Psalm 8:1 - God is Awesome. Think of something amazing God has done for you and praise Him for it.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 - God makes everything Beautiful in His time. Thank Him for something He’s made over time, like a growing tree, that you think is especially beautiful.

Psalm 139:15,16 - God is Big. He is as big as the universe, but still cares for you as if you were the only person alive! Praise Him for caring about the tiny details of your life.

Psalm 139:14 - God Created everything – including you! Praise Him for making you so special and unique!

Zephaniah 3:17 - God Delights in you! Imagine Him smiling over you and singing happy songs over you! Thank Him for treasuring you and wonder which song He is singing over you right now...

Psalm 145:13 (first part) - God is Everlasting and Eternal and He has invited us to live forever too. Tell God that you want to accept His wonderful invitation to live forever!

Psalm 145:13 (second part) - God is Faithful. He will never let you down. Ask Him to forgive you for a time when you broke your promise to Him or someone else.

Psalm 145:1, 13 - God is our King! If God came to your church or home today, as a King, what would you like to say and do to worship Him? Use your ideas to inspire your praise prayers today.

James 1:17 - God is full of Grace. This means He always gives us, and forgives us, much more than we deserve, because He loves us. Thank Him for all the good gifts He’s given you.

Deuteronomy 31:6 - God helps you to be Brave. Ask Him to help you with a problem that makes you feel afraid.

1 John 2:1-2 - God Forgives you. Ask Him to forgive you for something you’ve done wrong in the last day or two, and thank Him for sending Jesus to save you from your sins.

Matthew 7:11 - God is Generous. He loves to give wise gifts to His children. Ask Him for something you really need and wait patiently for His answer.

Psalm 89:8 - God is Almighty. Ask Him to give you the strength (or might) that you need to do something you find really difficult.

Matthew 19:26 - God can do the Impossible. Think of something that seems impossible for you to fix or sort out, and ask God to help you.

Our God is an Awesome God!
Community

2 Corinthians 1:3 - God is Comforting. Ask Him to comfort you for something you are sad about, or to comfort someone else you know who is sad.

Psalm 23:4 - God is always With us, wherever we go. Pray that the church workers in difficult situations around the world will know that God is always with them as they work for Him.

Psalm 23:5 - God wants to invite us to His parties (feasts), because He enjoys our company. Ask God to help you share a meal or a healthy treat with someone who doesn’t have many friends.

Matthew 11:28 - God shares our heavy burdens. He doesn’t want us to manage difficult things on our own. Pray about a problem that bothers you and trust that God will sort it out.

1 John 3:1 - God is the best Daddy we can imagine! We are all His children! Thank God that He made you to be part of His family!

Isaiah 40:11 - God wants to Hug you close to His heart. Ask God if there is someone He needs you to hug for Him today.

Ephesians 6:18 - God loves Everyone! When you’re in church today pray a sentence prayer about each person you know in your church.

Psalm 103:3 - God is a Healer. Pray for someone you know who needs healing today. Pray for their families, their friends and their caregivers, too.

Ephesians 3:16-19 - God wants to live In you. Ask Him to be a special part of everything you think and do and say today.

Luke 19:10 - God is a Finder of lost people and lost things. Ask God to help you find something that’s lost. Pray for a person who seems ‘lost’ because they haven’t found God yet.

1 John 4:12 - God is Invisible. But we can help others to ‘see’ God, and feel His love, when we do and say the things He would do and say. Ask Him to help you make Him visible today.

Psalm 23:23 - God Refreshes us when we’re tired. Pray that you will find someone to refresh today with your encouragement, your help or a drink of cool fresh water.

Jeremiah 31:3 - God is Kind. We really feel His love when He does something especially kind for us. Thank God for something kind that He has done for you.

1 Peter 5:7 - God is Caring. Make a list of all the ways He takes care of you, and ask Him to help you find something caring to do for someone else today.

Psalm 150:6 - God is Alive! Thank God that you’re alive too and praise Him with your whole body!

Lamentations 3:23 - God is New every morning! Each day He looks for new ways to show us His love and new things to make us happy. Look for something new God does today and praise Him for it.

John 14:1-3 - God is a Builder! Imagine what God is doing to build a special place for you in heaven. Thank Him for getting everything ready to welcome you soon!
**God’s Hug**

Take a sheet of paper and fold it in half, short sides together. Mark the center of the page with a light crease. Open it out again and then fold the two short sides inwards so that their edges meet on the center fold-line, like two doors. Open the ‘doors’ and draw or write about something that worries you, scares you, or makes you feel sad. Fold the ‘doors’ over your drawing or writing. Draw two arms across the doors like God’s arms giving you a big hug. Think about something comforting or encouraging that God might like to say to you. Write it on the space around the arms that you’ve drawn.

**Key Ring**

Design a key ring to remind you that God is with you wherever you go. Use it to remind you that God is always close to you, and to remind you to pray for His protection and care when you travel.
Amazing God Word-Search!

Print some squared paper or use a piece of graph paper. Find all the words that describe God in this month’s calendar and see how many you can fit into a word-search puzzle. Or use a word-search program on the Internet such as the one found at www.armoredpenguin.com/wordsearch. Put each letter in a separate box on the grid and run the words in straight lines up, down, across, back and diagonally. Fill the extra squares with any letters you like, or spell the words of a Bible verse. Make a neat version of the puzzle to give to someone in your family, or to put in your church bulletin! Invite people to pray to God as they do the puzzle, praising Him for all the different things He does.

Answered Prayers

Prayer Requests

Prayer is communication with God who sees the big picture in our lives. Sometimes we don't get the answer we want because God knows it wouldn't be good for us.

—Marlene LeFever
**Worship**

1. John 12:3 - Mary silently worshipped Jesus by pouring her best perfume on His feet because she loved Him. What’s the best thing you could do, without using words, to worship Jesus?

2. John 12:13 - When Jesus rode into Jerusalem the people waved palm branches and shouted ‘Hosanna!’ What can you shout and do to worship Him today?

3. John 14:15 - Jesus worshipped God by being obedient to Him, even though it was very hard, because He loved God and us. Ask God to help you worship Him by being obedient today.

4. 1 Corinthians 13:6 - Pilate asked Jesus about ‘truth’. The truth is that Jesus is the Son of God who loved us and died for us. Praise God for some other truths about His love that make you happy.

5. Luke 23:40-41 - The thief on the cross worshipped Jesus as his King, and Jesus promised he would be in heaven. Praise God that everyone who believes in Jesus can go to heaven!


7. Matthew 28:8-10 - The most amazing thing about Jesus’ death was that He rose again, so we can trust that God will bring us back to life, too! Worship God by celebrating the good news that we don’t have to die forever!

8. 2 Corinthians 9:15 - Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven. Thank Him for hurting and dying so that we can enjoy His special gift of forgiveness.

9. 2 Corinthians 5:17 - Jesus’ death and resurrection changed the disciples from frightened men into brave preachers! Thank God for helping you to make important changes in your life.

10. Luke 6:27 - Even when Jesus was arrested He healed the ear of a man that Peter had cut off! Pray that you will show God’s love to someone who is unkind to you today.

11. Matthew 26:74-75 - Peter was very sad when he hurt Jesus by saying he didn’t know him. Ask God to forgive you for a time when you didn’t have the courage to admit you were a Christian.

12. Luke 23:34 - Jesus asked God to forgive the people who hurt Him, because they didn’t know what they were doing. Ask God to help you forgive someone who hurt you without realizing it.

13. 1 John 4:9-10 - Jesus gave His disciples unleavened bread to eat as a reminder that His body would be broken for them. Eat a piece of broken cracker and thank Jesus for dying for you.

14. 1 Corinthians 11:25 - Jesus also gave His disciples some grape juice to drink to remind them that He would bleed for them. Sip some red juice and thank Jesus for going through all that pain so you could be saved forever.
Romans 8:38-39 - Jesus died for us because God doesn’t want sin or anything else to stop us from being with Him. Thank God that He’s made special plans for us to live with Him forever.

John 12:1-3 - Mary poured perfume on Jesus to show how much she loved Him. Ask God to help you find a creative way to show your love to someone special.

John 17:20-23 - Jesus prayed a special prayer during the Last Supper that His followers would always be filled with love and peace. Pray that God will help you live peacefully with others.

Matthew 26:40 - Jesus wanted His disciples to pray with Him in Gethsemane so He wouldn’t have to suffer alone. Is there someone you can pray with who is sad and discouraged today?

Proverbs 17:17 - The disciples were afraid when Jesus was arrested and they ran away. Pray that you will be loyal, loving and able to stand by your friends when they go through hard times.

Luke 24:52-53 - The disciples were so happy and excited when they realized that Jesus had truly risen from the dead! Tell God how happy you are that Jesus is alive!

Hebrews 13:16 - Jesus shows us that when we love people we need to think of their needs and put them first, even if it means making a big sacrifice. Think of three people you love. Ask God to help you think of their needs and to do something special that puts them first.

Ephesians 4:32 - Jesus appreciates and enjoys everything we do to serve others, just as He appreciated Mary, washing and anointing His feet. Do something kind today as your prayer of love.

1 Corinthians 4:8 - Jesus washed His disciples’ feet. He can help us do unpleasant jobs to care for others. Ask God to help you do an unpleasant job for someone else today, with a smile!

Matthew 5:11-12 - Jesus suffered terribly even though He hadn’t done anything wrong. Pray for the prisoners around the world who are suffering even though they aren’t guilty.

Isaiah 43:2 - Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus by carrying His cross when He was too weak and sore to bear it any more. Pray for the people who are struggling with difficult challenges today.

John 19:26-27 - Even when Jesus was dying on the cross He took special care of His mother, Mary. Ask God what you can do to help your mom or caregiver today.

Luke 24:9-11 - When the women told the disciples that Jesus was alive, the men didn’t believe them at first! Pray that someone you know who isn’t a Christian will believe in Jesus today.

1 Peter 3:15 - Jesus’ death and resurrection was one of the most exciting events in world history! Pray about how you can share this amazing story with someone who doesn’t know Jesus. Plan a creative way to tell someone else about the real meaning of ‘Easter’—write a mini-book, share a video, plan a treasure hunt, etc.

Proverbs 17:28 - Jesus was silent when He was accused by the people who wanted to crucify Him. Ask God to help you know when it’s best to be silent.

Mark 9:23-24 - Thomas found it hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead until he saw Jesus for himself. Ask God to help you trust Him about something you find hard to believe.
Patchwork Cross
Ask an adult to cut a cross-shape from posterboard. Find some different colored-paper and a glue stick. Together with your family, write sentence prayers for forgiveness on pieces of torn paper. Just write on one side. Spread your glue over the words and stick your shapes, writing-side down, onto the cross, so that no one can see what you’ve written. Thank God that He sent Jesus to die in your place so you could be forgiven.

Crosswords!
Make a list of all the praising and thankful words that come into your head when you think about Jesus dying on the cross for you. Use a sheet of squared graph paper to help you make a crossword of your praising and thankful words. Perhaps you could add numbered clues and make a puzzle for someone else in your family to do?
Living Pictures
Think of several important times in the last week of Jesus’ life. Then, with your family’s help, search for artists’ paintings of each event, using the Internet, books, or your local library or art gallery. Or you could draw your own pictures of these events. Pick two or three pictures that you really like and talk with your family about what each person in the picture might be thinking and feeling. Pray that you will understand more about how much Jesus loves you by understanding how He died for you.

Prayer Requests

Answered Prayers

God always answers our prayers. His answers may be:

GO  What we ask for is given
SLOW  Wait a while, not right away
NO  What we ask for is not given, God knows best
Psalm 69:34 - Choose one natural object that God has created and find 5 things about the object that you’d like to praise Him for.

Psalm 19:1-6 - Look at the sky several times today and praise God for the clouds, sunlight, stars, sunset, and anything else beautiful that you can see up there.

Psalm 104:10-13 - Drink a glass of water and think of all the different ways we use water in our lives today. Thank God for creating water, rain, oceans, rivers and lakes, etc.

Genesis 1:11-12 - Help make a salad or fruit salad of your favorite fruits and vegetables. Praise God for all their different colors, flavors and textures.

Isaiah 11:6-9 - Think of your favorite animal and the special things it does that make you smile. Thank God for creating such a fun animal!

Genesis 1:26-27 - You are created in God’s likeness! That’s amazing! Praise God for making you like Him!

Psalm 104 - Walk through a park, the countryside or a forest and find at least 10 things that God has made that fill you with wonder. Write a praise prayer to God, who’s made all these wonderful things.

Luke 15:3-7 - Pray that a missionary will find something that God has created that he or she can use to help other people understand God’s love and forgiveness.

Psalm 8:1-4 - Look out for the stars tonight, or look at a star website on the Internet. Praise God that He cares for us even though we are so tiny compared to stars and planets!

Matthew 5:45 - People have done so much to hurt God’s world, but He still sends us the sun and the rain. Thank Him for the weather today, whether it rains or shines!

Isaiah 43:2 - Sometimes there are volcanoes, earthquakes and floods in the world. Pray that God will protect and comfort the people who are suffering because of natural disasters.

Revelation 7:3 - Ask God to forgive you for damaging or hurting something He has made. Ask Him what you can do to make it better.

Ezekiel 47:12 - Think about some of the plants God created that help to heal people who are sick, and thank God for making them for us.

Luke 12:27 - There are lots of things God created that can help us to understand more about His grace, forgiveness and love. See how many your family can find on a nature walk today.
Song of Solomon 2:12 - Ask God what you can do this week to make somewhere near you a prettier place to live. Even planting a few flower seeds can make a difference.

Matthew 25:36 - Pray for a person who cannot get out of their house to see God’s creation around them. Maybe you could take them some flowers and a prayer card?

Psalm 135:1-3 - Pray for the people who look after the grounds and building of your church. What could you and your family do to help them?

Genesis 1:26 - God gave us the job of looking after the animals in the world. Thank God for the animals and do something to look after or protect an animal this week.

Matthew 6:26 - God cares for the sparrows and all the other birds, too! Thank God for birds. Feed the birds, or provide them with some warm nesting materials, this week.

Ezekiel 36:25-27 - Pray for the missionaries who are teaching people how to take care of themselves by keeping their environment clean and healthy.

Psalm 104:24 - Praise God for every beautiful thing you see as you go on a walk this afternoon, and do something to leave the place cleaner and tidier than when you arrived.

Psalm 1:3 - Find your favorite tree and thank God for creating it. What do you like best about your special tree? How can you be like a strong tree for Jesus?

Genesis 8:22 - Thank God for the different seasons: winter, spring, summer and fall. Which one do you like best? Thank God for 5 things you like about your favorite season.

Ecclesiastes 11:7 - The sun is amazing! It is just the right distance from earth to keep us warm! Thank God for the sun that helps everything to grow and gives us light and warmth.
Seeds

Make a collection of seeds and seed-pods from the countryside, your garden, and your kitchen. Explore how each seed feels, smells, looks, tastes and even sounds! Everything a plant needs to start growing is stored inside the seed! Which seed do you like best? Thank God for creating all the different seeds!

Praise Spy

Go outside with your family and play Praise Spy. Take it in turns to choose something God made that you want to praise Him for. Don’t tell anyone what you’ve chosen. Then say ‘I want to praise with my little voice something beginning with A!’ (Use the first letter of the object you have chosen.) Then see how long it takes for someone to guess your object. When your object has been guessed, tell everyone why that object makes you want to praise God. The person who guessed your object has the next go.

My Thoughts & Feelings

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Nature Jar
Find some natural things that you like, such as feathers, dried flowers, stones, pressed leaves, etc. Make a collection of them in a large jar, making sure that everything is dry and clean. Keep a magnifying glass nearby so you can look closely at the wonderful things God has made. Praise Him for making the tiny things so carefully.

Prayer Requests

Answered Prayers

The ACTS Prayer
A = Adoration, praising God for His goodness
C = Confession, saying sorry for our sins and asking for forgiveness
T = Thanksgiving, saying thank you to God for His many blessings
S = Supplication, asking God to help you and others