

21 Days of Prayer

Kids Edition

Week 3

Hey Parents,

Today starts the third and final week of our 21 Days of Prayer.

Help get your kids into the habit of praying and studying the Bible everyday by encouraging them to complete these daily devotions. Included in this packet is seven days worth of devotions just for your kids. These devotions are the kids version of the devotion that was given to you, so you will be learning the same things.

Here's how it works:

Have your kids read (or if they are younger read for them) the devotion and the accompanying Bible* verses. Be on hand to explain anything they may not understand.

They should then read the prayer and add anything else they want to say to God.

Then help them journal their answers to the reflection questions and write their own thoughts about what they read. (For younger kids, have them draw pictures).

Finish off with the daily activity. Keep in mind some of the activities may require a few supplies. Make sure you have them on hand.

If you would like a digital copy of this week's devotion, you can find it in the Church Center App.

* Don't have a kid's Bible at home? Go to biblegateway.com or download the Youversion Bible from your app store. Search through the various Bible versions to find your favorite. We recommend the International Children's Bible (ICB).

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Day 15

The Word of God!

- We can trust God's Word.
- When someone breaks our trust, it is natural to build walls around ourselves so we won't be hurt in the future.
- We can lose trust in others and in God.
- When we read and take God's word regularly, it keeps us from losing trust in him.
- God's word is forever! 1 Peter 1:25 says, "the word of the Lord remains forever."
- Whatever God said, whatever promises he made, they are still true today!

Read Aloud Scriptures

Psalm 119:105 (ICB)

Your Word is like a lamp for my feet and a light for my way.

Read More From Your Own Bible

Hebrews 4:12

How to Start Your Prayer

LORD,
THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME YOUR WORD
SO I CAN LEARN AND BE ENCOURAGED.
FORGIVE ME FOR NOT PRIORITIZING YOUR
WORD AS I SHOULD. I PRAY THAT I BUILD MY
TRUST AND CONFIDENCE IN YOU BY READING
MORE OF YOUR WORD - THE BIBLE.

Add your own words from here. God likes to hear anything you have to say!

Journal and Reflect

What things can I learn by reading the Word of God?

What can I say to encourage others to read God's Word?

What steps can I take to ensure every God's word every day?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

Write three words that best describe how Jesus has made me feel today.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Blackout

For this activity you will need:

- * Friends are family to play with you.
- * Flashlights for each player or team.

Wait until it gets dark outside so no light comes in through the windows.

Gather all your players and give each player (or team) a flashlight.

Turn off all the house lights.

Have all players except one hide their eyes and count to 20 while the last player hides.

Using the flashlights as the only light source, try and find the person hiding.

Repeat!

God's Word is like the flashlights. It helps us to find our way when things in our lives are hard and dark!

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Clear Eyes!

- Have you ever packed for a trip and when you arrived, realized you forgot something?
- This is like faith. To pack everything we need for a trip, we have to first see that trip in our heads. Having faith mean seeing something before we actually see it.
- You may dream about the future you want. Then you make plans and work hard to get it. This is you having faith in the future you want.
- It works the same for every area of our lives. When we spend time with God and His Word, we will see where we are supposed to go - where God wants to take us. Then we have faith and trust God to get us there.

Read Aloud Scriptures

Proverbs 29:18 (ICB)

Where there is no word from God, people are uncontrolled. But those who obey what they have been taught are happy.

Read More From Your Own Bible

Habakkuk 2:2-3
Matthew 13:16-17

How to Start Your Prayer

**LORD,
THANK YOU FOR SHOWING ME THE HOPES
AND DREAMS YOU HAVE FOR MY LIFE. LET
MY HEART BE OBEDIENT AND FULL OF FAITH
IN YOU TO GET ME TO WHERE I MEANT TO
GO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE.**

Add your own words from here. God likes to hear anything you have to say!

Journal and Reflect

What do I believe God has planned for my future?

In what ways do I hear from God?

What can I do in the next year to move towards God's planned future for me?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

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Matching

For this activity you will need:

- * **A Deck of Cards (or a matching game)**

If using a deck of cards:

Shuffle the deck.

Lay all of the cards out face down.

Try to make matches by turning over two cards at a time (Ex. A red 3 with the other red 3). If they don't match turn them back over. If they do, take them out. See how long it takes for you to clear the whole deck.

If using your own matching game, play according to the rules.

As the game went on, you started to remember where each of the cards were and it became easier to make matches.

The more time we spend in God's Word, the more we know about it and the more it can help us have faith in God.

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Have Faith!

- Faith is trust and hope. We should put our faith in Jesus.
- When our faith is in Jesus, we can easily trust for a brilliant future even though we can't see it yet.
- Faith allows us to believe in God and all of his promises without having seen him.
- Today, we pray for stronger faith in God.

Read Aloud Scriptures

Hebrews 11:1 (ICB)

Faith means being sure of the things we hope for. And faith means knowing that something is real even if we do not see it.

Read More From Your Own Bible

Romans 10:17

How to Start Your Prayer

LORD,
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME. THANK YOU
FOR GIVING ME HOPE FOR THE FUTURE. I
AM SORRY FOR THE TIMES I HAVE NOT
TRUSTED YOU. SHOW ME MORE OF YOUR
POWER SO I CAN BETTER UNDERSTAND IT. I
LOVE YOU.

Add your own words from here. God likes to hear anything you have to say!

Journal and Reflect

How has God proven to me that I can trust in him?

In what areas of my life can I use my faith?

How can my faith impact someone else?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

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Blind Man's Bluff

For this activity you will need:

- * Friends are family to play with you. (The more the merrier!)
- * A blindfold

Choose one person to be "it." Blindfold that person.

While blindfolded, that child will have to try to tag out all the other players.

The other players should make noises and give clues to where they may be, but also try and dodge being tagged.

Whoever is the last to be tagged is "it" for the next round.

Repeat!

When we have faith in something, it is not because we can see it. We simply believe that it is there.

Just like the blindfolded person had faith that the other players were nearby.

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Heart Hunger!

- The longer we go without food, the more we want it I can't stop thinking about it.
- The more time we spend with God, the more time we want to spend with him.
- This is called "spiritual hunger." It's not our bellies that are hungry for food, it's our hearts that are hungry for God.
- Jesus called himself the "Bread of Life." As long as we have him in our hearts, our hearts will never be hungry.
- But we have to choose to keep Jesus in our hearts. He won't stay if you don't want him to.
- Every day, we need to choose Him - just like we eat every day.

Read Aloud Scriptures

Psalm 42:1-2 (ICB)

A deer thirsts for a stream of water. In the same way, I thirst for you, God. I thirst for the living God. When can I go to meet with Him?

John 7:37 (ICB)

Jesus stood up and said in a loud voice, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink."

Read More From Your Own Bible

Psalm 63:1
John 6:36

How to Start Your Prayer

GOD,
I NEED YOU IN MY HEART AND IN MY LIFE.
HELP ME NEVER FORGET THAT WITH YOU, I
HAVE ALL I NEED. FORGIVE ME FOR LOOKING
TO OTHER THINGS TO FILL MY HEART
INSTEAD OF YOU. GOD, I PRAY TO
EXPERIENCE MORE OF YOU.

Add your own words from here. God likes to hear anything you have to say!

Journal and Reflect

What is one thing I can do to choose Jesus today?

Why should I surround myself with other people who choose Jesus?

In what ways does God keep my heart from feeling "hungry?"

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

Write three words that best describe how Jesus has made me feel today.

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Bread of Life

For this activity you will need:

- * Recipe and Ingredients for your favorite bread recipe or a pack of frozen bread dough.
- * An adult to help

Work together to make a loaf of bread. Follow your recipe or the directions on the package of frozen dough.

Enjoy!

The Bible tells us that just like our bellies get hungry, so do our hearts. But it's not food that our hearts want. Our hearts want things like love, acceptance, hope, and joy.

We often look everywhere for these things - even the wrong places.

But the Bible tells exactly where we can get them in such abundance that our hearts will never feel that hunger again - Jesus.

Jesus is the "Bread of Life." This means that He is the food for our hearts!

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Lost and Found!

- As followers of Jesus, we have been chosen to tell others about Him.
- Jesus told us to follow His example. He spent his human life bringing people closer to God. We should try to do the same.
- It is our job to join up with God and tell others about His goodness, His love, His hope, and in the future with Him in heaven.

Read Aloud Scriptures

Luke 19:10 (ICB)

The Son of Man came to find those people and save them.

Read More From Your Own Bible

Matthew 9:37-38
Luke 19:10

How to Start Your Prayer

**GOD,
THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME AND MAKING
ME A PART OF YOUR VERY OWN FAMILY.
TODAY I WILL COMMIT TO SHARING YOU
WITH OTHERS WHENEVER AND HOWEVER I
CAN. I PRAY THAT I REPRESENT YOU WELL.**

Add your own words from here. God likes to hear anything you have to say!

Journal and Reflect

In what ways has God changed my life?

Who are three people I can pray for to have a closer friendship with God?

What can I do to share Jesus with others?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

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Telephone

For this activity you will need:

- * Friends are family to play with you. (The more the merrier!)

Sit together in a circle.

Choose someone to go first.

That person will whisper a phrase (one time) into the ear of the person to their right.

Then that person will whisper the phrase into the next person's ear.

Continue around the circle.

The last person will say the phrase out loud and see if the message made it clearly all around the circle.

We have been chosen by God to share His love with all the people in our lives.

Don't just whisper it though. Shout it out loud!

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Day 20

Spirit Battles!

- We have to fight against the enemy (Satan).
- Prayer is our most powerful weapon against him.
- Satan will give us problems and many times we will try to fight him on our own. We will fail.
- When you use prayer against him, he has to run away from you as fast as he can.
- We need to train ourselves to use prayer first. Pray about everything.
- We have no need to fear Satan, because we have Jesus on our side – and He has already defeated Satan.
- Prayer and God's Word will always keep Satan away. He trembles in fear when we use them.

Read Aloud Scriptures

2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (ICB)

We do live in the world. But we do not fight in the same way that the world fights. We fight with weapons that are different from those the world uses. Our weapons have power from God. These weapons can destroy the enemy's strong places. We destroy men's arguments. And we destroy every proud thing that raises itself against the knowledge of God. We capture every thought and make it give up and obey Christ.

Read More From Your Own Bible

Ephesians 6:10–12
Isaiah 54:17

How to Start Your Prayer

LORD,
I AM SORRY FOR THE TIMES I HAVE TRIED TO FIGHT SATAN ON MY OWN. I PRAY THAT YOU REMIND ME OF THE WEAPONS I HAVE THROUGH YOU TO DEFEAT SATAN AND HIS EVIL. I PRAY FOR YOUR PROTECTION OVER ME AND MY FAMILY.

Add your own words from here. God likes to hear anything you have to say!

Journal and Reflect

In what ways can I use prayer to fight against Satan?

In what ways can I use prayer to help others in their fight against Satan?

What victories is Jesus given to me in my life?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

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Battleship

For this activity you will need:

- * Another person to play with
- * The game boards on the following two pages
- * Scissors
- * Something to write with.

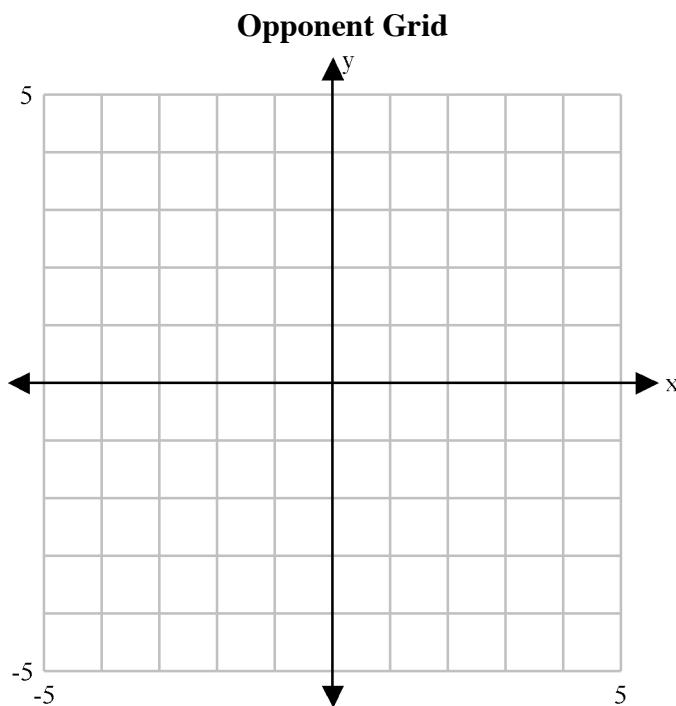
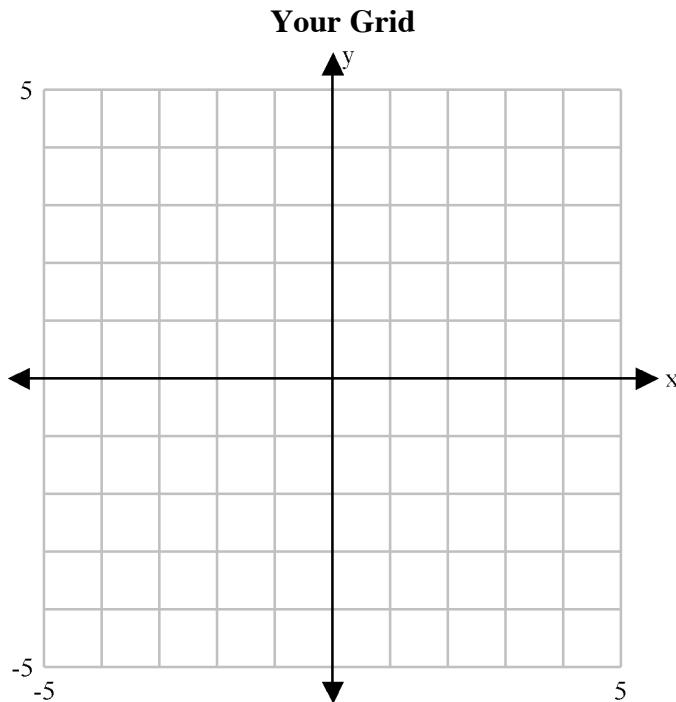
First, cut out the ship strips on the following pages then follow the directions written there.

If you would like to play multiple game, make a copy of the page before you play or go the Church Center app to download another copy of this week's devotional and print out more game boards.

Just like we have weapons in the world to fight against our enemies, God gave us weapons to fight against Satan. One of those weapons is prayer.

Don't forget to say a prayer today!

BattleShip - The Coordinate Game



Put the following ships on your grid by placing the appropriate letters horizontally, vertically or diagonally.

1 - Aircraft Carrier

A	A	A	A	A
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1 - Battleship

B	B	B	B
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1 - Cruiser

C	C	C
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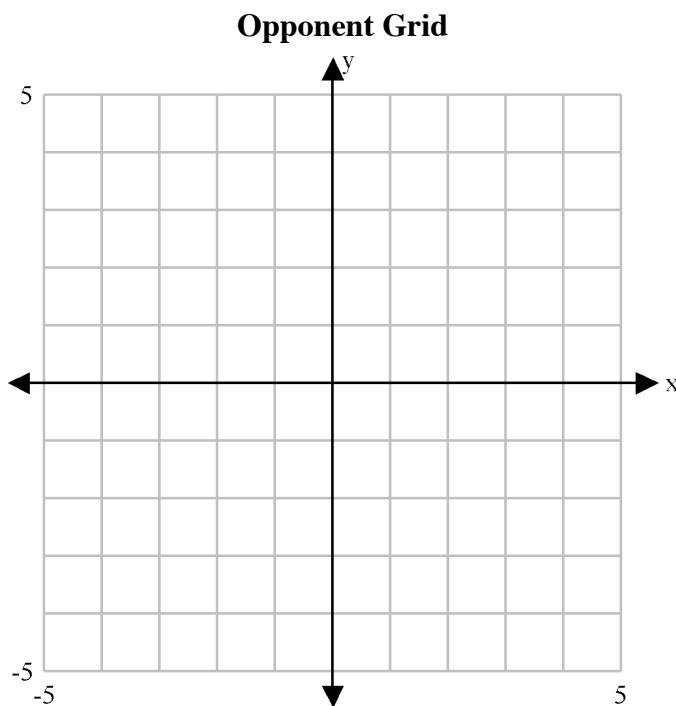
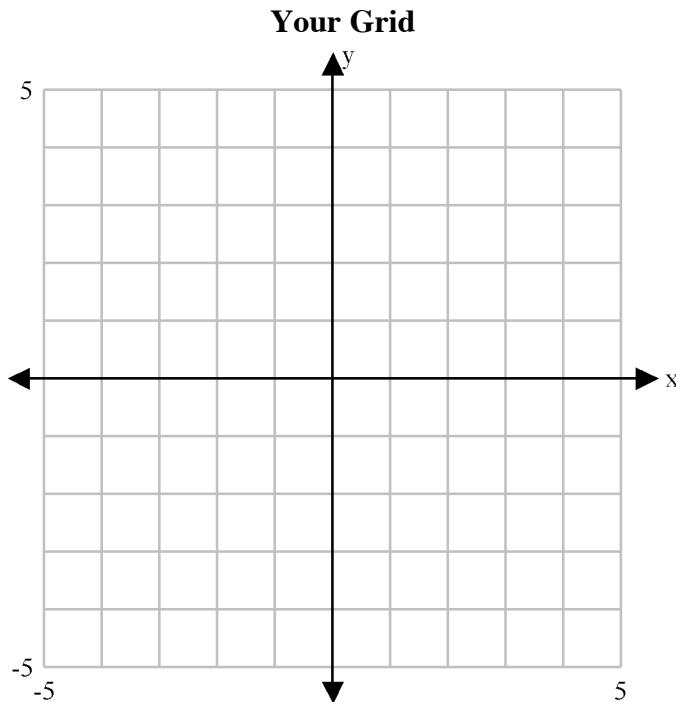
2 - Destroyers

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Instructions (2 Players) :

Both players place their ships on the their grid according to the chart above. Whoever goes first calls out a position i.e. 2,-5). The other player says either "Hit" or "Miss" depending upon whether one of his ships is in the position called out. The person calling out should mark a hit or a miss on the "opponent grid" to keep track of the shots. The other person should mark the shot on the "defensive grid". If the shot is a "Hit", the player goes again--otherwise the other player takes a turn. Once the opposing player has scored a hit on all of the spaces for a particular ship, you must call out Hit...you sunk my Cruiser" (or whatever type of ship it was). Once a player has sunk all the opponents ships, he is declared the winner.

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Day 21

Holy, Holy!

- As followers of Jesus, we are called to be holy. This means that we are to be and act differently than those who don't follow Jesus.
- Sometimes, we will question our value. We will wonder why we exist.
- Through God's love, we are incredibly valuable. No matter what we have done or what mistakes we have made, his love makes us holy and priceless.

Read Aloud Scriptures

1 Peter 1:16 (ICB)

It is written in the Scriptures: "You must be holy, because I am holy."

Read More From Your Own Bible

Philippians 3:20

How to Start Your Prayer

**LORD,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVE AND MERCY
THAT HAS MADE ME HOLY. LET ME STAND
APART FROM THE WORLD AS SOMEONE WHO
FOLLOWS YOUR WAYS. LET ME SHOW YOUR
LOVE TO THE WORLD.**

*Add your own words from here. God
likes to hear anything you have
to say!*

Journal and Reflect

In what ways can I be different than those who don't follow Jesus?

In what ways have I questioned my own value?

In what ways does God show me my value?

What other thoughts, good or bad, do I have about the verses I read?

What other thoughts, about anything do I have today?

Write three words that best describe how Jesus has made me feel today.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Balloon Blow

For this activity you will need:

- * A balloon
- * Something to mark a start and finish line

The object of this game is to get the balloon from the star line to the finish line by blowing it up and then releasing it to fly.

Every time the balloon drops short of the finish line, pick it up and blow again from the place it dropped. Continue until it crosses the line.

The balloon didn't always go the way you wanted it to. It took several attempts to go where it was supposed to.

The balloon is like people. God has a plan for us and a direction for us to go, but we don't always listen. So God just picks us up and keeps trying.

But we can help God out by choosing to go His way and not our own. This is how we set ourselves apart from those who don't follow Jesus. We do what He says, not what we want or what others say.

