faith & family

Life Source

Family Devotions

Hopefully your preteen is beginning to develop a habit of personal devotions. But there are still plenty of times when your input is needed—and valued. Encourage your child to read the daily Scriptures. Read the verses yourself. Use the questions to help your preteen understand the verses and apply them to life. Discover and learn from God's Word—together!

❍ **SUNDAY**—Read James 5:13-15.
In what circumstances does James say that we should pray? What can result from praying in these circumstances?

❍ **MONDAY**—Read James 5:16-18.
According to these verses, what kind of man was Elijah? What was Elijah able to accomplish by praying? What does this example show about the power prayer can have?

❍ **TUESDAY**—Read Philippians 4:4-7.
How does praying help us to develop attitudes of joy, gentleness, thankfulness, and peace? What circumstances does our family need to turn over to God in prayer?

❍ **WEDNESDAY**—Read Matthew 26:36-38.
Why do you think Jesus took only a few of His disciples with Him to pray? Have you ever felt the kind of sadness Jesus talked about in this passage? How can praying help us when we feel extremely sad?

❍ **THURSDAY**—Read Matthew 26:39-41.
What did the disciples do while Jesus was praying? How can praying keep us from falling into temptation?

❍ **FRIDAY**—Read Luke 6:12-16.
What decision did Jesus make in these verses? Where and how long did He pray before He made the decision? Why is it important for us to pray before making important decisions?

❍ **SATURDAY**—Read 2 Chronicles 7:12-15.
Under what conditions does God say that He will hear when people pray? What will be the result of their prayers?

Power Surge

Find these verses in the Bible. Together, memorize the verses.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Talk to God! He's waiting to hear from *you*!