



Faith Together at Home

God's People Pray

Explore
the Bible

Gather Together

Gather around an open Bible and share highs and lows from the day. Remind everyone that not only can we share our highs and lows with one another, we can also share them with God. We can talk to God about anything, from our greatest joys to our deepest fears to our saddest tears. Talking to God is what we call prayer. God is always present, listening to everything we have to say. The Bible teaches us about the importance and power of prayer. Join hands and pray or sing together the Lord's Prayer.

Discover Together

Ask everyone to search the house for books that provide useful information or directions (dictionary, atlas, map, how-to manual, address book, cookbook, and so forth). Talk about the different ways each book is helpful to your family. Then locate a Bible and ask someone to read aloud 2 Timothy 3:14-17. The apostle Paul wrote these words to a young Christian leader named Timothy. According to Paul, what does the Bible do for us? (Instructs us for salvation through faith in Jesus.) Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). The Bible instructs and teaches us how we can come to God through Jesus.

Talk Together

Ask these questions of each other.

- What does the Bible teach us about prayer? (See Matthew 6:5-15; 7:7-11, Luke 18:1-8)
- Do you know a prayer by heart? Share it with your family.
- When does your family pray together?

Pray Together

Practice praying for each other this week. Write each family member's name on a slip of paper and place them in a hat. Take turns drawing out a name. Keep the name a secret. Throughout the week, pray for your "prayer pal." Leave them written prayers or pictures to find in a lunchbox, briefcase, or shoe! At the end of the week, reveal the names of your prayer pals. Join hands and say a prayer of thanks for each person in your family.

Serve Together

One way to show care and concern for the wider family of God is to pray for people everywhere. Consider starting a prayer chain with other families in your community or congregation. Encourage each family member to recruit one person to join the prayer chain. Plan how to activate the prayer chain, and make sure you let people know about keeping confidentiality.

Family Prayer

Say this prayer or blessing at the close of your time: **God, thank you for the gift of your Holy Word. Thank you for the gift of Jesus who teaches us how to praise and worship you. Help us share your love in all we say and do. Amen.**