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Hello Trinity Episcopal Church Sunday School Families,

"Jesus Prays for His Disciples" is the title of this week's lesson, from John 17:6-19. This lesson tells of how Jesus prayed for His disciples and how we can also pray to God to help lead us. Our memory verse for this week is: "I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name." (John 17:11)

<https://sermons4kids.com/> is the homepage and where you will find the sermon lesson to read to your children. For this lesson, you will need the maze handout which can be printed from the homepage of Sermons4Kids and pencils or crayons.

To the right of the lesson are links to print a coloring page, word search, a crossword puzzle and more. Feel free to use any of these supplemental activities for your child's individual level. Additionally, below the lesson is an instructional video to make a prayer box and sample prayers to put within the box. To do this activity at home, you can use an old cereal or shoe box and decorate it with construction or wrapping paper as well.

This week's group activities can also be found in that list of resources besides the sermon reading. Feel free to use and modify any of these activities to suit your family. At the bottom of this email, there is a themed snack idea provided by Sermons4Kids. There you will also find the Discussion Questions and Suggested Prayer Starters from Sermons4Kids.

Sample prayer for this week:

God, as we search for the path that will lead us safely through this world, we place our trust in You and ask for Your guidance and protection. In Jesus' name, amen.

We pray for the peace and health of you all! We have been so excited to see many families returning to church and Sunday School these past few weeks and look forward to seeing you again this week!

God bless you,

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Elementary Discussion:

This week, kids learned about how Jesus prayed for His disciples. Before it was time for Him to leave this world, He knew they would have troubles. Jesus prayed to God, "While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe. No one was lost, but now I am coming to You and I ask You to protect them and keep them safe" (John 17:12). Jesus knew when He left the world that God would help His friends make the right choices in life. Children learned that they can ask God for help anytime, and use the Bible to help us make good choices, too. Bible Memory Verse: "I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to You. Holy Father, protect them by the power of Your name." (John 17:11)

Monday

Review Luke John 17:11 today.

Tell about a time that God helped you make a good choice.

Thank God for His protection and guidance in your life.

Tuesday

Review Luke John 17:11 today.

What does it mean to you that Jesus prayed for His followers?

Thank God for Jesus still praying for you in heaven.

Wednesday

Review Luke John 17:11 today.

How can we pray for our friends when they face hard things?

Think of one friend and ask God to protect and guide that person.

Thursday

Review Luke John 17:11 today.

What did you learn from Jesus' prayer for His disciples?

Ask God to guide you like He did Jesus' disciples.

Friday

Review Luke John 17:11 today.

How can you pray for others like Jesus?

Ask God to help you be faithful to pray for others this week.

Out and In This World Snacks

You'll Need (use parental discretion with small items):

- Vanilla yogurt
- Blue food coloring
- Green food coloring
- 2 large bowls
- Small plastic cups - one per child
- Spoons - one per child

Follow these steps to make the snacks:

- Use blue and green food coloring to dye the vanilla yogurt.
- Leave blue and green yogurt in separate containers with their own spoons.
- Give each child a cup and a spoon.
- Invite kids to mix the blue and green yogurt in their cups to make it appear to resemble earth.
- Enjoy.

Discuss:

- ASK: *What are some hard things we have to deal with in the world? How can we pray for our friends when they face those hard things?*
- SAY: *The reason for Jesus' prayer we are learning about today is because He was leaving the world. He was praying for His disciples that were staying in the world.*