

## Bible Passage

James 5 v 13-20  
Pray Powerfully

## Today in church we learned that...

We can pray powerful prayers  
which change the world!

Why not take some time this week to  
revisit the Bible Passage using the  
following questions and activities.

Can you find a way to remember the  
memory verse together?

## Memory Verse

Leviticus 19 v 18

Love your neighbor as you love yourself.

## Discussion Starters/ Teaching

- What is prayer? What can we pray about?

*Just like a best friend God wants us to talk with Him and share our feelings and needs. When we talk to God we call it prayer, sometimes we use prayers that others have written e.g. The Lord's Prayer but we can also say our own words, we can speak to God alone or pray alongside others.*

## Going Deeper

- Why do you think God doesn't always answer our prayers straight away?
- Do you think there are things we shouldn't pray about?

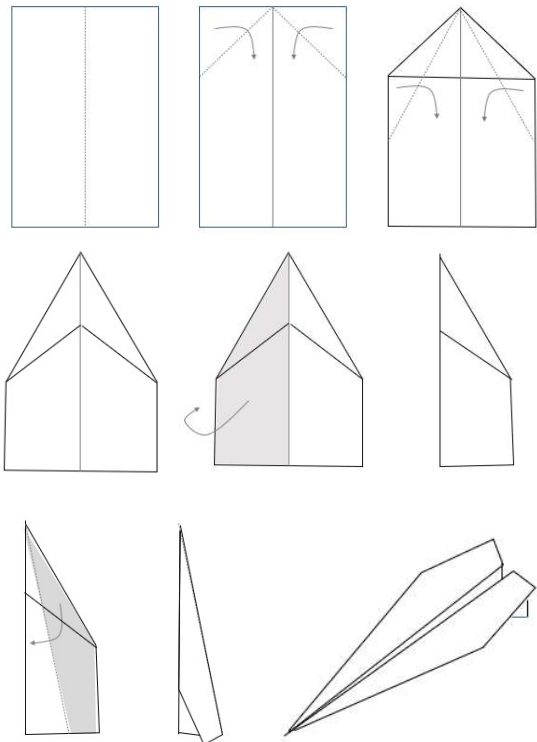
## Connect with God Together

James 5 v 13-14 says "Anyone who is having troubles should pray. Anyone who is happy should sing praises." After you have given your troubles to God in prayer, put on some of your favorite worship songs and spend time singing, dancing, and praising God together.



## Family Fun Together

**Paper Airplanes:** James 5 v 13 reminds us that when we have troubles we should pray. We can give our worries or problems to God and ask for His help. Use the simple guide below to make your own paper airplanes. You could write or draw on them any troubles or worries you want to share with God and then throw them as an act of prayer.



### A question for adults to ask children

Is there anything you would like to ask God for help with today?

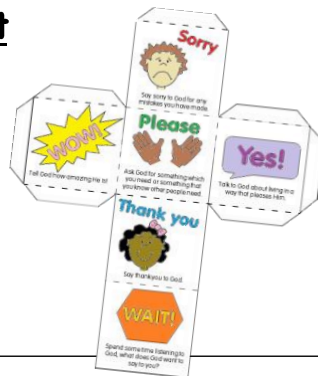
*The Bible says that Moses spoke to God face to face as friends. We can chat to God anywhere about anything. There is no issue too small for God to be interested.*

### A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you prayed to God and God answered you right away?

## Craft

**Prayer Cube** – Decorate/ color and cut out the prayer cube template on the last page and fold to make the cube. It reminds us of the many different ways we can pray to God.



## Games

**Secret whispers:** A message is passed around the circle via whispers. Use it as a reminder that God can not only hear us when we speak loudly but also when we speak quietly or in our heads.

When we pray and talk to God it is also important to listen to what God is saying to us.



## Object Lesson

**Sandwich:** Make a sandwich, you can fill it with any ingredients, as crazy as you like... the weirder the better.

Explain how prayer can be like making a sandwich:  
It always begins the same with bread (coming to God) and it ends the same (with Amen, which just means "let it happen"), but in the middle we can put whatever we like. We have freedom to bring anything to God in prayer and say whatever we want to God when we speak to Him.



## Spiritual Training Activity

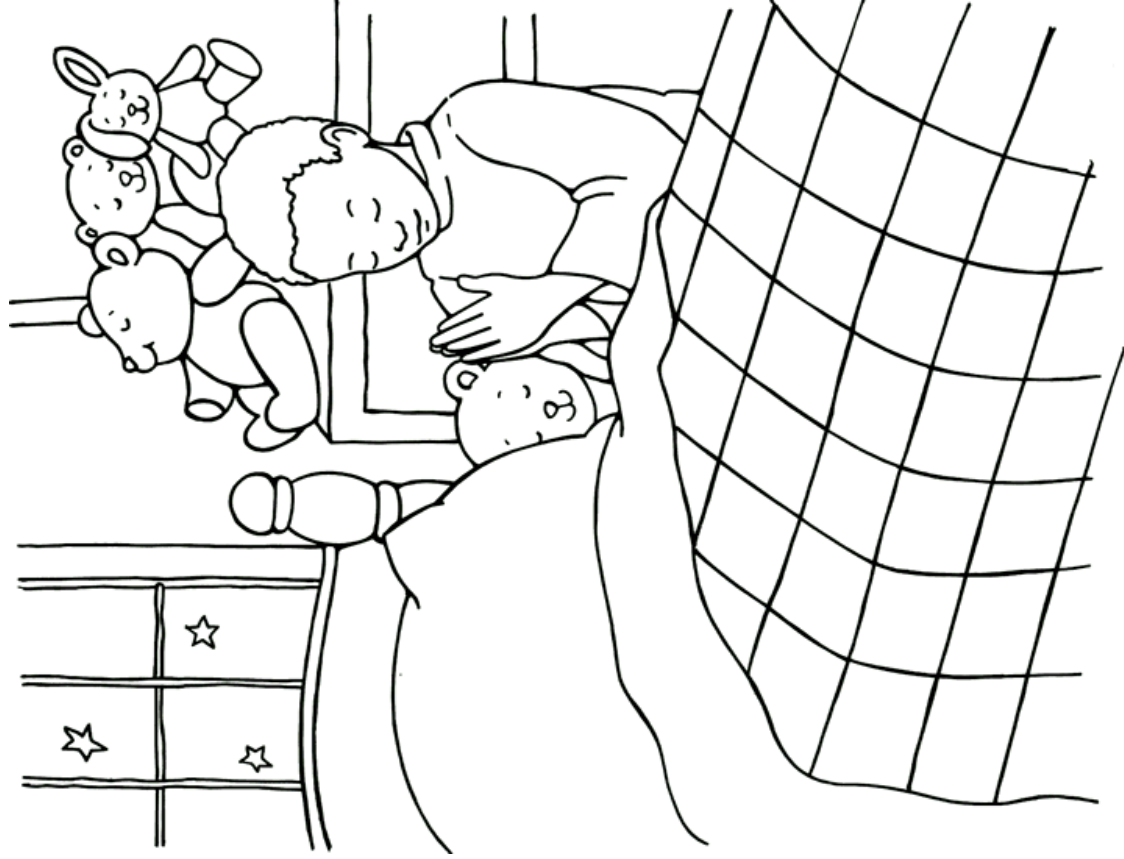
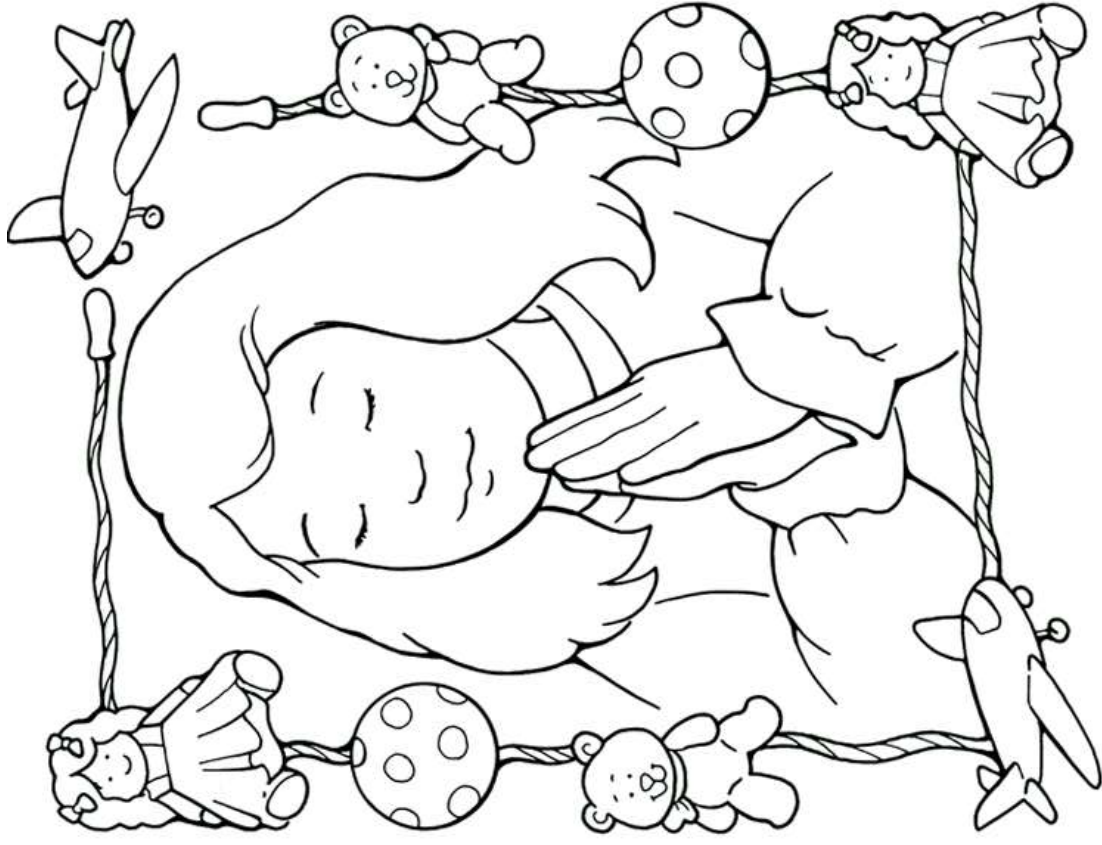
Spend some time praying for and with one another.

You can support one another's prayers by saying "Amen" at the end of each one.

## Links to other readings for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.

**Mark 9 v 39:** But Jesus said, "Don't stop him, because anyone who uses my name to do powerful things will not easily say evil things about me" *This verse from Mark 9 reminds us that there is power in our words, we can pray things 'in the name of Jesus' and see wonderful things happen.*

# Coloring Page



# The Prayer of Faith

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. James 5:16 (NIV)



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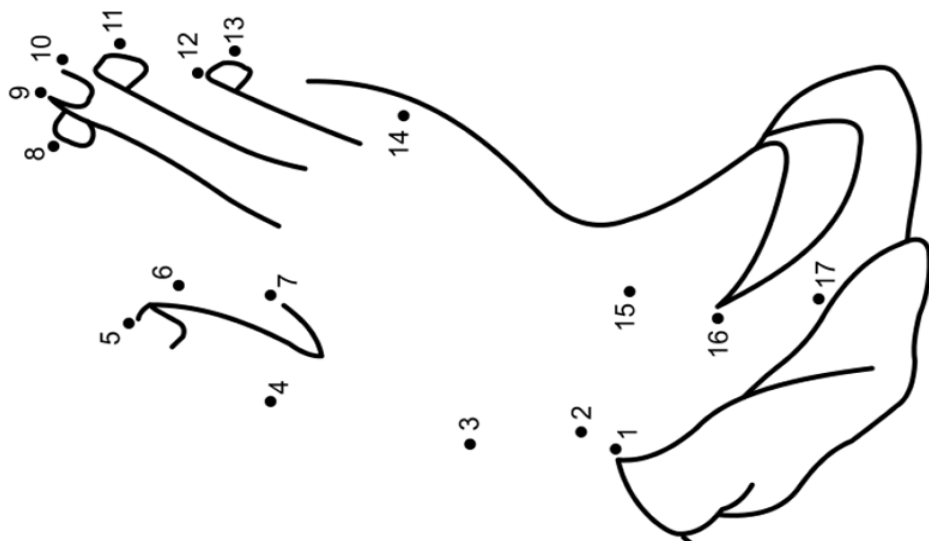
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## Praying Hands Dot-to-Dot



# Prayer Cube

Cut along the solid lines - Fold along the dotted lines – Glue the tabs

