

We Pray for Each Other



Parents, below are a couple of ideas you can use at home to reinforce and further teach on the Bible story.

“This week we learned a new Bible story. Can you remind me what it was about? Excellent. Let’s do a couple of things to help us remember what we learned!”

Overview

Bible Basis: Acts 12:1-18

Bible Truth: *We are the church!*

Snack Idea

Supplies: A large snack like chips (for the family to share)

Say: It is best when we can share what we have; let’s practice sharing this snack together today.

Pray: Thank You, God, for allowing us to be together. We know that You are with us. Thank You for today’s snack. In Jesus’ name, amen.

Practice the Bible truth – *We are the church!*

Craft

Supplies: Construction paper (regular will work), pencils, crayons/markers, scissors

1. Ask kids beforehand for whom they want to pray.
2. Ask kids to put their left hand on the paper and trace it. Do the same thing with the right hand but make sure the tracing of the right hand connects to the one on the left.
3. Write the names of the people the kids want to pray for, on the fingers of the hands.
4. In the middle of the two hands, write “People I’m praying for.”
5. Decorate and cut the praying hands out.
6. Ask children how this craft reminds them of the lesson they just learned.
Link it to the Bible Truth of the unit – *We are the church!*



Activity

Start by asking a few questions:

- “Who was the Bible story about?”
- “What is the Bible truth?”
- “Can you tell and show me the Bible truth?”

Game Time

Oh, How Powerful Prayers Are!

Supplies: Bottle of Coke, Mentos (or baking soda), giant bowl

- Put the bottle of coke in the bowl.
- Open the Coke bottle, put in some Mentos/baking soda and back away quickly!
- Watch how the coke overflows.
- Talk about how prayers can be like the Mentos/baking soda. Prayers help change things and can make powerful things happen. Yet, things don't always turn out the way we think they should. God works in His own way, so He will change things in His own way. But we still need to pray. Pray for one another, and pray together, because God can do great things.

Be Patient

Supplies: A stuffed animal

- Ask one person to lead the game. We'll call him or her the leader.
- Ask everyone to line up on one side of the room and the leader will be on the other side of the room.
- When the leader says “Go,” everyone will run to the stuffed animal and grab it.
- However, the leader has to prolong the “Ready ... Get Set,” and find ways to make it **annoyingly** long before saying “Go.” For example, you can count down “Three, two, one,” but stretch out the count by saying “Three ... two and a half ... two point two ... two.”
- The first person to grab the stuffed animal wins the game!
- Switch leaders and play as many rounds as you want.
- We find it hard to wait for the leader to say “Go,” and sometimes it's frustrating. Prayer is sometimes like that. Many times, when we pray, we must patiently wait on God. His timing is not like our timing. We might have to pray for a long time before our prayers are answered, but God knows when it's time.