

Welcome to the Bloom! Each week as part of your JellyTelly membership, you'll receive this easy-to-use family devotional guide to help your family grow closer to God and each other. Feel free to use it as we suggest, or make it your own! For more information about the heart behind the Bloom and ways to customize it for your family, visit jellytelly.com/thebloom.

Memory Verse

"For nothing is impossible with God."

LUKE 1:37



HEAR FROM GOD LUKE 1:26-38

GOD TELLS MARY SHE WILL BE JESUS' MOTHER

Many, many years (almost 400!) after the Israelites returned to the Promised Land, the people were still waiting for the Messiah that God had promised them. This Messiah would save the people from sin and death forever! Then one night, an angel appeared to a young woman named Mary. The angel told Mary that she had been chosen to have a very special baby. This baby would be would be the Messiah the people had been waiting for! For hundreds of years! The angel told Mary to name the baby Jesus. But Mary was confused, because she was not married and had never tried to get pregnant. "The Holy Spirit will come upon you," the angel explained, "and by God's power you will have the baby." Mary told the angel, "I will do whatever God wants me to do. May everything you've said come true." Mary was a brave young woman, and she trusted God!



From the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 53

- Q. Who is the Holy Spirit? What does he do?
- A. The Holy Spirit was sent by Jesus after Jesus ascended into Heaven. He is part of the trinity, which means that he is fully God, but was sent to us to live in and among us. The Holy Spirit fills believers with power and strength so that we can serve God everyday. The Holy Spirit is for everyone who follows Jesus! There is nowhere we can go without the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit teaches, speaks, and communicates with God the Father for us. We are told in the Bible that when we do not know what to pray, the Holy Spirit prays for us! We can turn to the Holy Spirit to guide us through difficult situations and to comfort us in times of trouble. The Holy Spirit is such a good gift to us! Let's pray and thank God for his spirit.



TALK TO GOD

Let's take this time to pray to God and talk to Him about the things that are on our minds and hearts. Let's ask Him to make us aware of the needs of the other people in our hearts. Let's fill out the *Praying For* card on page 2. Here are some questions to get us started:

- -Who can we pray for this week?
- -What is something that is making you sad or upset? Can we talk to God about it?







Let's think about some of the blessings and beautiful things we have experienced this week and write them down on our *Thankful For* card (below). Let's pray this prayer of praise to God!

From Psalm 47

Come everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise! For the Lord Most High is awesome. He is the great King of all the earth. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King over all the earth. Praise him with a joyous song! God reigns above the nations, sitting on his holy throne.

The rulers of the world have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

For all the kings of the earth belong to God.

He is highly honored everywhere.



Tonight, let's reflect on our busy week. Let's all take a turn sharing a way we felt God or saw Him work in our life this week. Then we can say the Lord's Prayer together.

Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Now pop some popcorn, put on your pajamas, and watch JellyTelly.com for your Friday night family time!

