

family sermon notes



Date: June 7 | **Text:** Luke 11, **The Lord's Prayer, Racial Injustice**

Parents,

This week, we are pivoting from our sermon series to talk about racial injustice in our country. One meaningful way to process everything that is going on could be to have a time of lament and prayer as a family. Crying out to God during hardship not only allows us to refocus our hearts and put our trust in Him, it also opens us up to the ways God is calling us to respond in these difficult moments. Doing this as a family is a very powerful picture of Who to turn to and how to respond when we face difficult things.

We encourage you to begin a dialogue to help your children process through their feelings. They may have fear, anxiety, and perhaps even some misunderstanding or indifference about racism, and racial injustice. This is a time to cry out to God for reconciliation and hope for the black community.



To help your family process these thoughts, write a prayer of lament together. Think through the following prompts and write down your prayer as you discuss them.

1. Start with an Invocation: *Dear God...* Invite Him into the conversation.
2. Plea for Help: *Help us with...or This is what's going on in our city, country, world, and perhaps in my life that is bothering me about racial injustice...*
3. Complaint: *It's bad God! Seeing, hearing, or experiencing these things makes me feel...*
4. State truths about God: *And yet I know that God is...*
5. Petition: *Change it God! Oh God, please!* What do you want God to do?
6. Statement of Confidence: *But still... I trust you, God!*
7. End with praise to God: *Thank you God for...*

Family Talk

We know that learning more about diversity, racism, and racial injustice will help us love our neighbor better. Here are some great children's books to help you continue these important conversations with your family.

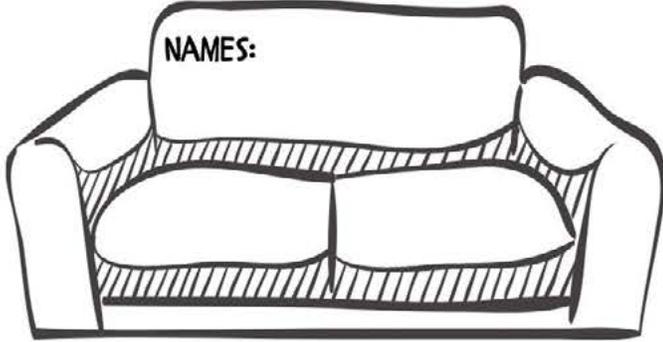
- [*The Other Side*](#)
- [*Something Beautiful*](#)
- [*God's Dream*](#)
- [*Not Quite Snow White*](#)
- [*A Kid's Book About Racism*](#)
- [*The Colors of Us*](#)
- [*Something Happened In Our Town*](#)
- [*God's Very Good Idea*](#)

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Sermon Notes From Home



WHO DID YOU SIT WITH ON THE COUCH?



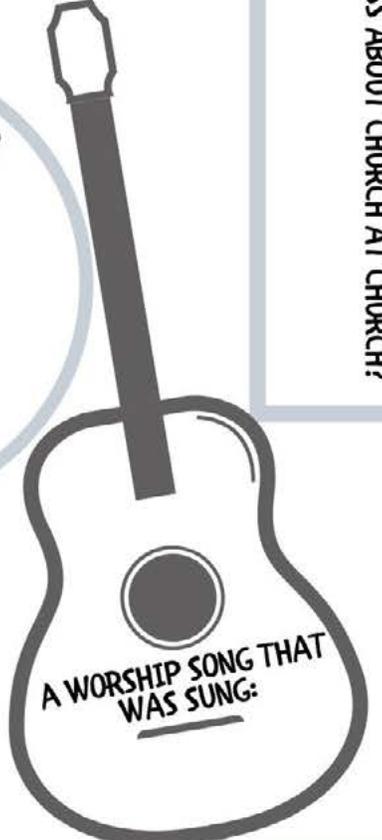
HOW DID YOU WATCH THE SERMON FROM HOME?



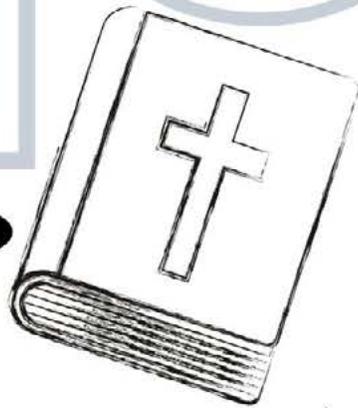
WHAT DO YOU MISS ABOUT CHURCH AT CHURCH?

IF YOU DIDN'T SIT ON THE COUCH, DRAW A PICTURE OF HOW YOU VIEWED TODAY'S SERMON OR DRAW A PICTURE OF WHO YOU WATCHED THE SERMON WITH:

ARE YOU IN YOUR JAMMIES OR CLOTHES?? DRAW A PICTURE:



TODAY'S BIBLE PASSAGE:



3 BIG THINKS FROM TODAY'S SERMON YOU CAN ASK GOD TO USE TO GROW YOU CLOSER TO HIM:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

SOMETHING SPECIFIC THAT WAS PRAYED FOR:

SOMETHING SPECIFIC YOU ARE PRAYING FOR:

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT CHURCH AT HOME?
