Activity: Prayer Wall



Teaching Goal: Pray about everything.

<u>Scriptures</u> Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying. Ephesians 2:19-20 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Materials: 3 x 5 index cards, Crayons & markers, Tape

Lesson and Discussion: Words written in **bold** are when the leader is speaking. Feel free to use your own words.

A. DISCUSSION: What is a cornerstone? Listen to answers. A cornerstone is usually the bottom stone at the corner of two intersecting walls near the front of a building. Sometimes the date when the building was built will be engraved on the cornerstone. Why is the cornerstone important? Listen to answers. The cornerstone is the first stone laid. Every other stone is measured and leveled based on the cornerstone. If the cornerstone is crooked, then the rest of the structure will be crooked. If the cornerstone is true, then the rest of the building will be true. If the cornerstone is weak then the rest of the building will be weak. The structure of the building rests and depends on the cornerstone.

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FAMILY FUN TIME ACTIVITY

....Continued Lesson and discussion:

Several times in the Bible, Jesus is called the "cornerstone." Invite a volunteer to read Ephesians 2:19-20. How is Jesus like a cornerstone? Listen to answers. The life of a Christian is built on the teachings of Jesus. Jesus is truth and the measurement for all we do, say and think. Jesus is our strength and will keep us from falling.

- B. ACTIVITY: We are going to build a special wall and "Jesus" is going to be the cornerstone of our wall. We are going to build a prayer wall. Invite a volunteer to read Ephesians 6:18. We are to pray always and about everything. These 3 x 5 cards are going to be the bricks. Let's build our family prayer wall.
 - Using the crayons, color the edges of the card or "brick" leaving plenty of blank space on the card for writing names, events and requests. •
 - Make a special brick with the name "Jesus" to serve as the cornerstone at the bottom of the prayer wall.
 - Have each family member make several prayer bricks that highlight a specific person, need or prayer request.
 - Using tape that won't damage the paint, use the bricks to build your prayer wall.

Sample Items to Put on your Prayer Bricks

Name of Missionary Name of Government

Official Name of Sick Person Special Need

Character Quality Christ-like

Behavior Praise Word Church Name

....Continued Lesson and discussion:

Pastor	Special Need	Rescue Mission	Classmate
Family Member	Sick Neighbor	A Fruit of The Spirit	National Leader
Jesus	Missionary	Unsaved Friend	Teacher

- C. APPLICATION: Invite every family member to each day choose a brick and pray for the person, need or event written on the card. Leave the prayer wall up for a week. Add new prayers and continue to build your wall. If a prayer is answered then write "answered" on the brick.
- D. Close in Prayer-

Pass It On: Make an extra copy of this lesson and pass it on to another family