

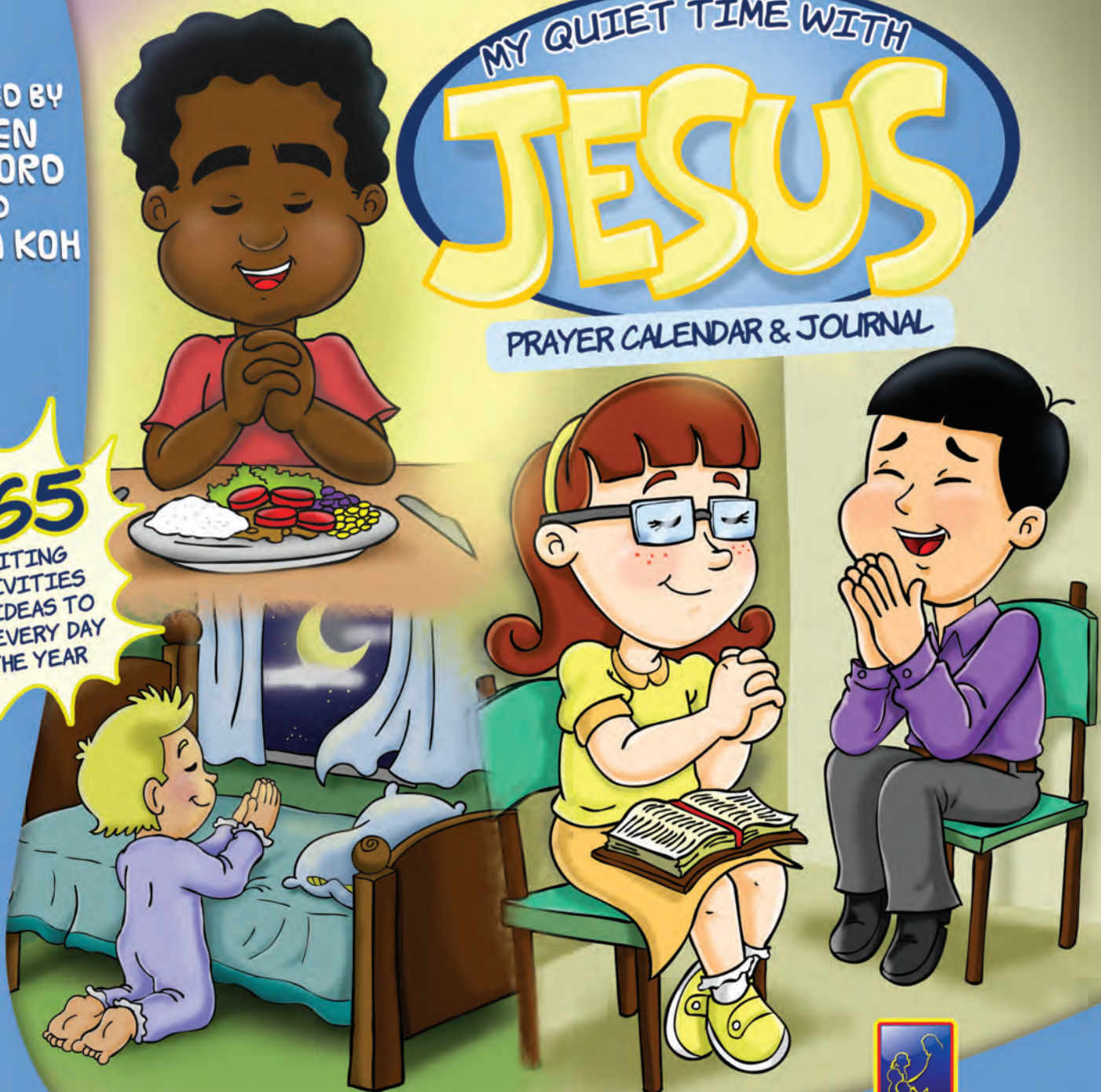
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PRAYER CALENDAR & JOURNAL

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EXCITING
ACTIVITIES
AND IDEAS TO
PRAY EVERY DAY
OF THE YEAR



My Quiet Time With Jesus: Prayer Calendar and Journal

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The 5 Fingers of Prayer



Praise

Praising God for what He is—our Creator, Redeemer, and Protector.

Forgive

Saying sorry for the wrong things you have done and asking God to forgive you.

Pray for Others

Praying for your friends and family members who are sick or discouraged; for those in difficulties, disasters, and troubles.

Please

Asking God for help with personal needs and things.

Thank You

Thanking God for all for the blessings and the many good things He has given you and your family.

A Note 2 Kids

Hi Boys and Girls,

The world is changing very fast today and so is your life. Are you busy, busy, busy with school, homework, piano, football practice, and so on? Of course, you also need time to Facebook and WhatsApp your friends, too. Wow, just too much to do every day!

But slow down, my friend. Jesus loves to share part of your time. He loves to talk to you and hear about your day, your friends and family, and even your problems. So turn off the TV and Internet, and take a few moments each morning or evening doing something really important: praying. It doesn't have to be long. What matters is that you talk to God, telling Him what you think and feel.

My Quiet Time With Jesus: Prayer Calendar and Journal is just for you. As you pray and do the activities in this prayer calendar each day, may you experience God's **Grace** and respond with joyful **Worship** of Him as you reach out in loving **Service** to your **Community**.

Write down your thoughts and feelings as you pray. Keep a record of your prayers and God's answers throughout the year with this prayer journal. Witness the power of prayer, and see the power of a loving God.

God has promised, "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear" (Isaiah 65:24, NKJV). Are you ready? He's listening.

Sincerely,

Karen Wolcott

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Grace

is the demonstration of God's love for us. He sent His Son to die in our place, to redeem us, and to accept us unto Himself that we might live with Him forever.

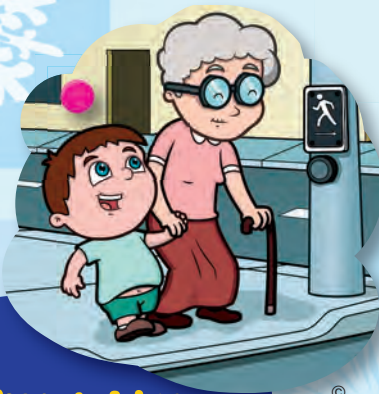


Worship

is our response to God's love. Because He first loved us, we love Him. Because He gave His Son to die in our place, we worship Him. We worship Him through praise, through our lifestyle, and through our stewardship of all that He has provided for us.



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Community

involves our relationship with those around us, with our immediate family, our church family, our friends, and with other Christians who know God's love.



Service

is our outreach to others, to those who may not know and love the Jesus we serve. It is to them that we give the invitation to become a part of the family of God. It is to them that we take a message of hope for the future.

January

Worship

- 1 **2 Corinthians 5:17** Praise God for a brand-new year and a fresh new start! Ask God to help you become a brand-new person this year, by helping you to become more like Him.
- 2 **Luke 2:52** List the different things you can do now that you couldn't do a year ago. Praise God that you're growing and learning.
- 3 **Zephaniah 3:17** God wakes you up each morning with His love and with His songs for you. Thank Him for waking you up and sing a praise song as your prayer today.
- 4 **Hebrews 13:16** We worship God by giving money to help others learn about His love. Pray with your family about choosing a special outreach project to support this year.
- 5 **1 John 5:3** We worship God by our obedience to Him. Ask Him to help you obey Him today.
- 6 **Psalms 51:7** Find some things such as an egg, seed, or soap that remind you how God gives you a fresh, new start. Thank God for what these things teach you about His loving forgiveness.
- 7 **Isaiah 58:13** Ask God to help you and your family to think of new and special way to make Sabbath a delight this year! Make a list of your ideas and invite other families to enjoy Sabbath with you.



Grace



- 8 **1 John 1:9** Thank God that His forgiveness gives you a brand-new start each time you ask for it. What do you need to ask His forgiveness for today?
- 9 **Lamentations 3:22, 23** God's love for you is new and different every morning as He falls in love with you again and again. Thank Him for every way He shows His love for you today.
- 10 **James 1:5** Think of something new that you find difficult to do. Pray that God will help you to understand it better and make it easier for you to learn.
- 11 **Psalms 23:4** Pray about a new challenge your family is facing, such as money problems, illness, a move, and so on. Ask God to help you know how to comfort and encourage each other.
- 12 **Colossians 3:13** Pray that God will help you to forgive a friend who's hurt you. Ask Him to help you mend your friendship and show your friends His grace through your forgiveness.
- 13 **Luke 19:1-10** List the people in the Bible who were given a fresh start by God (Zacchaeus, Rahab, etc.). Thank God that He can do those amazing things for you, too!
- 14 **Luke 15:11-32** Act out the story of the prodigal son with your family. This story shows us how God welcomes us even when we've messed up and need a new start. Praise God for His amazing grace.

New Beginnings!



Community

15

Hebrews 13:2 Pray for someone you know who is new to your area. Ask God how you can help the person to make friends and settle in happily.

16

Isaiah 40:11 Pray for a family who has a new baby. Pray that the parents will not feel too tired as they care for their family. Perhaps you can help by taking a meal to them.

17

Matthew 28:19, 20 Pray that God will protect and encourage all of the new missionaries who are starting work this year. Pray that God will bless their work.

18

Luke 1:37 Pray for the people who want to stop taking drugs, drinking alcohol, or hurting others. Pray that God will help them to have a fresh start and make good choices.

19

John 13:35 Pray for the people who will learn about God's love for the very first time today. Pray that they will come to love Him, too.

20

1 Thessalonians 5:12, 13 Make a card to encourage your pastor and his or her family during the year ahead, and write a short prayer inside it.

21

Hebrews 10:24, 25 While you're sitting in church, pray for those who have a new job to do in your church this year, like Sabbath School teachers and deacons. Ask God to inspire them so they can help your church to grow.



Extras

Service

22

Romans 12:13 Ask your parents to invite a new family at your church to have lunch with you on Sabbath. Pray that your time together will bless all of you.

23

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Offer to help your family this year by choosing to do a special chore. Ask God to help you honor Him by doing your chore cheerfully and well.

24

1 Peter 4:10 Think of a special gift God has given you. Ask Him to show you how to use your gift to share His love with your friends this year.

25

Proverbs 24:3 Pray for a family who has recently moved to a new home that needs lots of work and decorating. What can your family do to help them?



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2 Corinthians 9:6, 7 Sort out some good clothes and toys that you don't need anymore, and give them away. Pray for the children who will use them next.

27

1 Corinthians 10:31 Ask God to help you do one chore you've never done before to help prepare for Sabbath. Pray for each person in your family as you do your chore.

28

Hebrews 13:7 Ask your Sabbath School teacher what you can do to help him or her each week. Pray that all the children in your class will grow closer to Jesus this year.



29

Revelation 21:1-4 Thank God that one day He will come and make our earth perfectly new again, without any harm and danger. Imagine what it will be like to live here then!

30

Ezekiel 36:25-27 Praise God that He can take away all our sins and give us a complete change of heart. Pray for someone whose life God needs to change completely.

31

Philippians 4:8 Pray that God will help you start a new habit in your life. Whenever you start to worry or feel sad, try thinking about happy, lovely, and good things.



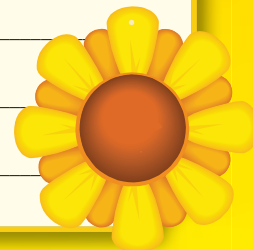
Prayer Plant

Write a prayer request on one side of a plain card. Decorate the other side of the card with a picture of your prayer request. Plant a sunflower or pumpkin seed in a large pot. Tape your prayer card onto a popsicle stick and pop your stick into the plant pot. Whenever you water your seed, remember to pray for your prayer request. As you watch your plant change and grow, watch for the differences your prayers are making, too.

Clearing Out Your Heart



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pray

—Kandi Elliott

February

Worship



1 **Psalms 145** Think about God's love and some of the different ways He shows His special love for you. Write your own psalm, song, prayer, or poem praising God for His love.

2 **Jeremiah 31:3** God has loved you since the beginning of the world! And He will love you forever! Write Him an everlasting love note on a strip of paper taped into an endless circle.

3 **1 John 4:8** Ask three people to tell you how they know that God loves them, and then thank God together for His amazing love.

4 **Psalm 103:11** Praise God for loving you! List at least one way He loves you, beginning with each letter of your name.

5 **John 14:15** We worship God and show Him our love by obeying His commandments. Ask God to help you obey His loving commandments today.

6 **Romans 8:37-39** Thank God for all the loving things He does for you. Wrap yourself in a cozy quilt and imagine God giving you a big hug. Sit quietly and feel His love for you.

7 Read **1 Corinthians 13:4-8**. Rewrite these verses so that they are about God and you. "God is patient with me when ... [fill in the gaps]. God is kind to me when ... God protects me by ..."

Grace



8 **Luke 6:27** Pray for someone you don't really get along with. Think about how much God loves that person and then do something secretly kind for him or her.

9 **1 John 4:10** Think about a time when you hurt someone you love and ask God to forgive you. Ask Him what you can do to make things better again.

10 **John 3:16** Pray that the missionaries around the world will find amazing ways to show someone God's love and grace today.

11 **Romans 12:18** When you feel like whining, getting angry, or being annoyed with someone, ask God to help you be patient and show love instead.

12 **Isaiah 66:13** Pray for your classmates who are hurting right now because their parents are divorced or separating, or because their parents are a long way away.

13 **1 John 4:18** Pray for the children who aren't able to live with their families. Pray that whoever is caring for them will help them to feel special and loved.

14 **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** List all of the ways your family members help you to feel God's love. Thank God and your family members for the many different ways they care for you.



I Love You, God!

Community

- 15** **Romans 12:10** Find some photos of your relatives, and pray a loving prayer for each one of them. Thank God for the kind and helpful things your relatives have done for you.

- 16** **Philippians 1:9** Pray that God will help the love in your family to increase. Help Him by doing something kind and loving for each person in your family.

- 17** **Matthew 5:4** Pray for the people you know who are sad because someone they love has died. What can you do to comfort them?

- 18** **1 John 3:18** Thank God for your friends. Pray especially for those who don't know Jesus yet. What are they learning about Jesus by the way you care about them?

- 19** **1 Corinthians 13:7** Think about the children who are afraid because their parents, or other people, are hurting them. Pray that they will find people who will help and protect them.

- 20** **Genesis 2:21-24** Pray for all of the people you know who are thinking about getting married this year. Pray that they will have happy and loving homes.

- 21** **John 13:35** Pray that your church will be a place where everyone feels loved. Find someone in church who might be lonely today and spend a few minutes talking to him or her.

My Family



Service

- 22** **Psalms 103:13** Pray that the Christians working in orphanages will show the lonely children how much God loves them.

- 23** **Romans 12:10-13** Pray for a church project that shares God's love with others, such as feeding homeless people or visiting people in prison. How can you help this project, too?

- 24** **1 John 4:12** Pray that God will help you show His love to a teacher, doctor, nurse, street cleaner, salesperson, police officer, or firefighter today.

- 25** **Matthew 22:39** Pray that God will inspire your family to do something kind and loving for a needy person in your neighborhood.

- 26** **Matthew 5:7** Pray for the missionary doctors and nurses that are showing God's love to their patients today. Pray that people will come to know God as well as be healed.

- 27** **Matthew 6:3, 4** Thank God for a time when He surprised you by doing something loving for you. Surprise someone you know by doing something loving for him or her today.

- 28** **1 Thessalonians 5:11** Pray for church workers and missionaries who are feeling lonely, sad, and tired. Ask God to send someone to show them His love in a very real way. Do you know a church worker you could encourage?





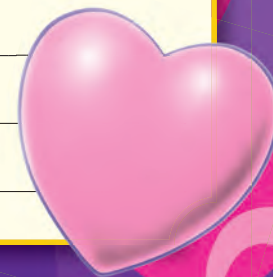
Love Jelly

Fill an empty jelly jar with different objects that remind you of God's love. Perhaps a cotton ball reminds you that His love is gentle, or a stone reminds you that His love for you is rock solid, and so on. How many things can you find?



Family Tree Prayer

Ask a grown-up to help you draw your family tree. Pray for each person on your tree. Thank God for family, pray for their special requests, and pray that God will help you to show them your love, too.

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Cut a large heart from red or white posterboard. Write your favorite Bible verses about love on the big heart, and decorate it with your best craft materials. You'll find lots of verses about love in this month's calendar!

Prayer Requests

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Answered Prayers

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God can heal your
broken heart,
but you must give
Him all the pieces!



March

Worship

- 1 **Psalm 8:1** God is awesome. Think of something amazing God has done for you and praise Him for it.
- 2 **Ecclesiastes 3:11** God makes everything beautiful in His time. Thank Him for something He's made over time, like a growing tree, that you think is especially beautiful.
- 3 **Psalm 139:15, 16** God is big. He is as big as the universe, but still cares for you as if you were the only person alive! Praise Him for caring about the tiny details of your life.
- 4  **Psalm 139:14** God created everything—including you! Praise Him for making you so special and unique!
- 5 **Zephaniah 3:17** God delights in you! Imagine Him smiling over you and singing happy songs over you! Thank Him for treasuring you and wonder which song He is singing over you right now.
- 6 **Psalm 145:13 (first part)** God is everlasting and eternal, and He has invited us to live forever too. Tell God that you want to accept His wonderful invitation to live forever!
- 7 **Psalm 145:1, 13** God is our King! If God came to your church or home today as a King, what would you like to say and do to worship Him? Use your ideas to inspire your praise prayers today.

Grace

- 8 **James 1:17** God is full of grace. This means He always gives us and forgives us much more than we deserve, because He loves us. Thank Him for all the good gifts He's given you.
- 9 **Deuteronomy 31:6** God helps you to be brave. Ask Him to help you with a problem that makes you feel afraid.
- 10 **1 John 2:1, 2** God forgives you. Ask Him to forgive you for something you've done wrong in the last day or two, and thank Him for sending Jesus to save you from your sins.
- 11 **Matthew 7:11** God is generous. He loves to give wise gifts to His children. Ask Him for something you really need, and wait patiently for His answer.
- 12 **Psalm 89:8** God is almighty. Ask Him to give you the strength (or might) that you need to do something you find really difficult.
- 13 **Psalm 145:13 (second part)** God is faithful. He will never let you down. Ask Him to forgive you for a time when you broke your promise to Him or someone else.
- 14 **Matthew 19:26** God can do the impossible. Think of something that seems impossible for you to fix or sort out, and ask God to help you.

**Our God Is
an Awesome God!**



Community

15



2 Corinthians 1:3 God is comforting. Ask Him to comfort you for something you are sad about, or to comfort someone else who you know is sad.

16

Psalm 23:4 God is always with us, wherever we go. Pray that church workers in difficult situations around the world will know that God is always with them as they work for Him.

17

Psalm 23:5 God wants to invite us to His parties (feasts), because He enjoys our company. Ask God to help you share a meal or healthy treat with someone who doesn't have many friends.

18

Matthew 11:28 God shares our heavy burdens. God doesn't want us to manage difficult things on our own. Pray about a problem that bothers you and trust that God will sort it out.

19

1 John 3:1 God is the best Daddy we can imagine! We are all His children! Thank God that He made you to be part of His family!

20

Isaiah 40:11 God wants to hug you close to His heart. Ask God if there is someone He needs you to hug for Him today.

21

Ephesians 6:18 God loves everyone! When you're in church, pray a sentence prayer about each person you know in your church.



Service



22

Psalm 103:3 God is a Healer. Pray for someone you know who needs healing today. Pray for this person's family, friends, and caregivers, too.

23

Ephesians 3:16-19 God wants to live in you. Ask Him to be a special part of everything you think and do and say today.

24

Luke 19:10 God is a Finder of lost people and lost things. Ask God to help you find something that's lost. Pray for a person who seems lost because he or she hasn't found God yet.

25

1 John 4:12 God is invisible. But we can help others to see God and feel His love when we do and say the things He would do and say. Ask Him to help you make Him visible today.

26

Psalm 23:2, 3 God refreshes us when we're tired. Pray that you will find someone to refresh today with your encouragement, your help, or a drink of cool, fresh water.



27

Jeremiah 31:3 God is kind. We really feel His love when He does something especially kind for us. Thank God for something kind that He has done for you.

28

1 Peter 5:7 God is caring. Make a list of all the ways He takes care of you, and ask Him to help you find something caring to do for someone else today.

29

Psalm 150:6 God is alive! Thank God that you're alive, too, and praise Him with your whole body!

30



Lamentations 3:23 God is new every morning! Each day He looks for new ways to show us His love and new things to make us happy. Look for something new God does today and praise Him for it.

31

John 14:1-3 God is a Builder! Imagine what God is doing to build a special place for you in heaven. Thank Him for getting everything ready to welcome you soon!

Extras



Amazing God Word Search!

Use a piece of graph paper. Find all the words that describe God in this month's calendar and see how many you can fit into a word-search puzzle. Or use a word-search program on the Internet such as the one found at www.armoredpenguin.com/wordsearch. Put each letter in a separate box on the grid and run the words in straight lines up, down, across, back, and diagonally. Fill the extra squares with any letters you like, or spell the words of a Bible verse. Make a neat version of the puzzle to give to someone in your family or to put in your church bulletin! Invite people to pray to God as they do the puzzle, praising Him for all the different things He does.

Prayer Requests



Answered Prayers



Prayer is communication with God who sees the big picture in our lives. Sometimes we don't get the answer we want because God knows it wouldn't be good for us.


—Marlene LeFever

April

Worship

- 1  **John 12:3** Mary silently worshiped Jesus by pouring her best perfume on His feet because she loved Him. What's the best thing you could do, without using words, to worship Jesus?
- 2 **John 12:13** When Jesus rode into Jerusalem the people waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!" What can you shout and do to worship Him today?
- 3 **John 14:15** Jesus worshiped God by being obedient to Him, even though it was very hard, because He loved God and us. Ask God to help you worship Him by being obedient today.
- 4 **1 Corinthians 13:6** Pilate asked Jesus about "truth." The truth is that Jesus is the Son of God who loved us and died for us. Praise God for some other truths about His love that make you happy.
- 5  **Luke 23:40, 41** The thief on the cross worshiped Jesus as his King, and Jesus promised he would be in heaven. Praise God that everyone who believes in Jesus can go to heaven!
- 6 **Luke 23:55, 56** Jesus rested in the tomb on the Sabbath day! Ask God to help you worship Him by preparing for Sabbath and making it special this week.
- 7 **Matthew 28:8-10** The most amazing thing about Jesus' death was that He rose again, so we can trust that God will bring us back to life, too! Worship God by celebrating the good news that we don't have to die forever!

Grace

- 8 **2 Corinthians 9:15** Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven. Thank Him for hurting and dying so that we can enjoy His special gift of forgiveness.
- 9  **2 Corinthians 5:17** Jesus' death and resurrection changed the disciples from frightened men into brave preachers! Thank God for helping you to make important changes in your life.
- 10 **Luke 6:27** Even when Jesus was arrested He healed a man's ear, which Peter had cut off! Pray that you will show God's love to someone who is unkind to you today.
- 11 **Matthew 26:74, 75** Peter was very sad when he hurt Jesus by saying he didn't know Him. Ask God to forgive you for a time when you didn't have the courage to admit you were a Christian.
- 12 **Luke 23:34** Jesus asked God to forgive the people who hurt Him, because they didn't know what they were doing. Ask God to help you forgive someone who hurt you without realizing it.
- 13 **1 John 4:9, 10** Jesus gave His disciples unleavened bread to eat as a reminder that His body would be broken for them. Eat a piece of broken cracker and thank Jesus for dying for you.
- 14 **1 Corinthians 11:25** Jesus also gave His disciples some grape juice to drink to remind them that He would bleed for them. Sip some red juice and thank Jesus for going through all that pain so you could be saved forever.

**Jesus Died Because
God Loves Me!**



Community

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Romans 8:38, 39 Jesus died for us because God doesn't want sin or anything else to stop us from being with Him. Thank God that He's made special plans for us to live with Him forever.

16

John 12:1-3 Mary poured perfume on Jesus to show how much she loved Him. Ask God to help you find a creative way to show your love to someone special.

17

John 17:20-23 Jesus prayed a special prayer during the Last Supper. He prayed that His followers would always be filled with love and peace. Pray that God will help you live peacefully with others.

18

Matthew 26:40 Jesus wanted His disciples to pray with Him in Gethsemane, so He wouldn't have to suffer alone. Is there someone you can pray with who is sad and discouraged today?

19

Proverbs 17:17 The disciples were afraid when Jesus was arrested, and they ran away. Pray that you will be loyal, loving, and able to stand by your friends when they go through hard times.

20

Luke 24:52, 53 The disciples were so happy and excited when they realized that Jesus had truly risen from the dead! Tell God how happy you are that Jesus is alive!

21

Hebrews 13:16 Jesus shows us that when we love people we need to think of their needs and put them first, even if it means making a big sacrifice. Think of three people you love. Ask God to help you think of their needs and to do something special that puts them first.



Extras

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Proverbs 17:28 Jesus was silent when He was accused by the people who wanted to crucify Him. Ask God to help you know when it's best to be silent.

30

Mark 9:23, 24 Thomas found it hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw Jesus for himself. Ask God to help you trust Him about something you find hard to believe.



Service

22

Ephesians 4:32 Jesus appreciates and enjoys everything we do to serve others, just as He appreciated Mary washing and anointing His feet. Do something kind today as your prayer of love.

23

John 13:4, 5 Jesus washed His disciples' feet. He can help us do unpleasant jobs to care for others. Ask God to help you do an unpleasant job for someone else today, with a smile!

24

Matthew 5:11, 12 Jesus suffered terribly even though He hadn't done anything wrong. Pray for the prisoners around the world who are suffering even though they aren't guilty.

25

Isaiah 43:2 Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus by carrying His cross when He was too weak and sore to bear it anymore. Pray for the people who are struggling with difficult challenges today.

26

John 19:26, 27 Even when Jesus was dying on the cross, He took special care of His mother, Mary. Ask God what you can do to help your parent or caregiver today.

27

Luke 24:9-11 When the women told the disciples that Jesus was alive, the men didn't believe them at first! Pray that someone you know who isn't a Christian will believe in Jesus today.

28

1 Peter 3:15 Jesus' death and resurrection were some of the most exciting events in world history! Pray about how you can share this amazing story with someone who doesn't know Jesus. Plan a creative way to tell someone else about the real meaning of Easter—write a mini-book, share a video, plan a treasure hunt, and so on.





Prayer Activities

Ask an adult to cut a cross-shape from posterboard. Find some different colored papers and a glue stick. Together with your family, write sentence prayers for forgiveness on pieces of torn paper. Write on only one side. Spread your glue over the words, and stick your shapes, writing-side down, on to the cross, so that no one can see what you've written. Thank God that He sent Jesus to die in your place so you could be forgiven.



Make a list of all the praising and thankful words that come into your head when you think about Jesus dying on the cross for you. Use a sheet of graph paper to help you make a crossword of your praising and thankful words. Add numbered clues, and make a puzzle for someone else in your family to do.



Living Pictures

Think of several important events in the last week of Jesus' life. Then, with your family's help, search for artists' paintings of each event, using the Internet, books, or your local library or art gallery. Or draw your own pictures of these events. Pick two or three pictures that you really like and talk with your family about what each person in the picture might be thinking and feeling. Pray that you will understand more about how much Jesus loves you by understanding how He died for you.

Prayer Requests



Answered Prayers



God always answers our prayers. Sometimes He says,

GO

Yes, it's OK.

NO

It's not good for you.

SLOW

Just wait; I have something better for you.

