

# PARENT PARTNER

## WEEKLY PLAN



### Week 1: How To Pray Honestly

What does it mean to pray? What do we say when we pray? What do our prayers mean? What do our prayers reveal about our motives, desires, and understanding of who God is? The disciples asked Jesus to pray because they wanted to learn, but they also wanted to see how their Teacher prayed. This week we are going to examine what prayer means and see how to pray honestly.

## PRAYER TIME

### THIS IS YOUR DAILY SCRIPTURE:

*I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him. I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what is the wealth of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength (Eph. 1:17-19 CSB).*

### THIS IS YOUR DAILY PRAYER:

I pray that the Lord God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, would give my children the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him. I pray that the eyes of my children's hearts may be enlightened, so that they may know that the hope of Your calling is God, that the hope is the wealth of Your glorious inheritance in the saints and the immeasurable greatness of Your power toward us who believe, according to the mighty working of Your strength.

# DRIVETIME

## CONVERSATION

### **PARENT PRE-READING:**

*You ask and don't receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures (James 4:3 CSB).*

*(Read James 4:1-12 for further context.)*

### **CONVERSATION STARTER:**

I was reading in James 4 and it talks about how we sometimes ask and don't receive from God because we ask with wrong motives.

How do you think we can check to see if our motives are right?

# ACTIVITY TIME

### **Memory Lane**

For this activity you are going to take a car ride. Visit the places in your town or area that have special memories for your family. This may be old houses, elementary schools, favorite restaurants, or baseball fields. At each place talk about some great memories you have had there as a family.

Take time to pray at each of these places and give God thanks for these great memories together. Make this event fun. Get ice cream or your favorite snack and make it an evening just talking as a family.



# DINNER TIME

## CONVERSATION

*As we talk about prayer this month we wanted to do something a little different for our dinner conversations. Instead of using different Scripture passages each night to guide our conversation we have chosen to use The Lord's Prayer that Jesus teaches in Matthew 6. You will want to read the passage as a whole every time, but your discussion will be on a smaller section of this prayer each night. This could be a great opportunity to challenge your family to memorize this passage if you have never done this before.*

### **STARTING QUESTIONS**

Who do you think is the most famous person in the world? Who do you think is the most respected person in the world?

### **DEEPENING QUESTION**

Why are they so respected right now?

### **READ THIS TOGETHER**

*“Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one” (Matt. 6:9-13).*

### **SCRIPTURAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

This passage shows us what Jesus said to His disciples when they asked how to pray. It starts by talking about God's name being honored as holy.

When you think about God, what characteristics come to your mind?

How do you think it may change our prayers when we remind ourselves of how great God is and the power of His will?

Do you ever consider if your prayers align with what God would also want? Why or why not?

What prayers can we pray that line up with God's will?