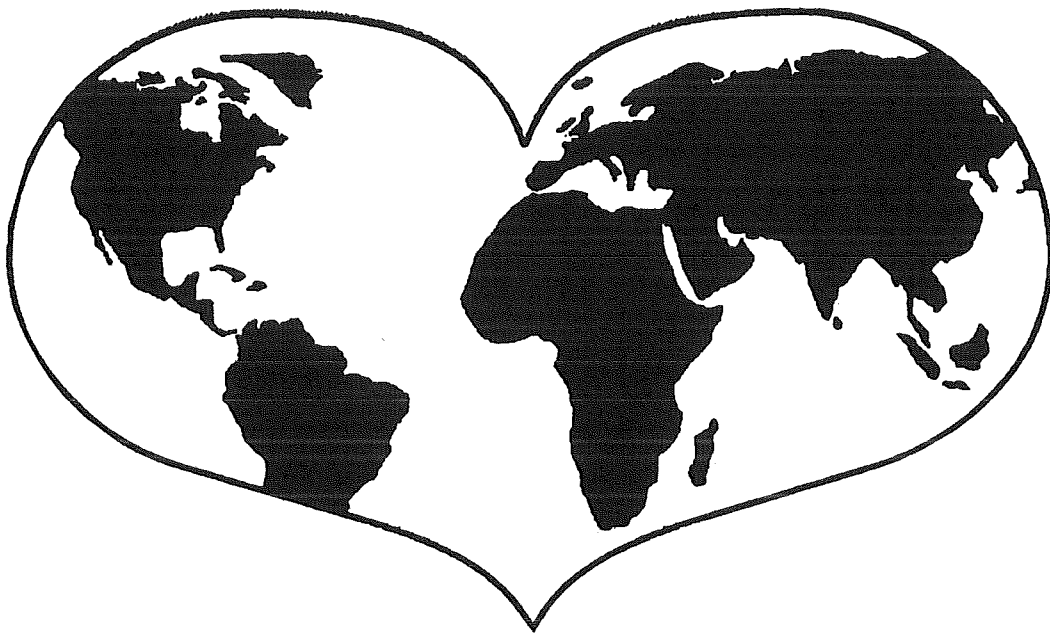


SECTION II

DAILY LESSON PLANS





Chapter 5

INTERCESSION AND YOUR FAMILY MISSION/VISION

Foundations Week 2

INTERCESSION

In volume 1 we discussed the importance of personal prayer. Because prayer is a vital part of every Christian's life, each of us must spend time with the Lord every day. It is through our open, uninhibited communication with God that holiness and power are manifest in our lives.

To intercede is to "make war in the heavenlies" for people and situations. It is petitioning God for needs, and remaining fervent in prayer until that need is met.

Those on the mission field especially need intercessors. They are fighting great spiritual battles in enemy strongholds. The forces they are up against are powerful. They need us to pray down the power of God to overcome the enemy. Remember, all authority has been given to the name of Jesus.

As we discuss intercessory prayer, keep in mind that it is our *daily* commitment to communion with God that gives us the power to intercede for others. Intercession is our

prayer outreach tool. It breaks down Satan's strongholds, brings freedom, and causes spiritual revival.

FINDING YOUR FAMILY/MISSION VISION

"Without a vision, the people will dwell carelessly." (Proverbs 29:18, version) God has made the family to function as one unit in reaching this world for Christ. Each family member contributes different strengths and talents. This is a God-ordained pattern to make one strong force that can "fight the good fight" against the enemy.

The family can be one of God's most powerful tools. What is more formidable to the enemy than a group of dedicated Christians living, working, sacrificing, and praying together? This is God's will for your family!

As a family, you need to live with a purpose and vision that directs your footsteps and guides you in times of uncertainty. As you use the ideas in Chapter 1, ask for God to give you a goal for your family so that you can fulfill His will.



World Population



WEEK 17

Foundations Week 2

Emphasis: Intercessory Prayer and Your Family Mission/Vision

Introduction: In Volume I, the first week was dedicated as a time of spiritual foundations, emphasizing the Gospel and the importance of personal prayer. This second volume begins with one week dedicated to intercessory prayer and finding God's purpose (mission and vision) for your family. The principles learned during this week are an important foundation which we will build upon throughout the remainder of the school year. Please read the preceding section on intercessory prayer before you begin, and use this as an outline for daily Bible study. Take time to pray and intercede together.

DAILY PLAN FOUNDATIONS WEEK SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:00 A.M.	Scripture Reading and Worship
9:00 - 9:30 A.M.	Bible Study/Teaching (take notes)
9:30 - 10:00 A.M.	Family Prayer
10:00 - 10:30 A.M.	Prayer Project
10:30 - 11:00 A.M.	Individual Quiet Time/Prayer Journals
11:00 - 11:30 A.M.	Family Meeting/Closing songs/ Prayer

BOOK SEARCH

The Holy Bible
Children's Bible storybook

PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE HELPS

Operation World
You Can Change the World
Personal Prayer Diary and Daily Planner
Tracking Your Walk
Personal prayer journal

DAY 81

WEEK 17 - MONDAY

Foundations Week 2

Emphasis: Intercessory Prayer and Your Family Mission/Vision

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

• FAMILY WORSHIP

BIBLE READING: ISAIAH 52

• FAMILY DISCUSSION

Read Isaiah 52:7. What does the Lord call beautiful? Compare this verse with Ephesians 6:15 which speaks of the shoes of the preparation of peace. What does it mean in Isaiah 52:10 when it says, "The Lord has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of the Lord"?

• BIBLE MEMORY: ISAIAH 56:7

"Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

• CREATIVE LEARNING METHOD: DRAW A PICTURE OF THE VERSE

Draw a simple mountain, with the word "THEM" on it and an arrow pointing toward the top of the mountain. At the top, draw a house with a smiley-face inside. Put arms on the house and have the house "praying" in front of a sacrifice burning on an altar. On top of the house draw flags from many nations.

• OBJECT LESSON: LARGE PAIR OF SHOES

Discuss how the Bible teaches that we need to "put on" the whole armor of God, which includes the "shoes of the preparation of the Gospel of peace" (Ephesians 6:11,15). Have younger children step into these shoes as you teach about how we need to "put on" an attitude of being ready to share the Gospel and walk out what we believe.

• PRAYER FOCUS

In prayer, put on the "shoes of the Gospel of peace," committing your lives to sharing your faith. This week we will intercede for a different major area of the world each day. Today, focus on North America and the Caribbean.

Pray also for revival in America and that we would return to return to our godly heritage.

• BIBLE STUDY/TEACHING (take notes)

I. What is intercessory prayer?

A. The difference between "Personal Prayer" and "Intercessory Prayer."

B. Standing in the gap (Ezekiel 22:30)

II. Who can we intercede for?

A. Other individuals

B. Ministries/Organizations

C. Specific areas

III. Three principles of intercessory prayer (James 5:16)

A. Righteousness before God

B. Effectual prayer

C. Fervent prayer

• PRAYER PROJECT: WORLD MAP CUT-UP

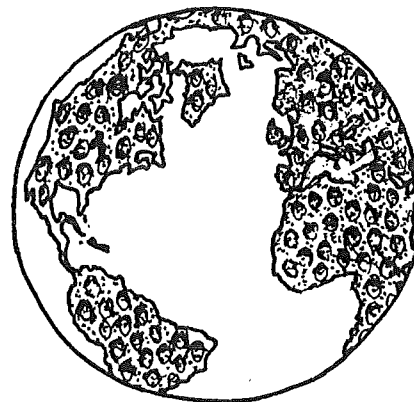
Make a copy of a one-page world map and cut this into continental sections. Fold up each piece and place in a bowl. Have each person draw out a section and then pray for that section of the world.

• QUIET TIME/JOURNAL WRITING

Write a letter to the Lord. What does in mean to surrender your whole heart, soul, mind and strength to God? Have you done this? Write these thoughts in your prayer journal.



FAMILY MEETING/WORSHIP CLOSING PRAYER



DAY 82

WEEK 17 - TUESDAY

Foundations Week 2

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

- FAMILY WORSHIP

BIBLE READING: ISAIAH 53

- FAMILY DISCUSSION

Isaiah 53 is a prophecy. Who is it referring to? (the coming Messiah) How do you know? Read Acts 8:32-33 and notice how the Ethiopian eunuch was reading Isaiah 53:7-8 when Philip came and preached to Him. Discuss how you could use this passage to preach the Gospel to Jews.

- BIBLE MEMORY

Review Isaiah 56:7 and your memory verse picture .

- OBJECT LESSON: CALENDAR AND PICTURE OF JESUS ON THE CROSS

Hold up the calendar and flip through the months. Talk about how God knows everything, even the future. Show a picture of Jesus dying on the cross, perhaps from a Bible storybook, and discuss how God knew this would happen even before Jesus came to this earth. Jesus came to earth to die for our sins.

- PRAYER FOCUS

Take time to thank Jesus for His death on the cross and His obedience to come to earth—knowing that He would have to die. Pray that as Philip was sensitive to the Ethiopian eunuch, you would be sensitive to present the Gospel in a way that others can receive it.

Today's international focus is Latin America. Praise God for the recent revival in this area and pray against the religious spirit that is keeping people from a true and living relationship with the Lord. (See *Operation World* for details.)

- BIBLE STUDY/TEACHING (take notes)

The two-fold nature of intercession:

I. Defensive intercession

A. Compare this type of prayer to a defensive strategy in sports

B. Intercede when there is an emergency such as a financial crisis, sickness, or trouble

II. Offensive intercession

A. Prayer and action in the "opposite spirit"

B. Two focuses of offensive intercession

1. Binding the enemy

2. Loosing the power of God through prayer

- PRAYER PROJECT: PRAYER AND PRAISE WALL

Update your "Prayer and Praise Wall". Designate two walls (or two sides of a bulletin board) specifically for prayer requests. Label one side "prayer wall" and the other side "praise wall."

Have a stack of 3x5 cards to write down specific prayer requests and then pin them up on the "prayer wall" with push pins.

When a prayer is answered, you can write a big red "ANSWERED!" across the need (or you may want to get a special rubber stamp for this purpose) and then move the request card to the "praise wall." This is a good way to encourage your faith now and through the remainder of the year.



- QUIET TIME/ JOURNAL

- WRITING

During this time, have everyone go to a quiet corner of the house to read their Bible and write in their prayer journal or prayer diary. Think of someone you know who needs prayer. Write down your prayer for this specific individual.

FAMILY MEETING/WORSHIP CLOSING PRAYER

DAY 83

WEEK 17 - WEDNESDAY

Foundations Week 2

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

- FAMILY WORSHIP

BIBLE READING: ISAIAH 54-55

- FAMILY DISCUSSION

Read Isaiah 54:3. God promises that our descendants will inherit the nations. As parents, we can claim this for our children. Notice in verse 55 how the gift of God's mercy is extended to all and that only God can satisfy.

- BIBLE MEMORY

Review Isaiah 56:7 and your memory verse picture.

- OBJECT LESSON: FAMILY WILL

If your family has an official will, bring it out and discuss with your children how they will inherit earthly things someday when you die. Next, talk about how the most important thing they can inherit from you is a heart for God. In the Bible, God has said that the nations are our inheritance (Psalms 2:8). We need to claim this right back from the devil as we pray and intercede for the nations.

- PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for each of your children—that they will inherit the nations. Today's international focus is Europe. Pray that this continent will return to its godly heritage. Have each family member pick a country in Europe and pray aloud together for it.

- BIBLE STUDY/TEACHING (take notes)

Different callings of intercessory prayer:

- I. Regular prayer needs

- A. Weekly prayer responsibilities

- B. Automatic prayer responsibilities

- II. Prayer partners

- III. Emergency intercession

- PRAYER PROJECT: MAKE A PRAYER SPINNER

Make two circles (about 12" in diameter) out of cardboard or heavy card-stock paper. On one, cut out a notch, and on the other, glue pictures of international people cut out from magazines such as *National Geographic*. Have the pictures represent the five major unreached people groups: Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists, Chinese, and Tribals. Hook these two circles together with a metal brad fastener so that



the notch on the top circle reveals one picture at a time from the bottom circle. Take turns spinning the prayer circle and praying for these people groups.

- QUIET TIME/PRAYER DIARY

As you take individual quiet time, have each person write down specific weekly prayer commitments. Have each family member fill in their own personal commitments.

FAMILY MEETING/WORSHIP CLOSING PRAYER

DAY 84

WEEK 17 - THURSDAY

Foundations Week 2

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

• FAMILY WORSHIP

BIBLE READING: ISAIAH 56

• FAMILY DISCUSSION

This chapter speaks of the salvation of the Gentiles. Notice how God extends His mercy to all. What does verse 7 mean when it says "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations"?

• BIBLE MEMORY

Review Isaiah 56:7 and your memory verse picture. Have each child attempt to draw the picture Scripture without looking at the original picture.

• OBJECT LESSON: PICTURE OR PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR HOUSE

Display a picture or a photograph of your house. Hold it up and discuss how God wants *our* homes (and our bodies as God's temple) to be a house of prayer for all nations. Discuss specific steps you can take as a family to fulfill this verse.

• PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that your home would become a "house of prayer for all nations." Focus on the continent of Africa. Note any recent news reports from this area and find the locations mentioned on your map. Pray and intercede for Africa—binding the power of Islam and witchcraft, and releasing the power of God. Pray churches will grow strong and many nationals will be raised up in ministry.

• BIBLE STUDY/TEACHING (take notes)

How to intercede for areas:

- I. Come against satan's strongholds
 - A. Find out about the area's history and purpose
 - B. Pray specifically and fervently
- II. Repent for the sins of an area
- III. Keep an ear open to new information
 - A. Look up each area in *Operation World*
 - B. See current news and missionary newsletters
- IV. Seek God for His direction of ministry in your lives

• READING

1. *Operation World*, pp. 11-12 about intercessory prayer.

2. *You Can Change the World*, pp. 6-7 about prayer for children and pp. 8-9 about the effects of prayer on the situation in the country of Albania.

• PRAYER PROJECT: ORGANIZE MISSIONARY NEWSLETTERS



Gather any missionary newsletters you can. Put them in a family notebook or on a bulletin board near your family map. Pray specifically for any needs mentioned.

• QUIET TIME/JOURNAL WRITING

Pick a specific nation in Africa and write out a prayer for this country and its leaders. To help you pray for specific needs, look up your chosen country in *Operation World*. If you know any missionaries in Africa, pray for them.

FAMILY MEETING/WORSHIP CLOSING PRAYER

DAY 85

WEEK 17 - FRIDAY

Foundations Week 2

FAMILY DEVOTIONS

• FAMILY WORSHIP

BIBLE READING: ISAIAH 60

• FAMILY DISCUSSION

One of the future "glories of Zion" prophesied in this chapter is that "the Gentiles shall come to your light" (verse 3). Discuss how this has already come to pass. Claim this verse for your family and church, that the lost will be drawn to your light as you share the Gospel.

• BIBLE MEMORY

Have each person say Isaiah 56:7.

• OBJECT LESSON: LIGHT, MAP, COMPASS AND TELESCOPE

Begin by holding up a light or looking at an outdoor porch light and notice how bugs are drawn to it. In the same manner, the lost should be drawn by the light of Jesus that we share. As you begin to teach your children the importance of having a family vision, use a map, a compass, and a telescope (even an empty paper towel tube will work) to teach the lessons given (see pp. 12).

• PRAYER FOCUS

Pray the lost are drawn to the light of Jesus shining from your family. Pray for the continents of Asia and Australia. (See *Operation World*.)

• PRAYER PROJECT: PRAYER FACES BOX

Get a stack of *National Geographic*s or old missionary magazines and cut out pictures of faces of people from all over the world. Put these in a box for use throughout the year for prayer and writing projects. Have each family member pull out a picture and use it as a starting point for prayer.

• BIBLE STUDY/TEACHING (take notes)



Return to the notes on "Finding Your Family Mission/Vision" page 11. Set this day aside to teach the importance of knowing and following God's will for your lives. Discuss your family mission and vision. Use post-it notes to record ideas of how your family can best shine the light of Jesus (see Chapter 1).

I. Introduce your family to the importance of finding God's vision for your lives

II. Examples of those who have had a plan and a vision

A. In the Bible

1. OT-Moses, Joshua
2. NT-John the Baptist, Jesus

B. Throughout history

1. Military leaders
2. Government leaders

C. In the business world/ministry

1. Apple Computer's goal: "Tools for the mind to advance humankind"
2. Walt Disney: "To make people happy"
3. YWAM: "To know God and to make Him known"
4. AD 2000: "A church for every people by the year 2000"

III. Finding God's plan for your family (Follow directions from chapter 1.)

• QUIET TIME

Using post-it notes, write out the answers to the family mission/vision questions. Encourage each family member to take time to pray and seek God's direction.

• FAMILY DISCUSSION/POSTING/GROUPING/SUMMARIZING

Make a family mission statement/vision statement

FAMILY MEETING/WORSHIP CLOSING PRAYER