Ask Jesus to help you with those doubts and fears. And ask Him to help you trust that He is always with you, even in hard or confusing situations.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Prompt each family member to write 2–3 statements on separate sticky notes about who God is and what He has done. (God heals the sick. God is with us. God sent Jesus to save us from our sin.) Put these sticky notes around the house or in the car to remind the family this week that God is who He says and can do all that He has promised. Remind your child that the stories we learn about God and all His promises are meant to reassure us that He is with us even in uncertain times.

### **To Serve**

Contact a local prison chaplain to organize a donation of care items or Bibles. As a family, work to gather the items and package them accordingly. Write encouraging notes and letters for the inmates to remind them that He loves them and wants to have a relationship with them through Jesus. Pray over the care items and letters, then take the appropriate steps to pass them along to inmates through the chaplain.



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

### JESUS RAISED A WIDOW'S SON



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 7:11-17 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

The tardigrade (also called a “water bear”) is a tiny creature that can survive being frozen, boiled, dried out, or even sent into space! Scientists have found that when it looks totally dead and dried up, if you add just a drop of water, the tardigrade comes back to life and starts moving again. That’s pretty amazing!

But here’s something even more amazing: Jesus has the power to bring the dead back to life! Jesus showed His power and compassion by raising a widow’s only son back to life. When Jesus saw the mother crying over her lost son, He walked over, touched the coffin, and said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” And just like that, the young man sat up and started talking! Everyone was filled with awe and said, “God has come to help His people!”

This story shows us that Jesus is compassionate. He saw the widow’s pain, and He cared deeply for her. It also shows us His power because only Jesus has power over life and death. No one else could do what He did that day.

This miracle also points us to the gospel. One day, Jesus Himself would die on the cross, but God raised Him from the dead. Because of His resurrection, anyone who trusts in Jesus can have eternal life. Death doesn’t have the final word—Jesus does.

**Jesus has the power to bring the dead to life. We are all dead in our sins, but Jesus will give us new life in Him if we repent and trust in His life, death, and resurrection.**

***Pray:** Jesus, thank You for showing Your power over death and Your compassion for people who are hurting. Help us trust that because You died and rose again, we can have hope and life with You forever. Amen.*



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Jeremiah 29:12–13



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Take a moment to thank Jesus for being powerful and compassionate. Ask Him to help you trust His care for you today, even in hard or scary situations.

### **Evenings**

End your day by thanking Jesus that He sees you and cares about your struggles. Ask Him to give you rest tonight, remembering that His love never ends, and His power is greater than anything you face.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Sit in a circle as a family and choose one person to be It. They will try to make others smile while each family member tries to keep a straight face and not smile. They can try making funny faces, telling jokes, or other methods to break the sadness. After a few rounds, remind your child that Jesus broke through the sadness of death with His power and compassion. This miracle points us to the greatest miracle—when Jesus rose from the dead so that everyone who trusts in Him can have eternal life.

### **To Serve**

Ask your pastor or church leaders if they know a widow who could use encouragement. Work together as a family to put together a basket with simple items like baked goods, a cozy blanket, tea or coffee, or handmade cards with Bible verses about God's comfort. Visit her together as a family, deliver the basket, and spend a few minutes listening to her story and praying with her.



# Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

## JESUS WAS ANOINTED



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 7:36-50 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

The most expensive bottle of perfume in the world will cost you a whopping \$1.8 million! It's made with rare ingredients, and the bottle is covered in gold and diamonds. That's a pretty steep price just to smell good!

In Bible times, perfume was also extremely expensive—sometimes worth an entire year's salary. Because it was so expensive, people didn't use it every day. And when they did, they used a very small amount. That's why it was so unbelievable to see a woman pouring perfume on Jesus' feet to worship Him!

This woman wasn't accepted by the people around her. They remembered all the wrong she had done. But Jesus looked at her differently—He saw her faith, her love, and her need for forgiveness. Instead of pushing her away, He forgave her completely.

Sometimes you might feel like you've messed up too much, or that God wouldn't want you because of the wrong things you've done. But Jesus is bigger than your mistakes. He offers forgiveness freely to anyone who comes to Him. Just like the woman, you don't have to hide—you can come to Jesus honestly, and He promises grace.

**Everyone has sinned and owes a debt they could never repay. Jesus, the only sinless One, died in our place to pay the debt for our sin. When we trust in Jesus, we are forgiven of all our sins and are credited with Jesus' perfect life.**

***Pray:** Jesus, thank You for loving and forgiving people who need Your grace. Help us see our need for You and to love You with all our hearts because of the forgiveness You offer us through the cross. Amen.*



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Take a moment to thank Jesus for loving you even when you make mistakes. Ask Him to help you remember His forgiveness today and to respond with love and gratitude in the way you treat others.

### **Evenings**

Thank God for being approachable and welcoming to us. He invites us to come to Him anytime, to worship Him, talk to Him, and be close to Him because of what Jesus has done.



## **Family Activities**

### **For Fun**

Use essential oils and cotton balls to create your own perfume scents. Add 2 drops of oil per cotton ball and gently press to distribute the scent. Let each family member vote for their favorites. Afterward, discuss the story of the woman who poured perfume on Jesus' feet as an act of worship. Talk about the ways your family can show love and adoration to Jesus.

### **To Serve**

Go through your house and collect gently used clothes, toys, household items, or books that your family no longer needs. Take the items to a local ministry center, resale shop that supports a charitable cause, or church outreach program. Afterwards, talk about how the woman in the story gave something valuable to worship Jesus and discuss how your family can continue to give as an act of worship to Jesus.



## Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

### JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT PRAYER



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 11:1-13; 18:1-14 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

The very first cell phone came out in 1973. It was about 10 inches long and weighed almost 2 pounds! It definitely wasn't something you could fit in your pocket. It was like carrying around a brick with a battery that only lasted 20 minutes of talk time!

Even with all its limitations, that first phone allowed people to connect with others across long distances. That's like prayer—which is our way of staying connected with God. Jesus taught His followers to pray, showing them that no matter where they are or what's happening, they can talk to God anytime—and He's always listening.

Prayer isn't about fancy words; it's about being honest with God. You can tell Him anything—your worries, your joys, or even your questions. And even if it feels like God isn't answering you right away, you can keep talking to Him and trusting that He hears you and cares for you.

Through His work on the cross, Jesus made it possible for us to come to God in prayer. We can approach Him with confidence, knowing that He hears us and wants to have a relationship with us. Whenever you are in need, take the time to talk to God and experience His peace through prayer.

**Jesus taught people to keep praying. God is a good Father who will give His people what they need. The most important prayer we can pray is to tell God we have sinned and ask for His forgiveness. Jesus died on the cross and rose again so sinners can be made right with God.**

***Pray:** Jesus, thank You for teaching us how to pray. Help us talk to You honestly, trust You, and keep coming to You every day, knowing You love and hear us.*



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Take a moment to thank God for always being available and listening to you. Ask Him to help you remember throughout the day that you can talk to Him anytime about anything. How does it feel to know that God cares about everything in your life?

### **Evenings**

Ask God to help you have faith when you pray. Ask Him to fill you with confidence that He can do all He has promised to do. How does knowing God's faithfulness help you trust His answers for your prayers?



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Place separate slips of paper in a bowl with the words Thanksgiving, Praise, Forgiveness, and Help written on them. Invite each family member to draw a slip of paper and say a prayer in that given category. Talk about the different things we can say to God throughout our day, whether it's to praise Him, thank Him, or ask for His forgiveness and help.

### **To Serve**

Create a family prayer request box by decorating a small container and making cards with each family member's name or specific prayer requests. Place the cards in the box and choose a time of day—like at dinner or before bed—where everyone draws a card and prays for the person or need written on it. Remind your child that one of the ways we love others is by committing to praying with them and for them.



# Family Worship Experience

READ THE SCRIPTURE

## JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT POSSESSIONS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Luke 12:13-34 from the Bible.



## Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

In 2022, a near-mint 1952 Mickey Mantle baseball card was sold at auction for \$12.8 million. What's even harder to imagine is that there are versions of the same card that are in even more perfect condition. If ever sold, it's believed they would cost more than \$30 million! Can you believe there are people who would be excited to pay that price for a baseball card?

Jesus noticed that people spend a lot of time and energy worrying about possessions. We often think that stuff will make life better or make us more happy. But earthly treasures can never give our lives real security or satisfaction.

For this reason, Jesus encouraged His followers to invest in eternal treasures of His kingdom. He told them not to worry about food, clothes, or money, because God knows what we need and takes care of us—just like He cares for the birds and flowers.

Instead of storing up more and more for ourselves, Jesus invited people to be generous, trust Him, and focus on what lasts forever. True security and joy come from following Him, not from collecting things that can be lost or destroyed.

When we put our hearts into following Jesus and sharing His love with others, we are storing up treasures that never fade. The greatest gift we can receive—and give—is the forgiveness, hope, and eternal life He offers through His death and resurrection.

**Jesus taught people to seek God's kingdom because knowing God is the greatest treasure. When people trust in Jesus, they are welcomed into God's kingdom and can trust that God will provide for all their needs.**

***Pray:** Jesus, thank You that You are more valuable than anything we could own. Help us trust You, not worry about stuff, and use what we have to love others and honor You. Amen.*



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Take a moment to thank God that He gives you everything you need and that your true treasure is found in Him. Ask Him to help you focus on His kingdom and not be distracted by money, toys, or other possessions.

### **Evenings**

Thank God for the ways He has provided for you, protected you, and blessed you. Thank Him for His love, care, and the eternal treasures He offers through Jesus. Praise Him for being more valuable than anything on earth.



## Family Activities

### **For Fun**

Create a treasure hunt by hiding small prizes, candy, or coupons for special treats around your house. Give each family member time to search and find the hidden treasures. Make it extra fun by giving hints or clues to find each prize or set a timer to see who can find the most treasures. After the hunt, gather together to enjoy the treats and talk about how the excitement of finding hidden treasures reminds us of what Jesus said about His kingdom: that storing up treasures in God's kingdom—through trusting Him, loving others, and following His ways—brings true and lasting joy that never fades

### **To Serve**

Decide as a family who you want to bless—neighbors in need, a local food pantry, a homeless shelter, or the children's ministry at your church. Plan a fun fundraiser to sell cookies, lemonade, bracelets, or other homemade items to raise money for the chosen cause. Involve everyone in the process, from baking or decorating, to handing out the treats. Afterwards, talk about ways your family can continue to use your time, talents, and resources to bless others just as Jesus taught and how giving in this way brings lasting joy.