AS ONE

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TRY THIS

Ask a family member to read John 17 v 20-26.

Earlier on in this passage, Jesus is praying for his disciples. In these verses, Jesus is praying for everyone who believes in Him (that's us!).

Make a paper chain! This chain is a physical reminder of how Jesus prayed that we will be united with each other, united with Him, and that our unity will show the world who He is.

Cut the paper into lots of strips. On each strip, write a name. Start with these: 'God the Father', 'Jesus', 'Holy Spirit', 'your name'. Then write friends' names from church. Then write the names of family members or friends who you want to see come to know Jesus. Jesus says that our unity with Him and other believers will show the world who He is. As you attach all of these strips together to make the chain, pray that everyone will be 'as one' with each other and 'as one' with God. Hang it up somewhere in your home as a fun decoration and a reminder to pray for every person written on there.



Jesus' prayer for us is mind-blowing. He prays that YOU will be so connected and joined with GOD that you become one. He prays that you will know that God loves you as He loves Jesus. Take some time to let this sink in.

TALK IT OVER

Take another look at John 17 v 20-26. Use these questions to help explore this passage:

- 1. What things can we do to make us united as one with other believers? What things do we do that might stop this oneness? Can you think of any examples that Jesus set for us?
- 2. Can you think of any other times when Jesus' words or actions show us what His oneness with God is like? How do we become one with God?
- 3. How does our oneness with each other, and our oneness with God, show the world who Jesus is?



Have a Oneness Olympics in your home! Who is the fastest team in a three-legged race? Which pair can get to standing the quickest when sitting back-to-back with arms linked? What kind of skills did you need to move 'as one' with your teammate? The most 'as one' team wins!

REMEMBER THIS

'I pray that they may all be one' – John 20 v 21, Good News Translation (this verse is quite long, so just this bit is the memory verse this week).