

FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 4

Materials: Writing Utensils (all),
Preschool - Cup/jar and Craft Sticks/Strips of paper,
Elementary - Prayer Map (print or create own)

Bible Story: Jonah (Jonah 1-3)



CIRCLE UP

Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.

ASK

Ask each family member the following question:

- What is one thing that makes you happy?

After everyone has answered, ask everyone this question:

- What is one thing you like about the person beside you?

SAY

Those are all so great! You and I can pray and tell God, "Thank You," for the things He gives us that make us happy. We can also pray and tell Him, "Thank You," for the special people in our lives — like our family! When we pray, God gives us hope! Let me hear you say this after me:

Elementary (ES) and Preschool (PS)

God Gives (both hands point up)

Me Hope (hands over heart)

As I Pray (make praying hands)

WATCH

Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the KidSpring App or YouTube channel.

ASK your Elementary Schooler:

When Jonah was scared, what did he do?
(Ran away, disobeyed God, etc.)

True or False: When we believe that God loves us, is with us, and has good plans for us, we will be full of hope. (True!)

What did Jonah do in the fish's belly that gave him hope? (Prayed)

ASK your Preschooler:

When Jonah was thrown into the stormy sea, do you think he felt full of hope or scared?
(Scared)

Did God give Jonah hope as he played games or prayed in the belly of the fish? (Prayed)

HAVE FUN TOGETHER

Print a Prayer Map from the webpage where you found this lesson or create a prayer jar to help your family engage in daily prayer.

DO with your Elementary Schooler:

Print a Prayer Map for each family member, or have them create their own.

Start at number one on the Prayer Map, and lead your family in filling in the blanks with their own words or pictures.

DO with your Preschooler:

Tell your kids that you are going to work together to create a list of people and things that your family can pray for each day.

Ask your kids to tell you the names of the people in your family. Write each person's name on a separate craft stick or strip of paper.

Ask them if there are other family members, friends, or situations that they want to pray for. Write these things down on separate craft sticks or strips of paper.

Place all of the craft sticks/strips of paper into a cup/jar.

Each day, allow each person in your family to pull one out and tell God, "Thank You," for that person or pray specifically for the situation.

SAY

We can use our Prayer Maps and/or prayer jars to help us know how and what we can pray every day! When we pray and talk to God, He will give us hope so that we can be sure He will do good things! Let me hear you say this after me:

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PRAY

God, Thank You for hearing us when we pray and for promising to give us hope. Please help us know that we can talk to You in simple words at any time. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.