

Prayer and People

Choose the best starter for your group

Starter a

Have you ever had to do anything really scary? Did you take someone else with you? Or have you ever had to do a job that you didn't want to do and a friend has made you go? Have you ever taken your Grandma shopping or taken a group to a concert?

Starter b

Divide the group into two or more teams.

Call out a characteristic like "the smallest person in your team", "The person with the most siblings", "Someone who plays an instrument" etc. The rest of the team then has to carry that person to you. (Please be health and safety conscious). If the person touches the floor then they have to go back to the start.

Read:

Luke 5:17 – 26; John 17: 11- 26

Discussion Questions

Is praying for someone like carrying the person in the game or taking your Gran shopping? If so how?

Do you think it is good to pray for people? If so is it good to tell them you are praying for them?

How would you feel if you knew someone was praying for you?

Have you ever prayed for someone and seen something change?

What makes praying for someone else easy or hard?

About You

Jesus thought it was really important to talk to God about what His friends were about to go through. Even though he knew he was about to be horribly killed the next day he thought about those around him. How many times do your own problems and struggles overwhelm you so much that you don't think to pray for those people that you know. Or do you meet someone and after chatting for a while promise that you will pray for them but you forget. If Jesus took the time, shouldn't we try to find ways to pray for our friends and family? Praying with people can be really embarrassing, you can start to get totally paranoid about what you are saying and how you look. The people in Luke thought that their friend was more important than the embarrassment of climbing through a guy's roof. If you believe that God can really make a difference to your friend's life shouldn't you swallow your embarrassment for their sake? It can be easy to say that but it can be really hard to do but if we pray and ask God to help us He will.

To do

Either, write a list of everyone you know who needs prayer and try and pray for them every night. Or, pray in pairs or threes now, asking each other what they need pray for.