



**BEFORE YOU BEGIN**

*A FEW MOMENTS TO PREPARE.*

*USE THESE ICONS TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THIS WEEK'S LESSON*



**TALK TOGETHER**

Family conversations with God's Word.



**MORE TO EXPLORE**

Discover how this conversation fits into God's Big Story.



**THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET**

Post it on the fridge. Use it all week.



**COLORING PAGE**

Keep little hands busy before, during and after your family conversation.



**WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU ALWAYS DO, WHETHER YOU THINK ABOUT IT OR NOT? DO YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT BREATHING OR BLINKING, OR DO YOU JUST ALWAYS DO THOSE THINGS?**

One of the things the Bible tells us to always do is to be thankful and pray, no matter what is going on in our lives.

Sometimes we forget to go to God and pray when life is busy or crazy. The Bible tells us the true story of King Jehoshaphat. When he was king of Judah and didn't know what to do, he prayed.

**Let's read about it in 2 Chronicles chapter 20, verses 5-12.**





**AND JEHOSEPHAT STOOD IN THE ASSEMBLY OF JUDAH AND JERUSALEM, IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, BEFORE THE NEW COURT, AND SAID, "O LORD, GOD OF OUR FATHERS, ARE YOU NOT GOD IN HEAVEN? YOU RULE OVER ALL THE KINGDOMS OF THE NATIONS. IN YOUR HAND ARE POWER AND MIGHT, SO THAT NONE IS ABLE TO WITHSTAND YOU. DID YOU NOT, OUR GOD, DRIVE OUT THE INHABITANTS OF THIS LAND BEFORE YOUR PEOPLE ISRAEL, AND GIVE IT FOREVER TO THE DESCENDANTS OF ABRAHAM YOUR FRIEND? AND THEY HAVE LIVED IN IT AND HAVE BUILT FOR YOU IN IT A SANCTUARY FOR YOUR NAME, SAYING, 'IF DISASTER COMES UPON US, THE SWORD, JUDGMENT, OR PESTILENCE, OR FAMINE, WE WILL STAND BEFORE THIS HOUSE AND BEFORE YOU—FOR YOUR NAME IS IN THIS HOUSE—AND CRY OUT TO YOU IN OUR AFFLICTION, AND YOU WILL HEAR AND SAVE.' AND NOW BEHOLD, THE MEN OF AMMON AND MOAB AND MOUNT SEIR, WHOM YOU WOULD NOT LET ISRAEL INVADE WHEN THEY CAME FROM THE LAND OF EGYPT, AND WHOM THEY AVOIDED AND DID NOT DESTROY— BEHOLD, THEY REWARD US BY COMING TO DRIVE US OUT OF YOUR POSSESSION, WHICH YOU HAVE GIVEN US TO INHERIT. O OUR GOD, WILL YOU NOT EXECUTE JUDGMENT ON THEM? FOR WE ARE POWERLESS AGAINST THIS GREAT HORDE THAT IS COMING AGAINST US. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO, BUT OUR EYES ARE ON YOU."**

**2 CHRONICLES 20:5-12**





King Jehoshaphat's first response was to fast and seek the Lord. As he prayed, he praised God and remembered what God had done in the past. He talked about God's goodness and promises. Jehoshaphat was also humble and knew he could do nothing without God.

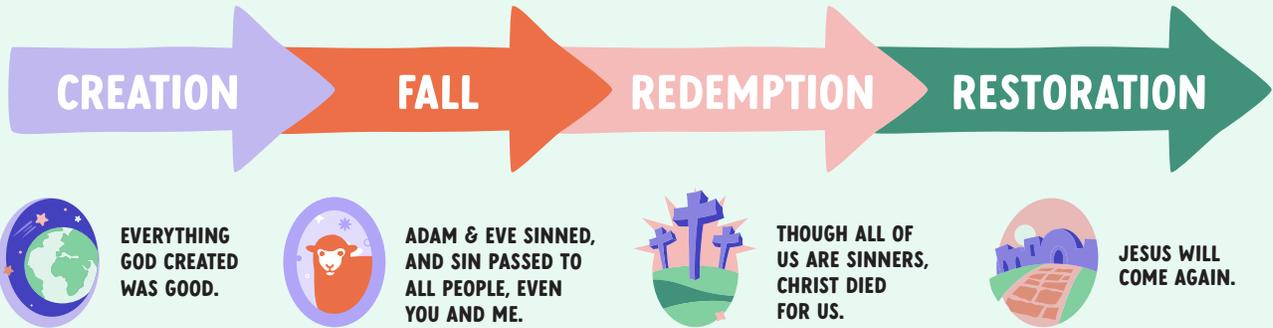
In the end, God gave the people of Judah what they needed. He gave them courage, thankful hearts and even a victory over their enemies.

There will be times when you don't know what to do. Prayer is a way to talk to God so you do not face hard things alone. Just like breathing and blinking, prayer should be something we always do. Whatever you go through, you can face it with confidence and be thankful because God is in control. He hears your prayers and will help you know what to do if you keep your eyes on Him.



END OF TALK TOGETHER

## GOD'S BIG STORY



### FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: 2 CHRONICLES

Today's story comes from the book of 2 Chronicles, a book in the Old Testament. It seems likely that a priest wrote this book, so some people believe it was written by Ezra. But this isn't something we know for sure. This book tells us about many of the Old Testament kings of Israel and shows us not only the blessing of obeying God, but also the consequences of disobeying Him.

### OT-NT CONNECTION

Although your memory verse was written hundreds of years after Jehoshaphat lived, the verses describe what Jehoshaphat did and how we should pray. Read Philippians 4:6-7 to see what God says about prayer.

- What guards our hearts and minds when we pray to God?
- What's something that's been making you worried lately that you can talk to God about?

### WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING?

Prayer is a way that we can talk to God and build our relationship with Him. If we stop praying on a regular basis, that will hurt our relationship with Him. Think about the last time you were sick with a bad cough. There isn't much you can do to stop coughing; it is your body's automatic reaction to being sick. God wants prayer to be our automatic reaction to everything that happens in life, something that we can't help but do.

### IS THERE A RIGHT OR WRONG WAY TO PRAY?

Whether you pray silently, out loud, by yourself or with others, God will hear you. If you have a humble heart and want God to have His way in your life, you don't need to worry about saying the wrong thing. You can sit, stand, run or walk while you pray. You can be in the car, in your bedroom or at school. Don't focus on praying the "right" way. When we are honest with God and submit to Him, He will work all things together for His good.

### JOURNAL

Look up 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 and see what it says about prayer. Now, grab three pieces of paper. On the first piece write, "Rejoice always." On the second piece write, "Pray without ceasing." On the third piece write, "Give thanks in all circumstances." Place the pieces of paper around your house. When you see them during the week, remember how we should talk to God through prayer.

### READ

Finish the rest of the story! Read 2 Chronicles 20:14-30. How did God lead the people into battle? What was the outcome? What would it look like for your family to face challenges and battles with a worshipful attitude and complete and total dependence on God?

# ★ THRU-THE-WEEK SHEET

WEEK OF OCT. 16, 2022

## ♥ MEMORIZE

*DO NOT BE ANXIOUS ABOUT ANYTHING, BUT IN EVERYTHING BY PRAYER AND SUPPLICATION WITH THANKSGIVING LET YOUR REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO GOD.*

**PHILIPPIANS 4:6**

**Q:** HOW SHOULD I PRAY?

**A:** ALWAYS, WITH THANKFULNESS.

## SHARE

Has God ever worked mightily in your life through prayer? How do you see God working in your life in smaller ways as you talk with Him throughout your day? Share those things with your children.

## WATCH



Watch this week's Memory Melody video with your kids to memorize this week's verse!

## PRAY

**THANK YOU, GOD, THAT WE CAN TALK TO YOU WHENEVER WE FACE HARD THINGS. HELP US TO NOT BE ANXIOUS, BUT TO FOCUS ON YOU AND ALWAYS BE THANKFUL FOR HOW YOU WORK IN OUR LIVES. THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS BEING WITH US IN EVERY BATTLE AND HELPING US KEEP OUR EYES ON YOU. AMEN.**

## LEARN

Using the alphabet as your guide, work together with your child to come up with things you can praise God for. For example: "Thank You God for 'A'lways being with us." "God You are 'B'igger than anything." Be creative!

## FIND

This week's story is found in the book of 2 Chronicles. Help your child find the book of 2 Chronicles. Is this book in the Old or New Testament? How many chapters are there?

## FOCUS

It can be hard to keep our eyes and focus on God when the noise of life is too loud. What can you commit to turning down or taking a break from? Does the music need to turn off in the car? Should you take a break from screens? Talk through with your child what things keep you both from praying and being thankful. How can you both commit to turning those things down?

## WHY ISN'T GOD ANSWERING MY PRAYER?

It may feel as though God is not hearing or answering you, but throughout the Bible we can see He always hears the prayer of His people. He is not ignoring you! Keep in mind that God's timing is not our timing, but His timing is always perfect. He is not a genie in the sky who gives us whatever we wish whenever we want. He is our loving, good God whose plan for our lives is always perfect. Check out Psalm 34:17, John 9:31 and 1 John 5:14 to learn more.



SCAN HERE TO LISTEN WHEREVER YOU ARE!

## SING

Listen to this playlist throughout this series as you Call on Him.

**Talk About**

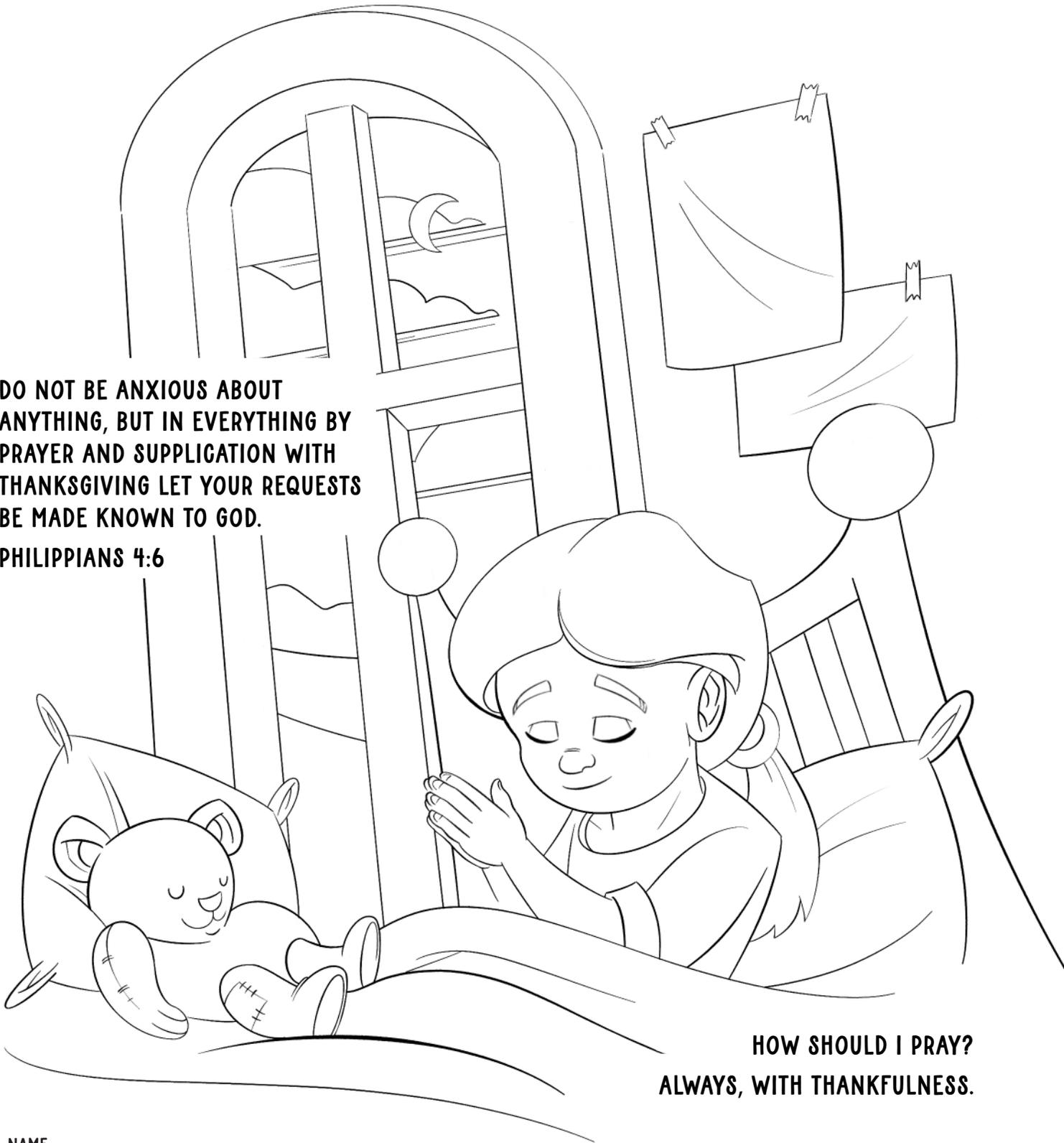


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