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The Book of James: Pray for Each Other

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PRAYER STOMP (Application Activity)

Say: The Book of James tells us to pray for one another. That’s exactly what Ezra and the Israelites did in our story for today. That’s also what we’re going to do for each other right now.

Directions: Ask the kids to make up a “Bonkers” action. It could be something like making a funny noise or walking around and clucking like a chicken. Next, give each kid in your group a sticky-note and a pen. Tell the kids to write their name on their sticky note. While the kids are writing their name, write the word “Bonkers” on three more sticky notes. When finished, place all of the sticky notes (including the three “Bonkers”) spread out face down in the middle of the circle with the sticky side up. Choose a kid to go first. While seated, have them stomp on one of the notes and then pick up their foot so that the others can read what it says. If it has a name, have the kid whose name is on the sticky note answer the question below. If it says “Bonkers,” have the entire group perform the pre-determined “Bonkers” action, then allow that kid to stomp another note. After each “Bonkers” action has been performed, allow the kids to make up a new one.

Question: Do have some trouble or a problem that you need prayer for? What is it and how can we pray for you?

Encourage the kids to listen carefully to all of the prayer requests, but tell them to pay special attention to the person whose name they stomped on. When everyone has shared, open the group in prayer. Allow the kids to take turns praying for the person whose name they chose. Finally, ask the kids to continue praying for their person throughout the coming week.

PASS THE PLANET (Bible Memorization Activity)

Directions: Place the Bible verse sign in the middle of the group and read it carefully with your kids several times so they can begin to memorize it. Practice saying it together a few times. When everyone is ready, turn the sign over so they can no longer read it. Today’s Bible verse says:

**“So confess your sins to one another. Pray for one another so that you might be healed.”
James 5:16a**

Show the kids a beach ball 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. Kids must use their hands or other body parts to bump the ball in the air to each other. They cannot catch and throw it. Every time someone bumps the ball, the group must say one word of the verse. If the ball hits the ground before the entire verse has been recited, pick it up and start over from the beginning. Continue playing until you get through the verse several times. If you need to make it harder, tell the kids they can use any body part except for their hands. For younger kids, consider using a balloon instead of a beach ball.

Question: What kind of things can you say this coming week that will help build people up instead of tearing them down?

SHARK MAN (Group Prayer Activity)

Directions: Have your group sit in a circle. Place the “Shark Man” game sheet in the middle of the group. Play “Shark Man” the same way you would play “Hangman.” The game sheet will have blanks for the words (not including the Book name or numbers) in the following Bible verse:

“Love your neighbor as you love yourself.” Matthew 22:39

If kids guess a letter that is in the puzzle, fill it in the appropriate blank. If they guess a letter that is not in the puzzle, draw one part of a man (head, body, arm, leg, etc.) attached to the parachute. For younger kids, you may want to include a circle for each hand and foot in order to give them more chances. If they can say the verse before the man is completed, they win. If the man is completed before they can say the verse correctly, the game is over. Finish the verse for them.

Say: Matthew 22:39 says that we should love other people the same way that we want to be loved. One of the ways we can do that is by praying for them. Let’s think about the people we know and how we can pray for them. Do you know anyone who could use prayer for something?

Directions: Allow the kids to talk about who they want to pray for. When everyone has had a chance to share, lead your group in a closing prayer. Encourage the kids to pray for the person or people they shared about.

Activity:	What you need:	Amount:	Note:
3, 2, 1 Blastoff Connect	Paper	1 piece per kid	
	Markers	1–2 boxes per group	
Prayer Stomp	Sticky notes	1 per kid + 3 per group	Each kid needs one sticky note. The leader of the group needs three sticky notes.
	Pen	1 per kid	
Pass the Planet	Bible verse sign	1/group	See Resource Folder. Print on 8½ x 11 cardstock. Cut apart.
	Beach ball or balloon	1 per group	For younger kids, it may be easier for them to use a balloon.
Shark Man	“Shark Man” game sheet	1 per group	See Resource Folder. Print on 8½ x 11 paper.
	Pen or pencil	1 per group	



HomeGuide

Lesson 12.5

Name:



DRAW IT!

Do you have any big troubles or problems in your life? Draw a picture of it. When you're finished, show it to your parents and ask them to pray for you.

JOURNAL IT!

Write about a time that someone prayed for you. What happened? How did it feel to have someone praying for you?

THIS WEEK WE LEARNED

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READ IT!

Ezra 10:1-6. Draw a picture of the story or write to God your favorite part of the story. Tell Him why you liked it.

PRAY IT!

Write a prayer to God. Tell Him about any big troubles or problems you have in your life.

NEXT WEEK'S LESSON

The Book of Genesis

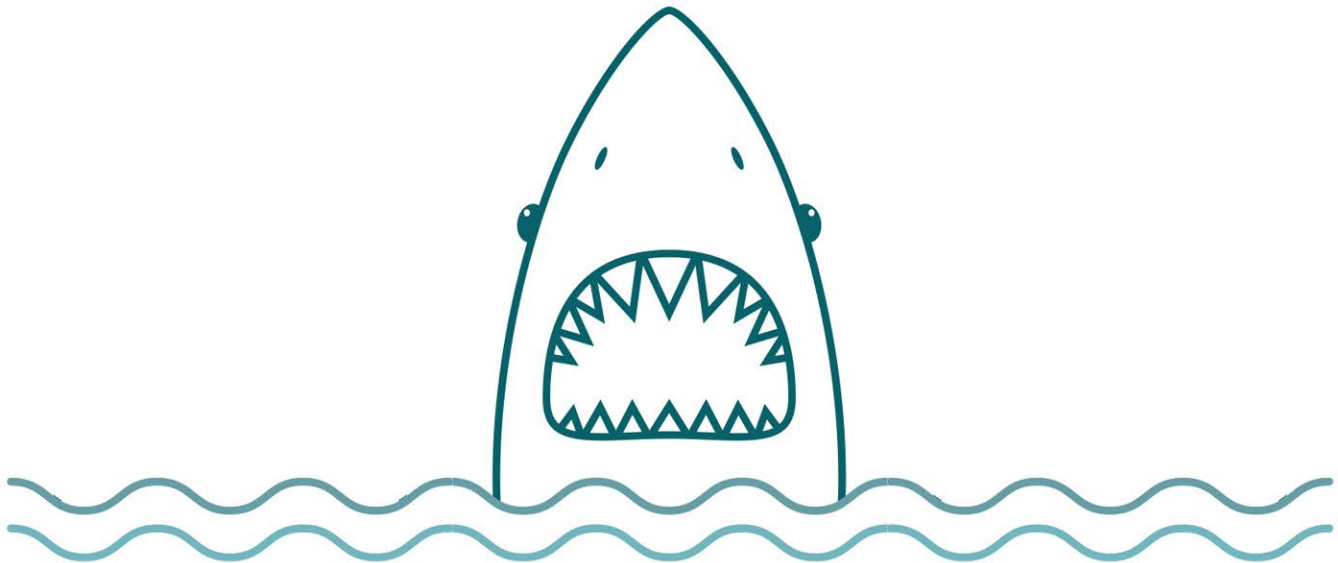
BIG IDEA: Jesus defeated sin, so we can have a friendship with God.

BIBLE BASIS: Book of Genesis

KEY VERSE: "Nothing at all can separate us from God's love. That's because of what Christ Jesus our Lord has done."
Romans 8:39b (NirV)



USED LETTERS





Live Chat!

Pick a discussion starter. You have all month, so just one will do. Run out? Make some up that fit the theme of the month! (Oh! And turn off those devices! Live chat means just talking.)

- What is your favorite thing about God?
- What is something you are thankful for?
- What do you pray about the most?
- When do you find it hard to pray?
- Can you share a prayer request God answered?
- What is something you are praying about right now?

Make it count!

Sometimes when you go to pray your mind wanders, right? You want to pray, but you aren't sure what to say or what to pray about. This can help. The word pray is spelled P.R.A.Y. Those letters can help you remember what to pray about. First, spend some time in Praise. Tell God what you are thankful for. What has He done for you? Thank him and praise Him! Next, spend time in Repentance. That means to say you are sorry for the sins you have done and decide you are going to work harder to follow Him. Then, you can Ask Him for the things you need. God loves to meet your needs. Lastly, Yield to God. When a car yields in traffic, it lets the other car go first. When we yield to God, we are saying we want His way, not our own, because we trust He knows what is best for us.

PRAYER

Monthly Motto:

HAVE YOU PRAYED ABOUT IT?

Think about It

Imagine having a friend that you never talked to. How close of friends would you be? How deep would your friendship be if you didn't talk about things that really mattered? Our closest friends are the people we talk to most often and about the things that matter to us. Prayer is simply talking to God. If we want to be close friends with God, we need to talk to Him often, and we need to talk about the things that matter most to us. When we are worried about things, we need to talk to God about it. This month, when we are talking about things that concern us, we need to ask each other, "Have you prayed about it?"

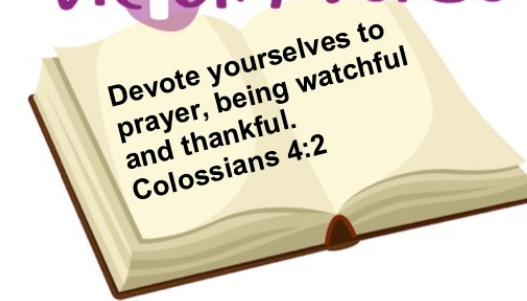
Double DaRE ya!

The family challenge!

Are you up for the challenge? Determine as a family what the reward will be if you complete the challenge!

YOUR CHALLENGE: One of the best ways to improve at prayer is to celebrate answers to prayer. When we see God answering prayer, it encourages us to pray more! As a family, start a Prayer Journal. Choose a journal as a family, and record prayer requests in it. You'll want to record the date along with the prayer request, who is making the request, and leave space for when it is answered along with the date and details of when it is answered. Keep at it for several months or even a whole year. As you see God answering prayer, it will encourage you to keep praying. Even for requests that are not answered right away, the journal will remind you to keep those concerns before the Lord. A journal like this can be a great encouragement to the whole family for years to come.

VICTORY VERSE



As a family, memorize the Victory Verse this month. Make it a goal this month to pray every day, and then be watchful to see what God does! And be sure to say thanks when God answers your prayers!

Diggin' DEEPER...

Here are some super Bible verses you may want to dig into as you try to pray more this month:

- Philippians 4:6
- James 5:13-16
- Matthew 6:5-6
- Matthew 6:7-8
- Matthew 6:9-11
- Luke 18:1-8

GOOFY Game

Name of the Game: Scattergories

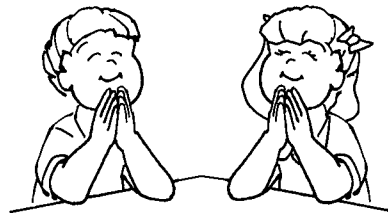
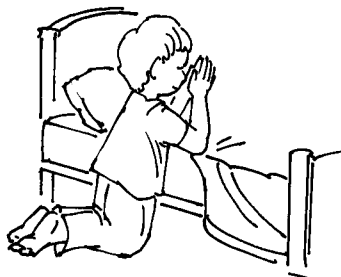
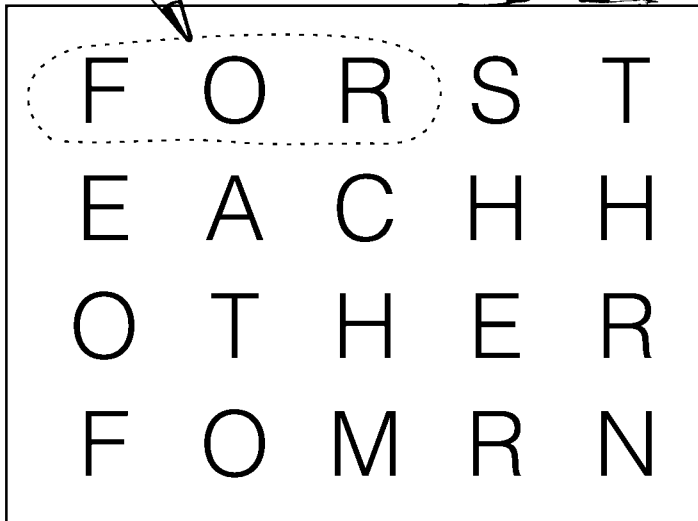
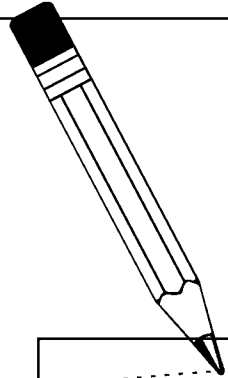
Needed: Nothing but creativity!

How to Play: Start with the youngest person! They name a category, such as food, or states or animals. Then, going around the circle, everyone says the name of something in that category, but they can't repeat something that has already been said. Once they can't think of anything, or if they repeat something already said, they are out. Once everyone is out, the last person gets to choose a new category. The more creative the category the harder it gets!

We should always pray ...

Circle the hidden words in the puzzle.

FOR EACH OTHER



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Elijah was a man like us. He prayed.

Circle 5 things that are wrong.

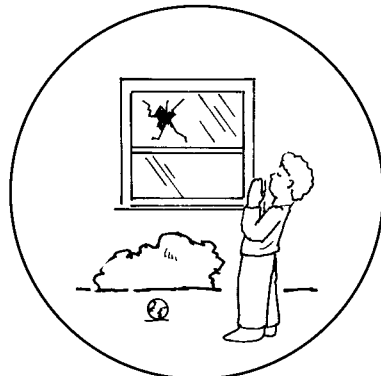
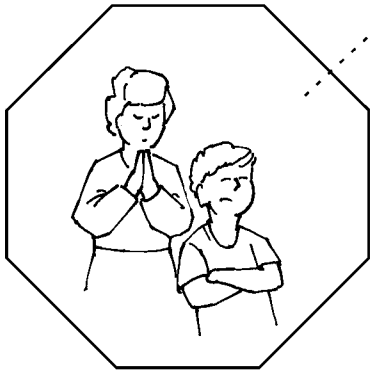
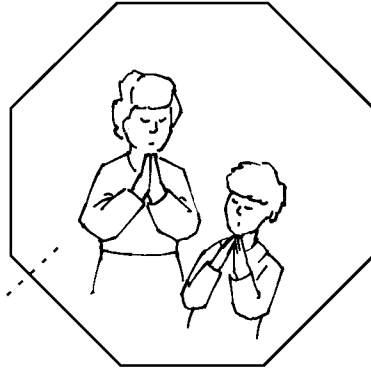


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Pray if you are in trouble.

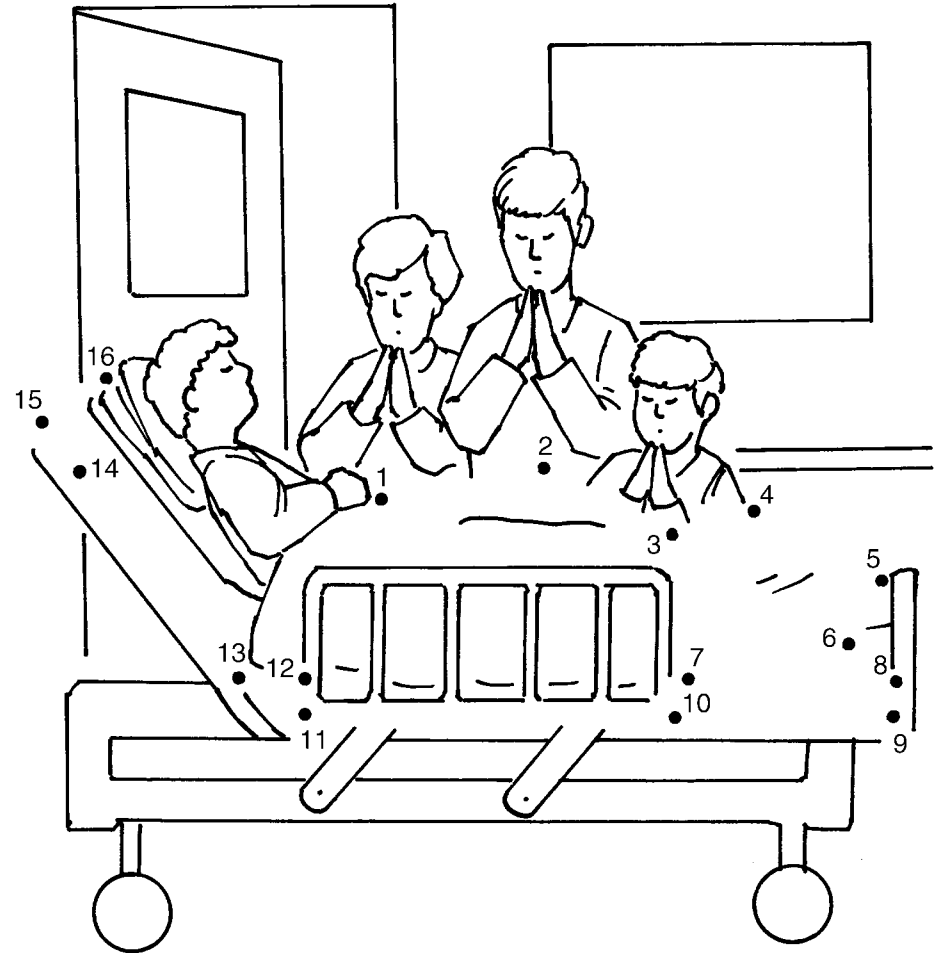
Match the opposites.



Pray when someone is sick.

Connect the dots.

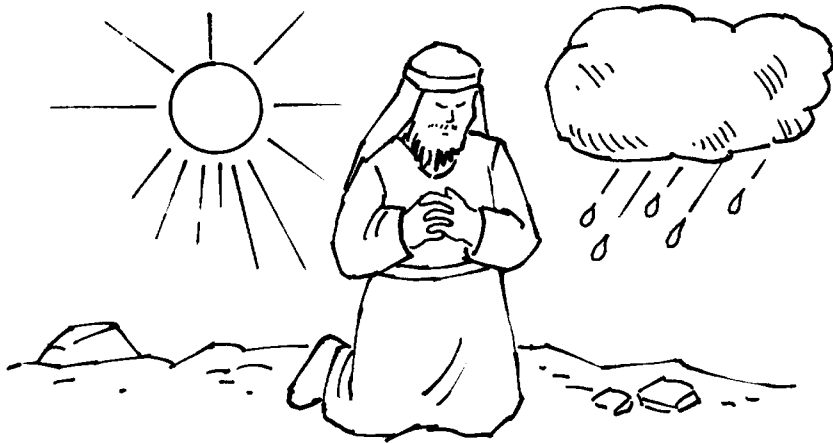
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Which Old Testament person is an example of someone who prayed effectively?

Unscramble the letters in parentheses to complete the short story. Then place the numbered letters in the blanks to spell the answer.



A man _____₄ (tusj) like us
 _____₁ (drapey) that it would not
 _____₃ (nira). No rain fell on the
 _____₂ (nald) for three and one half
 _____₅ (sayer). Again he prayed and
 the _____₆ (sevenah) gave rain.

Who was he? _____₁ _____₂ _____₃ _____₄ _____₅ _____₆

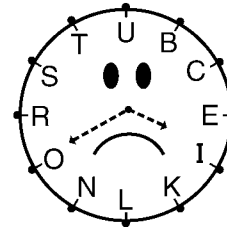
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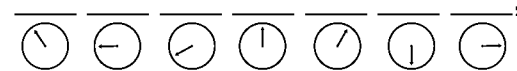
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Use the "happy" clock and the "sad" clock to decode the words.



When we're in _____,



pray for help.

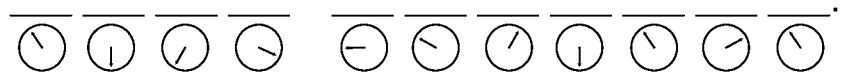
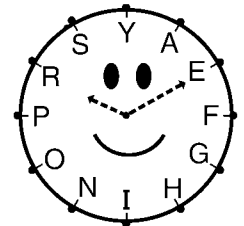
When we _____, pray for forgiveness.



When we're _____, pray for healing.



When we're _____,



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What did James instruct Christians to do?

Cross out every word that contains more than one "o."
Write the remaining 11 words in order on the lines.

BLOOD	SOON	CONFESS	ROOT	YOUR
POOR	GOOD	TOOK	OBOE	SINS
COHORT	TO	EACH	OTHER	ROBOT
MOON	AND	ROOM	BORROW	FOOD
PRAY	WOOD	FOOT	FOR	NOON
EACH	POROUS	BOOK	OTHER	SPOON



Prayer is exciting because it produces results!



Supply the missing letter to complete each vertical word.
Use the letters to complete the sentence.

The prayer of a righteous person is

H				S	C		
A	S	Y	P	T	R	G	H
P	T	A	O	O	A	L	E
Y	P	N	T	Y	T	E	P



and

		S		T		D	
	G	T		T	O	T	R
W	I	I	K	A	O	W	I
B	T	F	Y	K	H	G	E



"SO CONFESS YOUR SINS
TO ONE ANOTHER. PRAY
FOR ONE ANOTHER SO
THAT YOU MIGHT BE
HEALED."

JAMES 5:16A

