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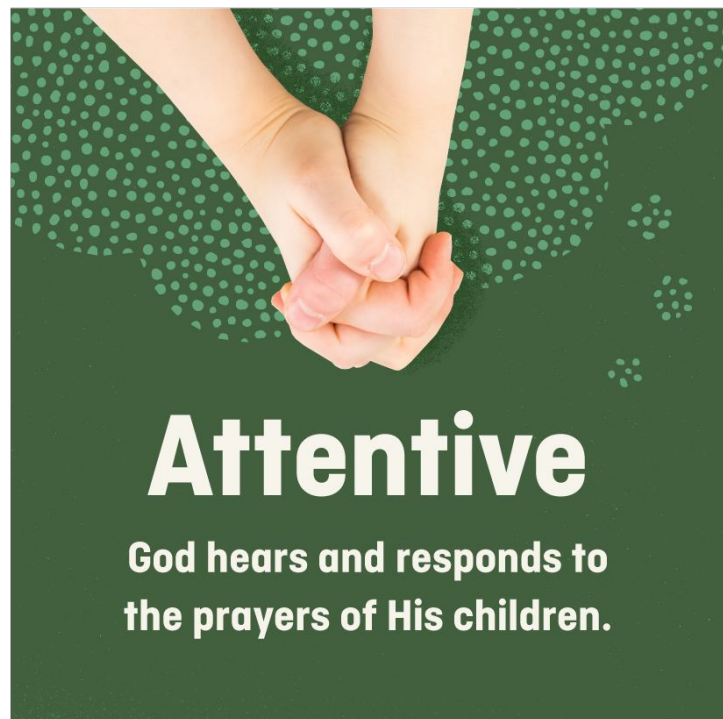
CAPTURE MOMENTS



AND CELEBRATE MILESTONES



TOGETHER



BIBLE STORY

The Church Prays for Peter
Acts 12:1-19

BIG TRUTH

God is Attentive.
He hears and responds to the prayers of His children.

NOTE TO PARENTS

God promises to hear and respond to the prayers of His children. Through Jesus, believers have direct access to the Father and can call upon Him with confidence that He hears and will answer according to His will. This means we can pray earnestly, like the church prayed for Peter. But we can also take comfort that God works despite our unbelief. The same people who prayed earnestly for Peter were shocked when God answered their prayers! They couldn't believe Peter was actually standing outside the door. What good news that the God of Heaven is attentive to His people collectively and His children personally.

Parents, no matter where you are in your faith journey, God will equip you to disciple your children. As you teach your children this week, we are praying that you would know, love, trust, and follow Jesus more and more. We pray your love for Him would fill your home!



TIME

Centering the home on God's Word

After this week's lesson, ask:

1. What is an attribute? *A word that tells what someone or something is like.*
2. What attribute of God did you learn about today and what does it mean? *God is attentive. He hears and responds to the prayers of His children.*
3. Name a few ways that God was attentive in our story today? *God heard and responded to the church's prayers, He rescued Peter from jail, and He saved the jailer and His family.*
4. How is God's attentiveness different from anyone else's? *God can hear and respond to every need in the whole world at the same time! He has no limits!*
5. How does knowing that God is attentive help us to trust Him? *When we realize that God cares about every detail of our lives, it helps us to come to Him with every need, big or small.*

Read 1 John 5:14 as a family. Talk about which testament, book, chapter, and verse this passage is found in.

1. What words in this passage do you not recognize or understand?
confidence — trust or faith according to — in obedience to or in line with will — desires
2. What are examples of prayers that are always in line with God's will or desires? *That sinners would repent and follow Him; that His children would want to pray and spend time learning the Bible; that His children would love and help others.*
3. As a family, what do we need to pray earnestly about?

Spend time reading the following verses:

- Psalm 34:15
- Psalm 40:1-2
- Matthew 7:7-8
- Psalm 143:1



MOMENTS

Proclaiming the truth as you go

- Make paper chains! Cut three strips of paper, and write a word from the phrase "God is Attentive" on each strip. Connect the strips so that they make a chain and the phrase is in the correct order. Have your child slip his/her hands through, making handcuffs. Remind them as they play with the chains that, just like God listened in the story, He still listens to prayers today!
- Parents, share stories of times when you have prayed or been prayed for earnestly. How did God show that He is attentive during that time?
- Who needs your earnest prayers today? Set a time for your family to pray for them. You can even set reminders around the house such as sticky notes, decorated rocks with names on them, or pictures of them on your fridge.
- Have each family member choose one of the following verses and create a poster to display somewhere in your house as a reminder that God is attentive: 1 John 5:14, Psalm 34:15, Psalm 40:1-2, Matthew 7:7-8, Psalm 143:1

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY Praise God that He is attentive! Thank Him that He hears and responds to the prayers of His children. Confess the needs or issues that you haven't prayed earnestly about. Ask Him to help you and your family to trust Him.

MEMORY VERSE

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18(ESV)