



Pray For Each Other

Parents, below are a few activities you can try together at home to help reinforce and continue teaching on this week's Bible story.

Overview:

Big Idea: God calls us to share our struggles with one another and to pray for each other.

Bible Basis: James 5

Key Verse: James 5:16

Grade 1-2 Activity: *Hot Lava*

Supplies: Tape (1 roll)

Preparation: Create a tape line on the floor in a zig zag pattern. The line should be about 10 feet long.

Today's Bible verse:

"Pray for one another so that you might be healed. The prayer of a godly person is powerful." James 5:16 (NIRV)

Directions: Practice the verse together until the children can remember it. When ready, tell the children to pretend like the floor is hot lava and the only safe passage across is on the tape line. Challenge the children to walk the line one at a time while reciting the verse aloud. If they step off the line, they must begin again. After all of the children complete one trip across the hot lava, play additional rounds using different methods for crossing the lava such as walking backwards or hopping on one foot.

Grade 3-4 Activity: *Pass The Planet*

Supplies: Beach ball or balloon (1)

Directions: Practice saying the Bible verse a few times. Today's Bible verse says:

Today's Bible verse: *"So confess your sins to one another. Pray for one another so that you might be healed. The prayer of a godly person is powerful. Things happen because of it."* James 5:16 (NirV)

Show your kids a beach ball (or balloon) and tell them to pretend it's a planet. The object of the game is to keep the planet in space until the group can recite the entire verse from memory. Everyone must use their hands or other body parts to bump the ball in the air to each other. They cannot catch and throw it. Continue playing additional rounds until you get through the verse several times. If you need to make it more difficult, tell everyone they can use any body part *except* for their hands. For younger kids, consider using a balloon instead of a beach ball.