

1 Peter 4

A Fiery Ordeal

We often wonder what we should be doing with our lives! Have you ever been asked at school what you want to be when you grow up? Peter wants to remind us of the best possible answer to that question for Christians.

(What should Christians want to be? Tick the answer Peter gives us. Have a look in verse 2 if you're stuck!)

- We should grow up to be like mum and dad.
- We should follow our heart and work out what we want to be.
- We should follow Jesus and want to be like Him.
- We should try and be rich and famous.

Peter reminds us in verses 10-11 that we're all good at something, but he also says in verse 8 that the most important thing is to love one another. And we can actually use what we're good at to *help* each other!

What are you good at? *(Think of one thing, or lots of things!)*

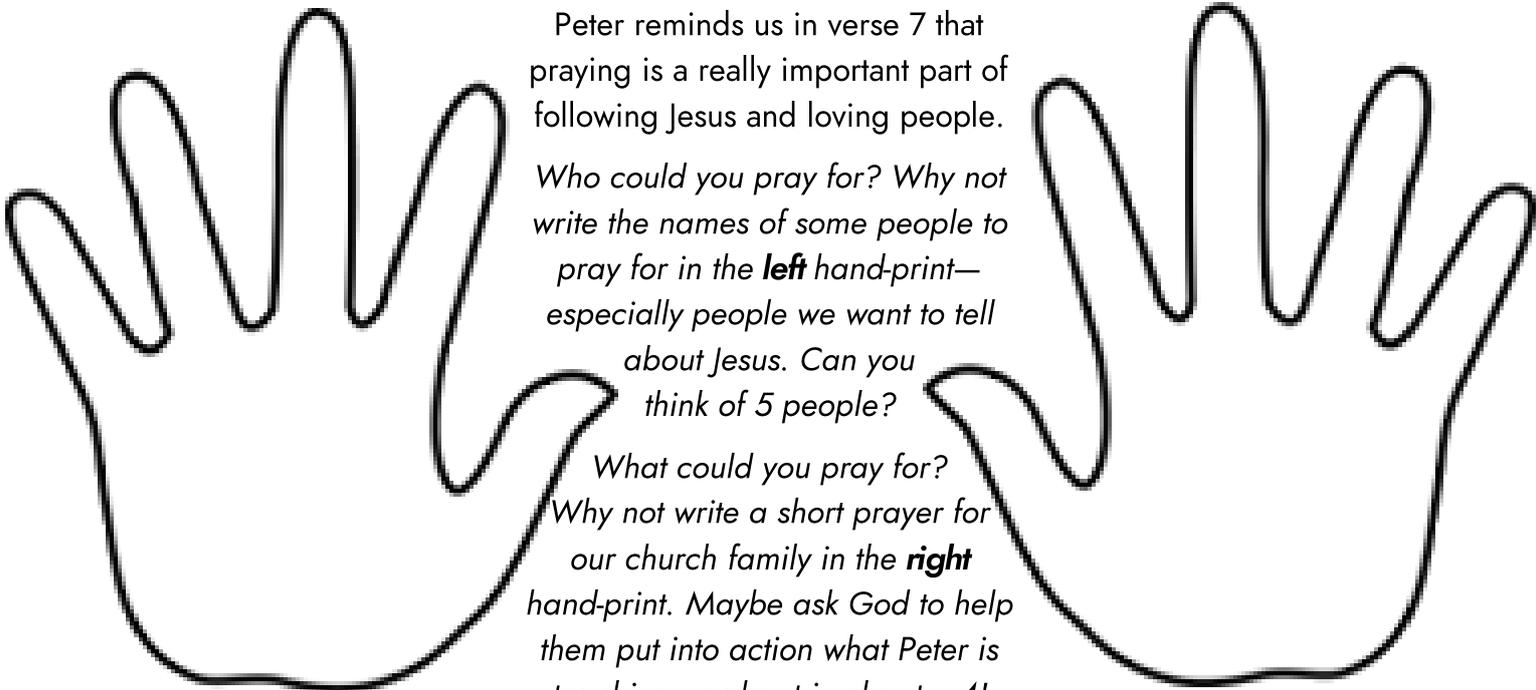
I'm good at _____

(How could you use what you're good at to love and care for other people in the church family and point them to Jesus? Why not talk about it with your parents, or even with Tom and Andrew or the other leaders at church?)

Peter reminds us in verse 7 that praying is a really important part of following Jesus and loving people.

*Who could you pray for? Why not write the names of some people to pray for in the **left** hand-print—especially people we want to tell about Jesus. Can you think of 5 people?*

*What could you pray for? Why not write a short prayer for our church family in the **right** hand-print. Maybe ask God to help them put into action what Peter is teaching us about in chapter 4!*



Peter warns us that suffering and finding life hard are normal for a Christian, because that's what happened to Jesus too (see verses 12-13). But we can be sure that God is with us when life hurts the most (see verse 14). Paul reminds us in Romans 8 that God can even bring good things for us out of hard times. So let's hold onto the truth in the verse below! (Can you colour **and** learn this memory verse?)

AND WE KNOW THAT IN **ALL**
THINGS **GOD** WORKS

for the good of those
who **LOVE HIM** WHO

have been
CALLED
according

to **HIS**
Purpose.

-ROMANS 8:28

