

SPARK Lenten Devotion:

April 3



Bible Story: Save Us from the Time of Trial

This week in Wednesday worship we are focusing on the fifth phrase, "Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. . . ." As a family, again read together The Lord's Prayer, found in your SPARK Storybook Bible on pages 278-281.

After you read the story, think about the fifth phrase and consider these questions:

Can you think of a time that felt like a "time of trial" for you or another family member? Describe it. How did God guide and keep you or someone else during that time?

Jesus says we should pray, "Deliver us from evil." Ask adults in your house to help you understand what evil is, then make a list of three things or events that are evil.

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- 2)
- 3)

Now, think about your list and put together a short prayer about it, like this:

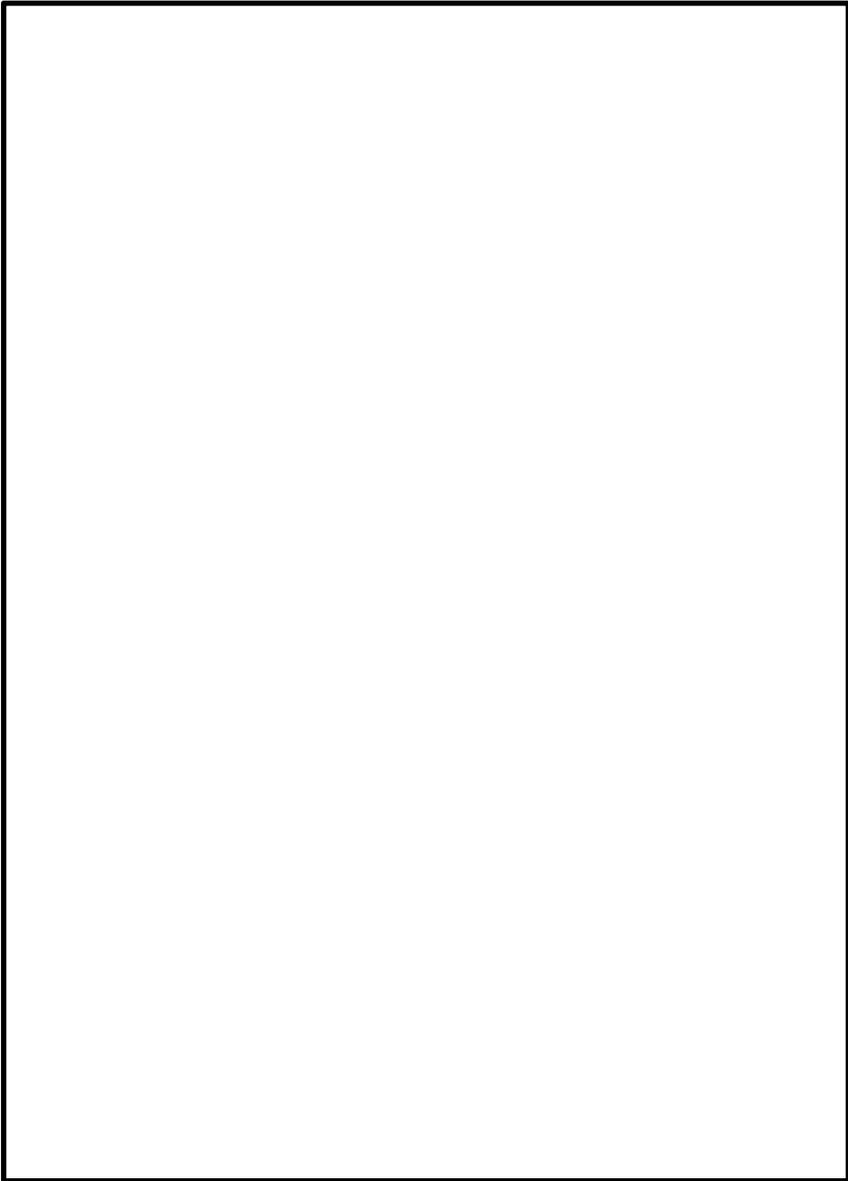
God, it makes me sad that there is evil like _____ in the world. I ask you to help and protect the people who are hurt when evil things happen.

Help me, God, to do what I can to stop evil in the places I spend time every day. Help others to stop evil in their lives, too. Today I especially ask you to give _____ the strength and courage to stop _____.

Help people who work against evil to know that you are with them. Amen.

This week we are using the holding cross to remind us that Jesus promises to be with us always, especially when life is hard. Take out your cross and let every family member hang on to it. In the coming week, as you go about your daily activities, see if a time comes up when you want to hang on to your cross. Do it and say a short prayer.

In the box below draw a picture or write a word in block letters that describes Jesus. Use the word or picture for your prayer time today. Talk with your family about how the word or picture shows you who Jesus is and how he is with you.



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