

Joy

Help

Forgiveness

Thanks



Questions and Activities



What does the Bible say?



Open to Prayer



Tool
Experiencing Spring 2004



What does the Bible say?



God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled.
Galatians 5:22

I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.
Matthew 28:20

Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others.
Matthew 6:12

Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 5:18a



I praise you, LORD God, with all my heart.
Psalm 104:1a

Everything on earth has its own time and its own season.
Ecclesiastes 3:1

You willingly forgive, and your love is always there for those who pray to you.
Psalm 86:5

You have helped me, and I will celebrate and thank you in song.
Psalm 28:7b

My friend, your love has made me happy and has greatly encouraged me. It has also cheered the hearts of God's people.
Philemon 7

Nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love for us in Christ Jesus our Lord!
Romans 8:39b

I promise you that any of the sinful things you say or do can be forgiven, no matter how terrible those things are.
Mark 3:28

Thank God for his gift that is too wonderful for words!
2 Corinthians 9:15





Questions and Activities



Make a list or collage of what makes you happy.



When do you need God's help?



Who do you need to forgive?



Write a thank you note to someone. Tell the person that you are praying for him or her.



What always makes you laugh out loud?



How do you let people know when you need help?



Who needs to forgive you?



Practice saying *thank you* in American Sign Language.



What can you do or say that would help someone else feel happy?



Who do you know who needs God's help?



Memorize these nine important words in any relationship:

"I am sorry."

"I am wrong."

"Please forgive me."

Learn a song you can sing when you want to give thanks.



Practice looking and listening for things that bring you joy.

Work together to help someone who might not ask for help.

Do you ever say, "Not me!"?



Give thanks for three blessings each day.

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People/Events

- Family
- Friends
- Toys
- God's World
- Animals
- Play
- Work
- School
- Birthdays
- Getting something done
- Seeing someone else happy
- Growing
- Learning



Prayer Words

- Smile
- Happy
- Thank you
- Love
- Glad
- Feel
- Surprise
- Gift
- Blessings



People/Events

- Moving
- Sickness
- Divorce
- Arguing
- Death
- Accident
- Fighting
- Family change
- Being alone
- Frustration
- Worries
- Fears
- Disappointments
- Bullies
- Hurt
- Lost



Prayer Words

- Sad
- Care
- Brave
- Talk
- Time
- Safe
- Cry
- With me
- Hug
- Strong
- Trust
- Patience



Forgiveness

People/Events

- Brother
- Sister
- Classmate
- Friend
- Parent
- Grandparent
- Neighbor
- Myself
- Cousin
- Lying
- Broken promises
- Disappointments



Prayer Words

- Sorry
- Remember
- Wrong
- Love
- Help
- Start fresh
- Baptism
- Mistake



People/Events

- Jesus
- Caregivers
- Teachers
- Church leaders
- Firefighters
- Police
- Gifts
- Mealtime
- Church
- School



Prayer Words

- Blessing
- Protect
- Need
- Food
- Shelter
- Gracias
- Safe
- Happy
- Love
- Peace



Prayer of Joy

Hooray for you, God!
Your super surprises are
all around us.
I can shout and sing
your good news all day long.
Hooray for you, God!

Prayer of Help

Dear God,
We feel sad and hurt and lost.
Please stay near us
until we can smile again.
Amen

Prayer of Forgiveness

I'm worried God.
Broken promises hurt
for a long time. We are
sorry. Forgive us so we can
begin again. Amen

Prayer of Thanks

Thank you, God,
for apples, baboons,
cocoons, donuts,
elevators . . .
. . . x-rays, yellow, and zippers.
From A to Z
you're the God for me!

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