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- **SUNDAY**—Read Matthew 6:6. Where should we pray? When should we pray?
- **MONDAY**—Read 2 Timothy 2:11-13. What requests can we make when we pray to God?
- TUESDAY—Read Proverbs 16:20.
  Share about a time when you didn't know what to pray.
  Did God know what you needed anyway?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Matthew 5:43-45. Why does Jesus want us to pray for those who are unkind to us?
- **THURSDAY**—Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. How often should we pray?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Ephesians 3:14-21. For what things did Paul pray in his prayer for the Ephesians?
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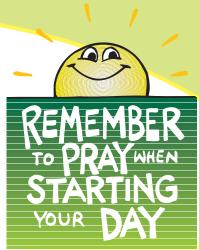
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- SUNDAY—Read Luke 18:1-8.
  Why did Jesus tell this parable? (Read Luke 18:1 again.)
- **MONDAY**—Read Philippians 4:4-7. How should we present our requests to God?
- TUESDAY—Read Matthew 6:9-15.
  What can we say in our prayers to follow Jesus' example of how to pray?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Ephesians 6:18-20. For what should we pray?
- **THURSDAY** Read 1 Timothy 2:1-4. What does God want for everyone? Do you pray for this?
- FRIDAY—Read Proverbs 15:29. Whose prayers does God hear?
- SATURDAY—Read John 17:20, 21. In one of Jesus' last prayers while He was on earth, He prayed for you! What does Jesus want for us?



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- SUNDAY—Read Ephesians 2:19-22. Who is the chief cornerstone (most important building block) of God's household, the church?
- MONDAY—Read Acts 2:36-39.
  According to Peter, what should people do to be saved? How do people become part of the church?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Acts 2:42-47. What was the early church doing?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read 1 Timothy 4:12. Within the church, what can we do to set an example in speech and in life?
- **THURSDAY**—Read 2 Thessalonians 2:16, 17. God uses other people to encourage us. Who has encouraged you recently?
- → FRIDAY—Read Galatians 5:13, 14.Name a time when you served others in the church with love.
- **SATURDAY**—Read Acts 8:35. Have you told anyone the good news about Jesus? Who can we invite to church services?



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- → MONDAY—Read 1 Samuel 2:26; 3:10. How can we grow as servants of God?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Philippians 2:14. How are we to serve others?
- WEDNESDAY—Read 2 Corinthians 9:6, 7.
  What attitude should we have when we give to God?
- → THURSDAY—Read 1 Corinthians 13:3-7. What attitudes should we have when we serve others?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 2 Peter 1:3, 10, 11. What specific services can members of our family offer to further God's kingdom?
- **SATURDAY**—Read 1 Corinthians 12:4-6. What gifts has God given to various members of our family that we can use for Him?



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- → MONDAY—Read 1 John 2:28–3:1.
  What does it mean to be a child of God?
- TUESDAY—Read Romans 5:5-8. How does it feel to know that God loves each of us?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. Because God accepts us, how should we act?
- THURSDAY—Read Ephesians 6:19, 20. How can we help each other to boldly speak the gospel?
- FRIDAY—Read Acts 4:12, 13, 19, 20.
  Peter and John were courageous because they had spent time with Jesus. When can we spend time with Him?
- **SATURDAY**—Read 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. What important things about Jesus should we tell others?



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- **SUNDAY**—Read Philippians 1:3-6. For whom can we thank God?
- MONDAY—Read 2 Corinthians 1:3, 4. For what can we praise God?
- TUESDAY—Read Hebrews 13:15, 16.
  What does it mean to give a sacrifice of praise to God? How can we do this?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Psalm 100. Why can we thank God?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Colossians 3:15-17. What are some things we can do in the name of Jesus?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Philippians 4:8, 9. What should we do with praiseworthy things?
- **SATURDAY**—Read 1 Chronicles 16:8, 9. What has God done for us this week? How can we thank Him?



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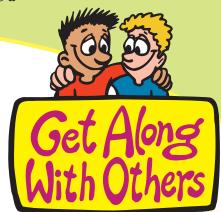
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- **SUNDAY**—Read Romans 15:5-7. Who has accepted us? Who do we need to accept?
- MONDAY—Read Acts 10:34, 35.
  According to these verses, whom does God accept?
- TUESDAY—Read Acts 15:7-11, 19.

  Have you ever made it difficult for others to join your group at school or at church? How can you accept others?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Matthew 5:44-47. How does Jesus tell us to treat others, including our enemies?
- THURSDAY—Read Romans 12:16. Have you ever snubbed someone because he didn't have cool stuff like your other friends? What does this verse say about that kind of attitude?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 1 Peter 3:8. What attitudes do we need to live in harmony with others?
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- **SUNDAY**—Read James 5:17, 18. An earnest prayer is a prayer that is seriously and strongly meant. What happened when Elijah prayed earnestly?
- → MONDAY—Read James 5:16.
  How would you describe the prayer of a righteous person?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Acts 12:5, 7, 11, 12. For what kind of situations does our church congregation pray?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Daniel 6:10, 11. How often should we talk to God? Are we willing to let others hear or see us pray?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Philemon 4-7.
  For whom can we pray Paul's prayer found in these verses?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 1 Chronicles 5:20. For what things can we trust God?
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- → MONDAY—Read 1 Peter 1:18-21.
  The Bible says God chose Jesus to save you. How does that make you feel?
- **TUESDAY**—Read 1 Peter 2:9, 10. The Bible says all Christians are a royal priesthood. How then should we act?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Romans 8:23-26. How does the Holy Spirit help us in our relationship with God?
- THURSDAY—Read Galatians 5:22-25. What characteristics does the Holy Spirit bring to our lives?
- **FRIDAY**—Read James 3:17, 18. What does it mean to have wisdom from Heaven?
- **SATURDAY**—Read 1 John 5:1-5. How can we know that we are children of God?



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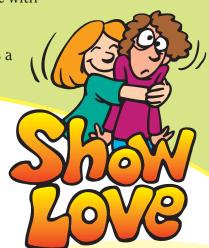
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- **MONDAY**—Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-9. Share about a time when you were a generous and cheerful giver.
- **TUESDAY**—Read Romans 12:9-13. How can we show sincere love to others?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Romans 12:14-16. How can we live in harmony with other people?
- THURSDAY—Read Romans 12:17-21. How can we overcome evil with good?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Colossians 3:12-14. How are we to forgive others?
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- MONDAY—Read Ephesians 6:14. Knowing God's truth helps us hold in place the breastplate of righteousness. How can we continue to follow God's rules for life?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Ephesians 6:15, 16. What can help us tell others about God's gospel of peace?
- WEDNESDAY—Read Ephesians 6:17. How can we grow in confidence when using the Word of God?
- **THURSDAY**—Read Ephesians 6:18. Who can our family pray for?
- FRIDAY—Read 2 Peter 3:9-12. God wants everyone to come to repentance. How should we live so others will come to know God too?
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- → MONDAY—Read John 3:16, 17.
  How did God demonstrate His love for the world?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Ephesians 5:1, 2. How can we be imitators God?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read 1 John 4:19-21. What are some ways we can show love for our neighbors, classmates, and work associates?
- THURSDAY—Read 1 John 3:1, 10.
  God loves us very much. God's children love other people. When should we show God's love to others?
- **FRIDAY**—Read 1 John 3:16-18. How can we show love to other people by more than our words?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Romans 5:8. God loved us even when we didn't love Him. How do you treat people when they are not kind to you?



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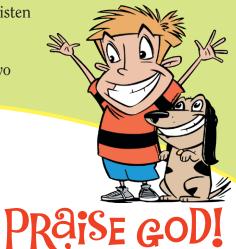
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- **SUNDAY**—Read Psalm 95:6, 7. What does worship mean to you?
- → MONDAY—Read John 4:23-26. How does God want us to worship Him?
- **TUESDAY**—Read Psalm 67:3-5. Who should praise God? When do you praise God?
- **WEDNESDAY**—Read Psalm 104:33, 34. How long are we to praise God?
- THURSDAY—Read Revelation 4:11. What wonderful things has God created that you can praise Him for?
- **FRIDAY**—Read Psalm 92:1, 2. When do you praise God for His love and faithfulness?
- **SATURDAY**—Read Psalm 78:4-7. What praiseworthy deed has God done for you? Have you told someone about it?



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