

The Prayer Diary

Key Word: **Protect**

Key Verse: As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

John 17:18

Sammy wasn't very good at prayer. He thought it was a waste of time, but when things went wrong, he found himself praying. He wasn't sure that God ever heard his prayers. Sammy's parents had taught him a prayer that began, "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild," and ended, "God bless Mommy and Daddy and me and make me a good boy." Sammy thought that prayer was just sad.

Sammy had started confirmation classes at church and they were fun. At the end of the first class, the leader lit a small candle. She invited everyone to look at the candle and open themselves to God. Sammy stared at the candle, and his mind began to relax. He found himself thinking about his granny who was so old there was always something wrong with her. He asked God to bless her. He was sorry when the class ended and the candle was blown out.

The next week, the teacher brought bubbles. She reminded them of the story of Noah and the flood and how God put a rainbow in the sky as a sign that he would always be around. She showed them how every bubble contained a rainbow, and asked them to visually attach their prayers to the bubbles. She said, "As the bubbles

burst, know that your prayer is heard." For the first time, Sammy felt that his prayers were heard by God. It felt so different from before.

The teacher suggested they keep a prayer diary. Sammy didn't tell his friends, but he wrote the date, the time, and the names of everyone who he thought about. Sometimes all by itself, his mind would say, "I love you, God, help my unlove," in rhythm with his footsteps. He wrote it all down in his diary. At the end of the class he read back through the diary. He thought, "When I grow up I'm going to work for Jesus." He had no idea how that thought happened, but he realized it had become real. It wasn't just him saying things to God. God was saying things to him as well!

Prayer became a wonderful experience for Sammy. Sometimes it was easy, sometimes it was hard, but no matter what he did, he couldn't help praying. He gave his whole life into God's hands and he had a deep peace.

Questions

Have you ever tried keeping a prayer diary? Could you try?

What does Jesus pray for in today's scriptures?

Secret Word: **SANCTIFY**

LETTER TILE
 THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE.
 BUT I ASK YOU TO PROTECT
 THEM OUT OF THE WORLD.
 I AM NOT ASKING YOU TO TAKE
 THEM FROM THE EVIL ONE.

WORD SCRAMBLE
 WORLD BELONG
 HOLY GIVEN
 DESTINED COMPLETE
 PROTECT BELONG
 GLORIFIED BELONG

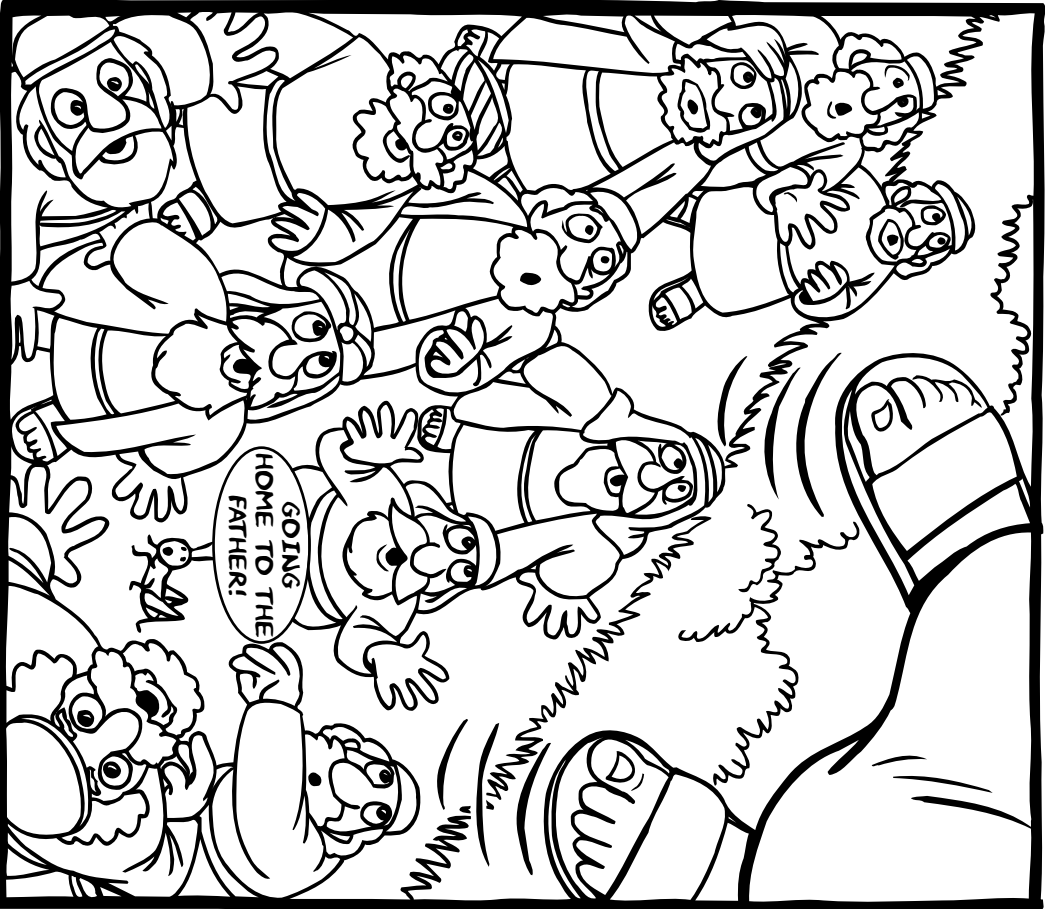
WORD FIND

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Answers

LETTER TILE

WORD SCRAMBLE



Gospel Grams

Today's Gospel Story is from **John 17:6-19**

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