

Live It Out—Discover how to love like Jesus

DAY 1

Visit the Parent Cue app (available for iOS and Android) to watch this week's Bible story.

Download it for free at parentcue.org/app.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

After watching So&So, write one thing that:

1. You liked:

2. You learned:

3. You'd like to know:

DAY 2

Read Acts 12:1–19

Things aren't looking so good for Peter at the beginning of Acts 12, are they? King Herod had already arrested a lot of the followers of Jesus, and he was even starting to execute some of them. Peter looked to be his next target when he was arrested.

If there was a soundtrack playing during that part of Peter's story, it would probably be pretty creepy, even scary music.

But then, the music would change a bit. Why? Check out verse five.

"So Peter was kept in prison. But the church prayed hard to God for him." (NIRV)

If there was a soundtrack, things would start to sound a bit more hopeful here. Then, verse seven hits, and the music would speed up with excitement—something really cool is clearly happening! As the angel rushes Peter to dress and leave the jail, walking past the sleeping guards, the music would reach a crescendo—are they really going to make it out of the jail without anyone catching them? The gate into the city opens in front of them! They walk down the street. Then suddenly—

The music stops. The angel has disappeared. Peter slowly realizes what has happened. That was no ordinary human who helped him escape his unfair imprisonment. That was an angel from God, sent to help Peter as his friends prayed, he would be rescued.

The music would probably resume pretty quietly, but with joy, as Peter went on to Mary's house and found his friends praying for him. . . what a soundtrack that would be.

DAY 3

Pray for one another.

What is one time during the day when most, if not all, of your family is together? Maybe breakfast or dinner? Or perhaps you go on a family walk in the evenings

or gather in front of the TV to watch a show together. Whenever that time is today, ask your family if you can take a couple of minutes to pray for each other. Then form a prayer circle.

Everyone will pray for the person on their right until everyone has had someone pray for them. You can start out by having everyone share something they would like others to pray for them, or you can just jump into the prayer time and pray for each other's health, safety, wisdom, and anything else you can think of.

DAY 4

Why is it important to pray?

Which of these answers that question? Go around and poll everyone in your house.

- A. It connects us to God
- B. It connects us to others
- C. It can move God to perform miracles
- D. All of the above

After each person gives you their answer, ask them to share a time that God answered one of their prayers. Then talk with each other about how you think each of the answers above is true and how you've seen prayer accomplish all of the above!

DAY 5

Read 1 Timothy 2:1

“I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people,” Paul writes. (NIrV)

Why do you think Paul wrote so many words (petitions, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving) instead of just saying “prayers”?

Perhaps it's because while these are all types of

prayers, they each have a different intent and purpose. We can pray to ask God to give someone something, or to heal them. We might pray for someone who needs God to work in their life—maybe they need wisdom—or courage to do the right thing. You also might pray a prayer of gratitude—thanking God for bringing this person in your life, or for something you’ve seen God do in their life.

And sometimes you might pray all of these types of prayers in one prayer for one person!

The next time you hear of someone who needs you to pray for them, think about what kind of prayer you're praying—and try adding on another kind too, like thanksgiving!

Journal

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent

Why is it important to pray?

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