



Calvary
Baptist Church

For the week of:
2/15/26

Home Worship Guide

Parables of Jesus

Prayer is a foundational practice of the Christian walk. This week, we will learn how to pray, what and who to pray for, and how God hears our prayers. Prayer all too often goes neglected in the Christian's life. Let this week be an encouragement to start or rekindle a healthy prayer life.

WELCOME

Why should we do a family devotional?

“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” - Deuteronomy 6:4-8

As long as there have been a “people of God,” the command given to them has always been that they would be instructing their children in the way of the Lord. Scripture expects parents to be the primary disciplers of their children.

But teaching children is more than simply giving rules. It involves showing them HOW to obey the Lord by doing it yourself! These family devotionals are meant to equip you as an individual to grow in your understanding of the Lord and His Word, as well as providing parents with the resources and opportunities to demonstrate for their children what it looks like to pursue God.

How to use this devotional:

This is simply a resource for you to use however works best for your family! Each day there is a selected Scripture reading, devotional, discussion questions, a prayer prompt, and a song to sing together. You may consider splitting parts and having one family member read the Scripture while another reads the devotional and another leads the prayer. Feel free to read additional Scripture as you call to mind passages that relate to what was read. Sing more hymns and songs with your family than the one provided if you feel led to. Use this guide in whatever way helps you and your family draw nearer to the Lord together.

PAST WORSHIP GUIDES

Are you just now learning about these worship guides? Or maybe you were traveling and missed a week. Don't worry! These worship guides are written in a way so that they can be used for years to come.

All of our past worship guides are available on our website. Feel free to scroll and find the one that works for you and your family. The dates simply help you know when they were written, it doesn't mean you only have to read them the week that they were published!

Find those worship guides here:



<https://www.calvaryleavenworth.com/homeworship>

MONDAY

Who is My Neighbor?

Read: Luke 10:25-37

The Jewish lawyer in this passage understands that to inherit eternal life, he must love God first and then also love his neighbor. When he asks Jesus who his neighbor is, Jesus launches into a story. The man who was robbed was beaten and left for dead. He was in need. You would think a priest would have more compassion than to just pass by without lending a hand. You would also think a Levite, who was in the priestly lineage and carried out various functions in the temple, would be more helpful than passing by without offering to help. What was surprising in this story is a Samaritan helped the man in need. Jews and Samaritans despised each other. The Jewish man in the story who was robbed wasn't helped by the two Jewish men who passed by, but by a stranger from Samaria.

The point Jesus is trying to make is “love thy neighbor” doesn't mean just love the people who are easy to love. You can't call yourself a Christian and only love those who are easy to love. The phrase “love your enemy” comes to mind. Then who is your neighbor? Everyone you interact with! Let's love everyone.

This passage confronts our instinct to define the limits of love. The question “Who is my neighbor?” seeks boundaries, but Jesus responds with a story that dissolves them. The priest and Levite embody respectable distance, while the Samaritan embodies costly compassion. Mercy here is not sentiment but interruption, risk, and sacrifice. The Samaritan crosses social hostility, spends his resources, and commits his future. Jesus reframes neighborliness as action, not identity: the neighbor is the one who draws near. Discipleship, then, is not about justifying ourselves, but about choosing mercy when it is inconvenient, especially toward those we would normally avoid.

Discussion Questions:

What excuses might the priest and the Levite have had for passing by the injured man? How do those excuses show up in our lives today?

Pray

Everyone name someone they want to pray for. Pray for that person.

Sing

*All Hail the Power of
Jesus' Name*

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race
now ransomed from the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all.
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all!

Let every tongue and every tribe
responsive to His call,
to Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of all.
To Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of all!

Oh, that with yonder the sacred throng
we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown Him Lord of all.
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and crown Him Lord of all.



TUESDAY

The Forgiving Father

Read: Luke 15:11-32

This parable is timeless as it depicts a son who rebelled against his father so he could go live a life of sin and freedom. The twist ending is he was not actually free but a slave to his passions and sin. His father patiently gave the son his inheritance and watched him as he left to undoubtedly squander it as fast as possible. We see the son do just that! He spent all his inheritance on reckless, sinful living. Only after being forced to get a job and eat with pigs did he repent and turn back to his father. His father was compassionate enough to not just welcome him, but when he saw his son a long way off, he ran to meet him and threw him a big party.

This son is similar to how we are in our sin. We want freedom to do whatever we want. That's why we do the opposite of what parents, bosses, and teachers tell us to do. We have a heart of rebellion just like the son in this parable. Let us repent from our sins and thank our Heavenly Father for His compassion to run to us when we repent.

Although this passage is usually titled "The Parable of the Prodigal Son," I prefer the title, "The Parable of the Forgiving Father." The reason I prefer this title is the typical title puts all the emphasis on the wayward son who eventually, in his desperation, decides to repent from his rebellious ways and return to his father. The parable should direct us more toward remembering how great the Father's love for us is than how wayward and rebellious the son was. God's love for sinners who repent is unexplainable and more vast than any person can comprehend.

Discussion Question

What are some modern examples of things that promise freedom but end up controlling us?

Pray

Thank God for His great love for you, a sinner.

Sing

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss –
The Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart –
His wounds have paid my ransom.



WEDNESDAY

The Sower

Read: Matthew 13:3-9

This time, Jesus is not asked any questions. He simply gets into the boat with a story to tell. He tells this story about a farmer who sets out to plant some seeds that produce grain for bread. The first of the soils, the good seed falls along the hard path and just sits on top of the soil. Because of this, the good seed gets picked and pecked by the birds. The birds snatch away the good seed. When Jesus explains this parable to the disciples, he tells them that this bird is like the devil, who snatches the seed away when someone hears and doesn't understand the gospel. The second is dropped along the rocky ground where the roots cannot run deep. This person receives the gospel with joy, and then when things in life get hard, they turn away from God. The third is dropped among thorns, and it is choked out by the other vegetation around it. This one represents the person who hears the gospel but gets distracted by all the world can offer: friendships, wealth, and power. Finally, the fourth is sown into good soil. The good seed produces good fruit in that soil.

Obviously, we want to be the good soil, and not the path, rocky, or thorny soils. I encourage you to look at your life through the lens of this parable. Do you hear the good news about Jesus and don't understand it? If this is you, it's ok to ask questions. We want you to understand. Did you hear the gospel, understand it, but it didn't take root? It's ok to repent and sincerely turn to Jesus. Did you hear the gospel, understand it, but then get drawn away because you wanted to live for things of this world? Bring those things to God today and give your life to Him. God loves you and wants a life with you.

Discussion Question:

What types of things draw us away from God and His gospel?

Pray

For forgiveness of where you might have drifted away from Him.

Sing

To God be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Verse:

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
so loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus:

Praise the Lord,
let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done.

Verse:

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.



THURSDAY

The Forgiving Master

Read: Matthew 18:21-35

The servant in this passage, let's call him Freddy, owes an unpayable debt. Freddy owes a debt that, even if he worked the rest of his life, he could never pay off. In today's dollars, we're talking about millions, if not billions of dollars Freddy owes to his master. But his master has compassion on Freddy and forgives him of this unpayable debt. The master had every right to put Freddy in prison and throw away the key, but instead, he forgave Freddy.

You would think that Freddy would be motivated to "pay it forward" and show others the same kindness and compassion. But no, not Freddy. Freddy finds a man who owes him much less than Freddy owed the master and demands payment immediately. When the man can't pay, Freddy puts him in prison and throws away the key. When the master finds out about this, Freddy is told that he must now pay all of his debt to the master and be put in jail until Freddy has paid it off.

We have an unpayable debt due to our sin. We can't pay the debt that we owe God because of our sin. That is why God sent Jesus to die on our behalf! That whoever believes in Jesus would not be put into the prison of Hell but would be forgiven forever!

This parable not only depicts the forgiving nature of God, but also the expectation that forgiveness puts on all who receive that forgiveness. Those of us who have benefited from God forgiving us of our unpayable debt are expected also to forgive. As Jesus said in His prayer in Matthew 6:12, "and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." He follows this up with a warning in verse 15, "but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." To be like Christ means to forgive. You have been forgiven much; it's time to be Jesus to others and show them forgiveness.

Discussion Questions:

If the master is God, what does this story teach us about Him?

Pray

Pray for those who you might be tempted to harbor bitterness towards.

Sing

Jesus Paid it All

JESUS PAID IT ALL

Verse 1:

I hear the Savior say
"Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all"

Chorus:

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Verse 2:

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Verse 3:

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
"Jesus died, my soul to save"
My lips shall still repeat

Bridge:

Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
Oh, praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead



FRIDAY

The Good Shepherd

Read: Luke 15:1-7

This passage reveals to us the heart of Jesus as one of welcoming and compassion. On the one hand, we see tax collectors and sinners drawing near to Jesus as He teaches through parables. These people were hated and despised outcasts of 1st century Jerusalem. Jesus welcomes those who are outcasts, hated, and despised. Is this not us? “There is no one righteous, no not one,” Paul says in Romans. We are also outcasts who Jesus welcomes into His presence to teach and to care for.

What a weird thing to do, for a shepherd to leave the 99 sheep unprotected just to find 1 silly sheep that wandered off. This doesn't make much sense to us, but it makes all the sense in the world to Jesus. As the Good Shepherd, He loves each of His sheep and would die (and has) to protect any one of His sheep. This parable is not about good business practices, nor is it a math lesson. It shows the heart of compassion the Good Shepherd has for us sinners. He loves you so much that He would leave the 99 obedient believers just to find you in your sin and wandering.

When the sheep returns on the shoulders of the Good Shepherd, there is a massive celebration! Repentance is present, and the sheep is restored to the fold. This is such good news for us. Repentance is not something to be ashamed of or embarrassed about. It is something to be celebrated. If you have a friend, family member, or even a complete stranger who you know has professed Christ as their Lord, this is cause for celebration! This passage also is a warning for the 99, which warns against self-righteousness. We ought not forget the grace that brought us to Jesus in the first place. We have all been that 1 sheep that Jesus went out to find.

Discussion Questions:

What does this passage teach us about Jesus?

Pray

Pray Psalm 23:1-3.

Sing

Prais Him, Praise Him

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Verse 1:

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth— His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory;
strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children;
in His arms He carries them all day long.

Chorus:

Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness.
Praise Him! Praise Him ever in joyful song!


Verse 2:

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled, and died.
He, our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation—
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus, the Crucified!
Sound His praises! Jesus, who bore our sorrows!
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong.

Verse 3:

Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever.
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious;
pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong!





Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

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Worship

8:30 & 11:00am

Sunday School

10:00am



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"Go home to your friends and
tell them how much the Lord
has done for you, and how he
has had mercy on you."

Mark 5:19

