

PARENT GUIDE

JOURNEY

Lesson 3.1: Pray

WITNESSES

► SCRIPTURE READING

Colossians 4:2-6

SUMMARY:

This week students are learning about the role and power of prayer in witnessing to others. Not only is our relationship with Christ dependent on prayer, but our ability to carry out His mission for His people is guided by prayer. This is precisely what Paul is telling the Colossian church in this week's reading. He teaches three specific things about prayer. First, he reminds them to be devoted to prayer (v. 2). Second, Paul points to prayer as a means of reliance on God (v. 3). And third, Paul prays for clarity so others can see Christ through him.

Prayer aligns us with the very heart of God. It helps us see others the way He does. Students are being encouraged to devote themselves to prayer, to be watchful and thankful for what God is doing, and to pray that God would give them the words to be clear as they share truth in love. Pray for your student, that God would open her or his heart to the needs of others and would create deeper and more impactful relationships that reflect Christ.

► CORE VERSE

Colossians 4:3-4

► CORE CONCEPTS

Prayer unites my heart with God's to see opportunities to share the gospel.

Devote: Exclusively focus on something

► DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- Who has been on your heart and mind lately?
- How has God shaped your heart and attitude for others?
- Who can I be praying about with you?
- Tell me your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?