

John 17

I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.

John 17:26

Readings this week:

S	John 17:1-8
M	John 17:9-19
T	John 17:20-26
W	Psalm 32
Th	Psalm 33
F	Psalm 34
S	Philippians 4:4-9

Our Father in heaven

Jesus told us to think of God as our father. Can you think of ways in which God is like a father to you?



Talk about the ways you communicate with your parents and how this compares with the way you can communicate with God.

Talk about the relationship you have with your parents. What happens when you ask them for something?

What does all this tell us about God our father?

In John 17:1-26 Jesus' prayer to his father is a very frank expression of the way he feels about things. It talks about the relationship Jesus has with God, and the way that Jesus shares the same purpose as God.

Can you answer these questions about Jesus' prayer:



What matters to him in v2?

Whom does he pray for? (v9 and 20)



What does he pray for us? (v21)
Describe what you think would be the answer to his prayer

Can you think of a time something has happened which is an answer to a prayer?

Do you always know when a prayer will be answered?

What does he want the world to know? (v23)

Crack the code to see one of the reasons Jesus said this prayer:

ITSHAEYYTMHAEYSHEATVHEITNHGE
SFWUHLILLMEEIAASMUSRTEIOLFLMIY
NJTOHYEWWIOTRHLIDNSTOHTEHMA.T

The way to a good relationship with anyone is to communicate and share with them. How can you do this with God?

Look at the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. Does that teach you anything about how to pray and what to pray for?

How often should you talk to God?

Does it matter where you are or who you are with?

Digging Deeper - Jesus always prayed

Find out about some of Jesus' other prayers. Look up these references and decide if you can where Jesus was, when it was and who or what Jesus was praying for.

- Luke 3:21
- Luke 5:16
- Luke 9:18
- Luke 9:29
- Luke 11:1
- Matthew 14:23
- Matthew 19:13
- Mark 1:35
- Luke 22:32
- Luke 22:41-44

Thank you God for hearing us when we talk to you.