

GKIDS



14 Days of Prayer Guide for
Parents and Kids



Dear Parents,

I am so excited for your family to begin this prayer journey together. Teaching others to pray can be intimidating - even if those other people are your kids. Let me encourage you, there is no one in the world who is better suited for this responsibility than you. Your kids will learn who Jesus is from watching, talking, and praying with you.

Here are a few tips to keep in mind as you go through this prayer guide:

1. The 14 Days are split into two weeks, during which you will focus on two topics. In week 1, your kids will learn that nothing is too big for God. And in week 2, your kids will learn that they can be more like Jesus.
2. Each day will include a Scripture and an example prayer. Use this as a jumping point to start a conversation with your kids. For example, if Day 1 is about being thankful, start the conversation by asking your kids, "What are some things you have that you are thankful for?" and go from there.
3. Trust that God will speak to your kids in this process. You may not have all the answers, but that's okay! God will fill in the gaps. Believe that your children will start to learn the voice of their Heavenly Father, because they will! You've got this!

Believing with you,
Pastor Logan

Week 1: Nothing is too big for God

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Many of us have been blessed to see God at work firsthand. He has provided for us, comforted us, and cared more for us than we could ever imagine. Our knowledge of God in this way comes from our experiences with Him. Kids, however, have had very few experiences with God. They may know Him from the stories you tell or the Bible stories they've heard at church, but oftentimes they just starting to get to know Him for themselves. So when we tell them that nothing is too big for God, they want to know how we know that and what it really means. Is it really possible that God can do anything?

The answer is simple: yes, it is possible! We are reminded over and over again in the Bible just how big God really is. Here are some of my favorite examples:

1. "Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you." Jeremiah 32:17
2. "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21
3. "Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." Hebrews 4:16

These verses teach us a lot about God's character. They show us that not only is nothing too hard for Him to handle, but that He wants to hear from us. We can approach God with confidence, and that is what prayer is really about - confidently and openly communicating with our Heavenly Father. We can trust Him and we can trust His word. God is who He says He is and He keeps his promises; nothing is too big for God.

Week 1: Nothing is too big for God

Day 1:

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church forever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

God, I believe that nothing is too big for you! Thank you for always knowing what is best for me. I know that you will always take care of me and my family, no matter what. Amen!

Day 2:

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." James 5:15

Dear God, sometimes it can be scary when my friends and family get sick. But I know that because of you, I don't have to be afraid. It's not my job to heal people, it's yours. All I have to do is pray. So God, please heal the people in my life that are sick and need your help. Amen.



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Day 3:

"Give, and it will be given to you, a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:8

Dear God, I know that you give BIG. Teach me to be generous just like you. I am so thankful that you always provide for me. And not only will you provide for me, but you will give me more than I could even ask for! Amen.

Day 4:

"Submit yourselves then, to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7

Dear God, thank you so much for making sure that sin doesn't have to be the boss of me. When I follow and trust you, you give me the power to resist temptation and do what is right! Help me to remember that when I am having a hard time, I can always ask for help. Amen.



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Day 5:

"This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection." Psalm 91:2-4

Dear God, you are so good! I never have to worry about what will happen because I know you are always with me. You protect me and care for me. There is no one else who could ever love me like you do! You keep me safe from harm. Thank you so much! Amen.

Day 6:

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life." John 3:16

Dear God, thank you for sending Jesus to save me. Thank you that my sin is never too big to be forgiven! No matter what mistakes I make, you love me so much that you still want to be my friend. You are so awesome! Amen.



Week 1: Nothing is too big for God

Day 7:

"Be anxious for nothing, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, present your requests to God."

Philippians 4:6

Dear God, I am so thankful that nothing is too big for you! No matter what the problem may be, you can handle it. I am so happy that I can come to you when I need your help. Thank you for always listening to me. I can be brave when I pray because I know that nothing is too hard for you. I am so happy that you are my friend. Amen.



Week 2: I can be more like Jesus

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When we meet Jesus for the first time, it changes everything. Everything that we do, believe, and build our faith on as Christians comes down to one simple thing: becoming more like Jesus. We are forgiven from sin and strive to resist it so we can be more like Jesus. We make changes in the way that we treat other people so we can be more like Jesus. We make sacrifices in our finances and priorities so we can be like Jesus. It all comes back around to Jesus. Kids who know Him may hear stories about His life or how He loved other people, but sometimes kids can have a hard time relating what Jesus did in the Bible to their own lives. This week, we'll walk through some specific issues that our kids may be facing that can be resolved as they become more like Him.

There's also a possibility that your child doesn't really understand why it's important for them to become more like Jesus. Here are some verses that may be helpful as you explain:

1. "But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did." 1 John 2:5-6
2. "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12
3. "This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Becoming more like Jesus isn't something we have to do, it's something we get to do! As we become more like him, our perspective on just about everything changes. It changes the way we love other people, how we handle difficult times, and how we worship God. We aren't called to stay the way we have always been; we are new creations! We really can be more like Jesus.

Week 1: I can be more like Jesus

Day 1:

"Above all, love one another deeply, because love covers a multitude of sins." 1 Peter 4:8

Dear God, I know that Jesus was the most loving person who ever lived. No matter how people treated Him or talked about Him, He just kept on loving them. It's not always easy for me to do that, but I know that you can help me! I want to love people like Jesus loved them. Teach me how to speak to and treat others even when it's hard. Amen.

Day 2:

"Those who guard their mouths and their tongues keep themselves from calamity." Proverbs 21:23

Dear God, I know that my words are powerful. They can make people happy or sad. They can encourage others or they can hurt others. Jesus always used his words for good. Help me to do the same. Amen.



Week 1: I can be more like Jesus

Day 3:

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32

Dear God, thank you for always being kind to me. Thank you for always understanding when I'm having a hard time and need a little extra help. Help me to treat others in the same way. Help me to be kind and understanding. Remind me how important it is to forgive others just like you always forgive me. Amen.

Day 4:

"A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity." Proverbs 17:17

Dear God, you are the best friend that I could ever have. You stick with me in good times and hard times. If I want to be like you, I need to be a good friend. Teach me to be there for people, to help them when they're having a hard time, and to celebrate with them in the good times. Amen.



Week 1: I can be more like Jesus

Day 5:

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right." Ephesians 6:1

Dear God, thank you for giving me parents that love me and take care of me. When I was born, you made sure I had the perfect parents for me. My parents want to help me do what is right and I want to listen, but sometimes it's hard. When I am having a hard time listening, please remind me to be obedient to them. Thank you so much for my family. Amen.

Day 6:

"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your path. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long."

Psalms 25:4-5

Dear God, you are the best example of how to live my life. No matter what happens, I can trust you. I can have hope for my future because of you! I want to be more like Jesus. Help me to learn from my friends, family, and church how to follow you. Help me to follow your example. Amen.



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Day 7:

“But if anyone obeys his word, love for God is truly made complete in them. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did.”

1 John 2:5-6

Dear God, I want to follow you and be close to you. Help me to obey your word and trust what it says. I know that if I really want my life to be like Jesus' life, I need to follow your word and be obedient to you. Help me to be more like Jesus, I want my life to lead my friends closer to you. Thank you for always teaching and guiding me. Amen.





Dear Parents,

You made it! I hope that your family has grown closer to one another and to Jesus over the last 14 days. Let this be the start of a new routine with your kids. Keep setting aside time every day to seek Jesus and watch as your children grow into the men and women of God they were created to be.

Thank you for allowing all of us in GKIDS to partner with you as you help your kids get from where they are to where Jesus wants them to be. It is such a privilege to watch what God is doing in the lives of the parents and kids at Greenville First. If we can help you, resource you, or pray with you and your family in any way, please let us know. Email logan@greenvillefirst.church with any needs or questions you may have.

And just in case you haven't heard this in a while, you are doing a great job. There is no one who can love, pray for, and invest in your children the way that you can. You were made for this!

Praying for you,
Pastor Logan



Additional Resources

For Mom and Dad:

1. *Seven Traits of Effective Parenting* by Daniel P. Huerta
 2. *Praying Circles around Your Children* by Mark Batterson
 3. *Don't Miss It: Parent Every Week like it Counts* by Reggie Joiner and Kristen Ivy
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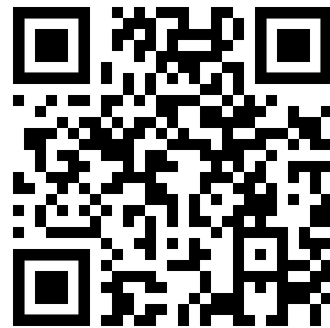
For the kids:

1. *The One Year Bible for Kids: Challenge Edition (NLT, Tyndale Kids)*
 2. *Foundations for Kids: a 260 Day Bible Reading Plan to Help your Kids HEAR God* by Robby and Kandi Gallaty
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For the whole family:



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