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For Parents of Little Ones

Family prayer teaches little ones both the blessings of prayer and the great feeling of belonging to a family!

Think of family prayer as a time to connect with both God and each other. It may even become a favorite time in your child's day! You can help make family prayer a regular—and happy—experience.



Here are some ways to help:

■ Choose a regular time when family prayer will always happen. Is it in the morning before everyone leaves? At night before bed? Maybe both? How will you remember? Ask your children for ideas. Be creative! (Maybe a prayer rock or phone alarm?)

■ Before you pray, ask each family member what they want you to say. What are they thankful for? What blessings do they need? Including each child's thoughts and requests as you pray will help them pay more attention to your words and then listen for Heavenly Father's answers.

■ You might start a tradition of giving hugs after family prayer or inviting everyone to say something they like about a family member. (You could choose a different person each day.)



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Hi, Friends!



I took my CTR ring and the *Friend* for show and tell at my preschool.
I liked being a missionary!
Lindsay, age 4, North Carolina, USA

My friend Tom played
with me when I
was new at
preschool.

Jacob

Jacob, age 4, Colorado, USA



I like to watch ants because
they are hard workers and they
remind me to work hard.
Beckham, age 5, Washington, USA



Jane, age 4, California, USA

Prayers and Butterflies

By Jennifer Maddy



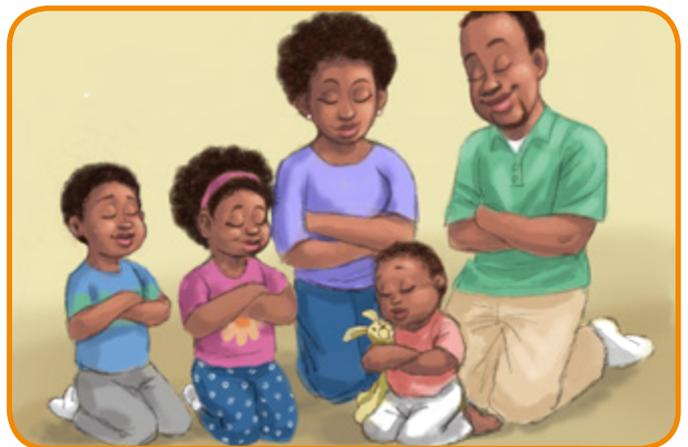
Grandma fell and hurt her leg.
Sarah is worried about her.



"What can we do to help
Grandma?" asks Dad.



"Let's say a prayer," says Sarah.



"Please bless Grandma that
she will feel better."



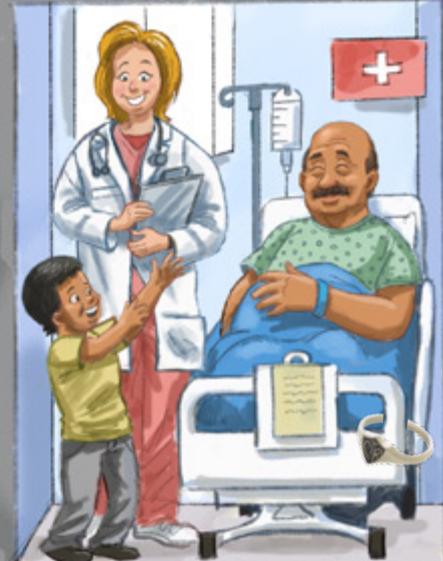
"Let's draw pictures for her!" says Sammy.
"Grandma loves butterflies!" says Sarah.



Sarah is thankful for prayer. So is Grandma!

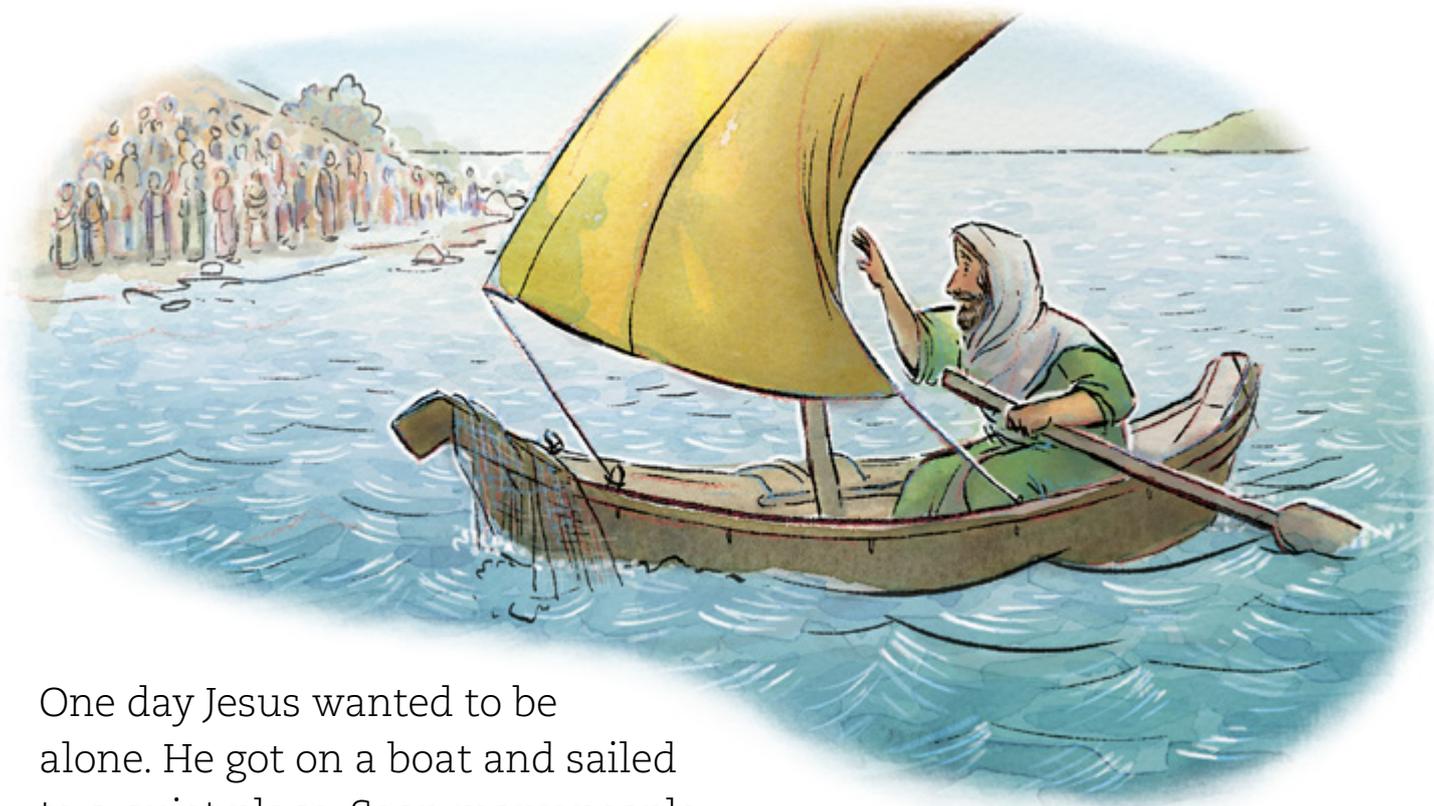
Helping Others

Look for people who are helping others feel better in the hospital. How can you help someone feel better when they are sick or sad?



Jesus Fed Many People

By Kim Webb Reid



One day Jesus wanted to be alone. He got on a boat and sailed to a quiet place. Soon many people followed Him there.

Jesus taught the people and healed the ones who were sick. At the end of the day, everyone started feeling hungry. Jesus's disciples wanted Him to send the people away to buy food in the city.



Jesus told His disciples to feed the people so they wouldn't have to leave. A boy had five loaves of bread and two fish. But it wasn't enough to feed everyone.



Jesus blessed the food and broke it into pieces. Then the disciples passed it out to the people. Would there be enough food?



Thousands of children, women, and men ate the bread and fish.
After they finished eating, 12 baskets of food were left over!
It was a miracle. Miracles still happen on earth today. ◆

From Matthew 14:13–21.

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I Love the Scriptures



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Charlie's BIG Weekend

By Margo Mae

(Based on a true story)

Dasch couldn't wait to play with Charlie!

Charlie was the class teddy bear. He was brown and furry. He had his own clothes. He even had a baseball hat.

Each weekend, one student took Charlie home. It was Dasch's turn.

Dasch was excited. He had a baseball hat to wear too.

Dasch and Charlie had fun. They ate cheese pizza. They played video games. They had a



sleepover.

On Sunday, lots of people visited. Dasch's sister was leaving on a mission. She was going far away. Everyone said goodbye.

Charlie said goodbye too. His big weekend was almost over.

The next day Dasch took Charlie back to school. Dasch stood in front of the class. "What did you and Charlie do?" his teacher asked.

Dasch was nervous. He held Charlie tight.

Should he tell about the pizza?

The video games? The sleepover?

Should he tell about Sunday? The kids in class didn't go to his church. What if they laughed?

Dasch thought about his sister. He knew what she would do.

He took a deep breath. He told all about his weekend, even about his sister's mission. He told how Charlie said goodbye.

Everyone clapped. They didn't laugh at all!

Dasch smiled. He was brave just like his sister. Maybe he was a missionary too! ◆

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