



# When Heaven TOUCHES EARTH

Acts 1:14

## FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message: September 27, 2020

**Key Thought: Prayer is the most important thing that believers in Jesus Christ must do.**

### PARENT HELPS:

- Read Acts 1:14 and Acts 2:1
- Explain to your children the importance of prayer as a means of communication with God. Share the example of friends who talk to each other all the time versus friends who don't talk to each other at all. Ask which set of friends would have a better friendship.
- We cannot have a real relationship with God without prayer. God chooses to move in our life through the prayers of His people.
- Share an example of a time that God has answered a prayer in your life or how God has used others praying for you to work in your life.

### DISCUSSION:

- Younger Kids' Questions:
  1. What does it mean to pray?
  2. What are some things that we can pray about?
  3. When are times that we can pray?
- Older Kids' Questions:
  1. How do you know that God will help you when you pray? Read Acts 2:21
  2. Why is prayer the most important thing that believers must do?

### APPLY:

- The resurrection and ascension of Jesus inspires us to obedience.
- Prayer is the primary and foundational means by which God's work is done.
- Heaven touches earth when God's people pray.

### ACTIVITY: CREATE A PRAYER JAR

Gather 14 large craft sticks and a jar or cup that is tall enough to hold the craft sticks. Have your child label each stick with the following prayer prompts: obedience & self-control, our leaders, our community, God's forgiveness, something you need, relationship with God, a sibling, relationship with others, friends, our church, something you want, a family member, health, and PRAISE! Have each child choose a stick before beginning prayer time and then pray using the prayer prompt labeled on the craft stick that was chosen. A prayer jar helps you to focus on one aspect of prayer at a time while applying it and making it personal to each member of your family.

### PRAY TOGETHER:

- Praise God for His love and care for your family.
- Ask God to give you courage to trust Him in the midst of difficult circumstances.
- Thank God for the ability to come to Him in prayer with all of our needs.