# 21 DAYS



OF PRAYER

GC KIDS PRAYER GUIDE

# Dear GC KIDS,

We are about to embark on an exciting adventure! For the next 21 days our entire church is coming together to pray. Maybe you've never thought of prayer as an adventure, but talking with God is one of the most exciting, most life-changing things we can do!



Think about it: when you talk to God you are talking to the one who created EVERYTHING! The moon, the sun, the stars, the ocean and YOU! Prayer is your way to connect with the God who made you, who loves you, and you wants a relationship with you!

The more we learn about prayer, the easier it becomes. The easier it becomes, the more fun it is! Praying and talking with Jesus should be the best part of our day!

Did you know that you can pray:

· Before the day begins · Before you go to school

· Before you hang out with friends · Before practice

· Before you play a big game · Before you go to bed

· When something bad happens · When something good happens

In every situation – PRAY FIRST! I am praying for you and so excited to see what God does in your life in the coming days!

#### I WILL SEEK YOU



#### Read Psalm 63:1-2

"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory."

### 2 Talk about it

Think about a time when you have seen God's power in your life.

Talk about it with your family.

# 3 Pray about it

# WHERE DO YOU FEEL MOST CONNECTED TO GOD? DRAW A PICTURE OF THAT PLACE.

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#### I AM WITH YOU



#### Read Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you."

## 2

#### Talk about it

Think about a time when you overcame a fear.

Talk about it with your family.



#### Pray about it

#### LIST THINGS YOU DON'T NEED TO BE AFRAID OF AND THINGS YOU CAN HAVE PEACE ABOUT!





#### **TAKE HEART**



#### Read John 16:33

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."



#### Talk about it

We can take heart, or in other words be courageous, because God has promised us that even though trouble will come our way He has already conquered the world! How does knowing this give you courage to face hard times?



#### Pray about it

# DRAW LINES TO MATCH WHO GOD IS WITH WHAT HE CAN DO:

**HEALER** God is on my side and will fight for me. God is in charge and wants the best for me. FRIEND PEACE I will choose joy because God is my joy. He is my hope for every situation. **FORGIVENESS** LOVE He forgives me for anything I have done and will do. HOPE Jesus loves me the most. JOY He brings me peace no matter what I go through. KING He is always with me. God heals all our diseases. **PROTECTOR** 

#### **SEEK FIRST**



#### Read Matthew 6:31-33

"So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

### 2 Talk about it

Verse 33 says to "seek first." How can you seek God first every day?

### 3 Pray about it

#### WHEN WE GET BUSY, IT IS EASY TO FORGET THAT GOD TAKES SUCH GOOD CARE OF US.

BELOW, DRAW PICTURES OF ALL THE AMAZING WAYS GOD HAS TAKEN CARE OF YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

(HINTS: FOOD, WATER, FRIENDS, FAMILY, TOYS, BOOKS)

#### **GOD'S HANDIWORK**



#### Read Ephesians 2:10

"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."



#### Talk about it

What are some unique qualities God has given you? Talk about them with your family.



#### Pray about it

# ANOTHER TRANSLATION OF THIS VERSE SAYS WE ARE GOD'S POETRY!

#### HAVE YOU EVER WRITTEN A POEM?

JUST FOR FUN, WRITE A POEM WITH YOUR FAMILY BELOW. IT CAN BE SERIOUS OR SILLY!

#### ALL HE HAS DONE



#### Read 1 Chronicles 16:8-12

"Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced."

# 2

#### Talk about it

This passage reminds us to tell of all God has done. Who is someone in your life that needs to hear about the goodness and faithfulness of God in your life? How can you share this good news with them this week? Make a plan and follow through!



#### Pray about it

#### START A NEW FAMILY TRADITION.

EVERY TIME GOD DOES SOMETHING COOL AND AMAZING FOR YOUR FAMILY WRITE IT DOWN ON A SLIP OF PAPER AND PUT IT IN A JAR.

IN ONE YEAR, HAVE A FAMILY NIGHT WHEN YOU GATHER TOGETHER TO READ ALL OF THE THINGS YOU WROTE DOWN.

(YUMMY SNACKS ARE ALWAYS FUN ON FAMILY NIGHTS!) DAY 7 REJOICE



#### Read Philippians 4:4-9

"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."



#### Talk about it

What is the difference between joy and happiness? How does that answer apply to these verses?



#### Pray about it

#### OUR THOUGHTS ARE A BIG DEAL.

THESE VERSES TELL US
TO THINK ABOUT WHATEVER IS:

TRUE, NOBLE, RIGHT, PURE, LOVELY, ADMIRABLE, EXCELLENT, AND PRAISEWORTHY.

WRITE THESE WORDS SOMEWHERE
AND PUT THEM UP WHERE YOU WILL
SEE THEM EVERYDAY –
MAYBE A BATHROOM MIRROR OR IN
YOUR LOCKER OR DESK AT SCHOOL.

EVERY TIME YOU PASS THESE WORDS, ASK GOD TO HELP YOU LINE UP YOUR THOUGHTS WITH THESE GOOD THINGS.

DAY 8 WAITING



#### Read Isaiah 40:31

"But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."



#### Talk about it

Waiting often feels like the opposite of moving forward. However, waiting on God (expecting hopefully for Him to move on our behalf) gives us strength and endurance to live well. What are you waiting on God for? Talk about the answer with your family.



#### Pray about it

# JUST FOR FUN, GO OUTSIDE AND HAVE A FAMILY RACE!

WHO CAN RUN THE FASTEST?

WHO CAN RUN THE FARTHEST?

#### **KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT**



#### Read Galatians 5:22-23

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law."



#### Talk about it

How has the fruit of the Spirit in others shown you more about God?

How can living a life that shows the fruit of the Spirit in action make us live differently?

## 3

#### Pray about it



#### **ASK, SEEK, KNOCK**



#### Read Matthew 7:7-12

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him! So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets."

## 2 Talk about it

What doors are you praying for God to open?

## 3 Pray about it

# "DO TO OTHERS WHAT YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO TO YOU."

HOW DO YOU LIKE TO BE TREATED?

TODAY, GO OUT OF YOUR WAY
TO HONOR PEOPLE
IN THE SAME WAY THAT YOU
WOULD LIKE TO BE HONORED.

SERVE THEM WITH A JOYFUL HEART!

**TALENTS** 

#### Read Matthew 25:14-30

Read this story in your Bible or using the Bible app on your phone!

2 Talk about it

What are the gifts that you believe God has given you?

How can you use the gifts God has given you to glorify Him?

3 Pray about it

# JUST FOR FUN, PLAN A FAMILY TALENT SHOW!

IT CAN BE SWEET AND SIMPLE.

ONE NIGHT AFTER DINNER,
GATHER IN THE LIVING ROOM
AND SHARE YOUR AMAZING AND
UNIQUE TALENTS WITH EACH OTHER.

DAY 12 BY FAITH

### Read Hebrews 11

Read this chapter in your Bible or using the Bible app on your phone!

## 2 Talk about it

Which one of these examples of faith stands out to you the most and why? Share your answer with your family.

# 3 Pray about it

# HOW WOULD YOU WANT YOUR **"BY FAITH"** STORY TO READ? WRITE IT IN THE SPACE BELOW.

#### I WILL GIVE YOU REST



#### Read Matthew 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

# 2

#### Talk about it

What are some ways you find rest? Make time this week to enter in to rest and enjoy time in God's presence.

# 3

#### Pray about it

FILL UP A BACKUP TO OVERFLOWING WITH HEAVY ITEMS ONE-BY-ONE. (EXAMPLES: TEXTBOOKS, WEIGHTS, WATER BOTTLES, ETC.)

FOR EACH ITEM, SAY SOMETHING THAT CAN BE A HEAVY BURDEN.

LET EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY TRY TO CARRY THE HEAVY BACKPACK.

THEN, EMPTY THE BACKPACK
AND SEE HOW IT FEELS WITHOUT
THE WEIGHT. TALK ABOUT THE HEAVY
WEIGHT AND HOW JESUS CAN CARRY
OUR BURDENS FOR US.

#### **OUR SUPPLY**



#### Read Philippians 4:19

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus."



#### Talk about it

When have you seen God come through in a need in your life? Spend time sharing about it as a family.



#### Pray about it

# WHAT ARE SOME NEEDS YOU ARE ASKING GOD TO SUPPLY FOR YOU?

#### WRITE THEM DOWN BELOW, THEN PRAY ABOUT THEM TOGETHER.

#### **SALT & LIGHT**



#### Read Matthew 5:13-16

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."



#### Talk about it

What does it mean to be salt and light?

How are you being salt and light?



#### Pray about it

# TURN OFF ALL THE LIGHTS IN YOUR HOUSE.

LIGHT A CANDLE AND TAKE A MOMENT TO NOTICE HOW ONE SINGLE FLAME LIGHTS UP THE WHOLE ROOM.

THIS IS HOW WE, AS FOLLOWERS OF JESUS, LIGHT UP THE WORLD AROUND US!

PRAY TOGETHER, ASKING GOD TO HELP YOU SHINE BRIGHT WITH HIS LIFE AND LOVE TO THOSE AROUND YOU.

#### WHAT IS POSSIBLE



#### Read Matthew 19:26

"But Jesus looked at them and said, 'With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."



#### Talk about it

What are some things in your life that seem impossible?

What would it look like if you involved God in these things?

# 3

#### Pray about it

#### FIND THE WORDS:

#### NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE

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#### **RENEW YOUR MIND**



#### Read Romans 12:1-2

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

### 2 Talk about it

How can we live our lives for God?

# 3 Pray about it

SOMETIMES, WE REALLY WANT TO FIT IN WITH OTHERS, EVEN IF THAT MEANS WE ARE CONFORMING TO THE PATTERNS OF THIS WORLD.

ARE THERE ANY AREAS
THAT YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH
RIGHT NOW?

MAYBE IT'S YOUR THOUGHTS.

MAYBE IT'S THE WORDS YOU SAY.

MAYBE IT'S WHAT YOU WATCH

OR LISTEN TO.

AS A FAMILY, SHARE THESE THINGS AND PRAY TOGETHER, ASKING GOD TO RENEW YOUR MIND AND TRANSFORM YOU.

#### **MUSTARD SEED**



#### Read Matthew 17:20

"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

### 2

#### Talk about it

Faith means to have complete trust and confidence in God. Do you have faith at least the size of a mustard seed?

# 3

#### Pray about it



# THIS IS THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED! THEY ARE TINY, BUT FAITH THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS!

WHAT IMPOSSIBLE THINGS ARE YOU BELIEVING GOD TO DO?

PRAY ABOUT THOSE THINGS TOGETHER.

#### **MY SHEPHERD**



#### Read Psalm 23

"The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

### 2

#### Talk about it

This passage of scripture tells us that the Lord is our shepherd. What are some characteristics of a shepherd? What are shepherds good at? Why are they needed? What are some characteristics of sheep? Do they need a shepherd? What happens to sheep if they are left alone? How do you feel knowing that the Lord is like your shepherd? Pray and thank Him for taking care of you.



#### Pray about it

# DRAW A SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP BELOW.

#### **ABOUND IN HOPE**



#### Read Romans 15:13

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

## 2

#### Talk about it

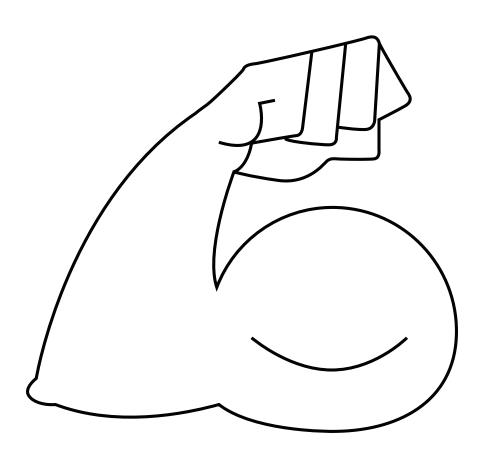
Who is someone you know who is full of hope? Talk about what it means to live a life full of God's joy and peace.



#### Pray about it

#### HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE LIFE OF SOMEONE WHO IS FULL OF HOPE AND THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

WRITE THOSE DESCRIPTIVE WORDS BELOW.



#### **HIS COMMANDMENT**



#### Read Matthew 22:36-40

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

## 2 Talk about it

What would it look like if we lived our lives by these commandments? Talk about this with your family.

# 3 Pray about it

# WHO ARE SOME NEIGHBORS YOU NEED TO LOVE?

# WRITE THEIR NAMES IN THE HEART BELOW.

