



Prayer-Filled, Praise-Filled

Parents: Today we're talking about what it means to be prayer-filled. In our Scripture reading, Jesus' disciples, Peter and John, were arrested for speaking about Jesus. When they were able to rejoin their Christian friends, they prayed together—praising God and asking for His help. What's your first response when faced with a difficult situation? As we know, children watch and model our words and actions. When a challenge comes our way and we lift our voice in prayer, it shows them that we trust our all-powerful God to help us through it. There are many ways to pray from memory aids, such as Praise, Repent, Ask and Yield (P.R.A.Y.), to prayer doodles. Let's continue to fill our homes and hearts with prayers and praise and be amazed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Read: *Acts 4:23-31 On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one. Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*

Discuss: Can you remember a time when you really needed help? Did you try to figure it out yourself? Who did you ask for help? *Ex: When I was running late for school, my brother helped me fill my water bottle and made my lunch.*

Peter and John were sent to prison for speaking about Jesus. Where did they go when they were released? *They went to meet with their Christian friends.* What was the first thing Peter and John did with their friends? *In prayer together, they praised God and asked for His help.* What happened next? *The place was shaken. They were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God fearlessly.*

Key Point: We Praise You God for Your Gift of Prayer

We Praise You God	(Hands up in praise)
For Your Gift of Prayer	(Hands out and then folded in prayer)

Family Activity: Try a prayer doodle. To get started, you'll find a template below. Write a praise for God, a Bible verse, the name of someone you know who needs help, or ask for what's on your heart. Pray to the Lord as you color and draw.

Prayer: Thank you God for giving us the blessing of prayer. You tell us that when we pray, you hear us and will answer us. Help us to be praise-filled and prayer-filled all week! We love talking to you all day. We thank you and love you. Amen.

Next Steps: Live your week prayer-filled; talking to God about all your thoughts and praising Him for how great He is.



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(Hands up in praise)
(Hands out and then folded in prayer)