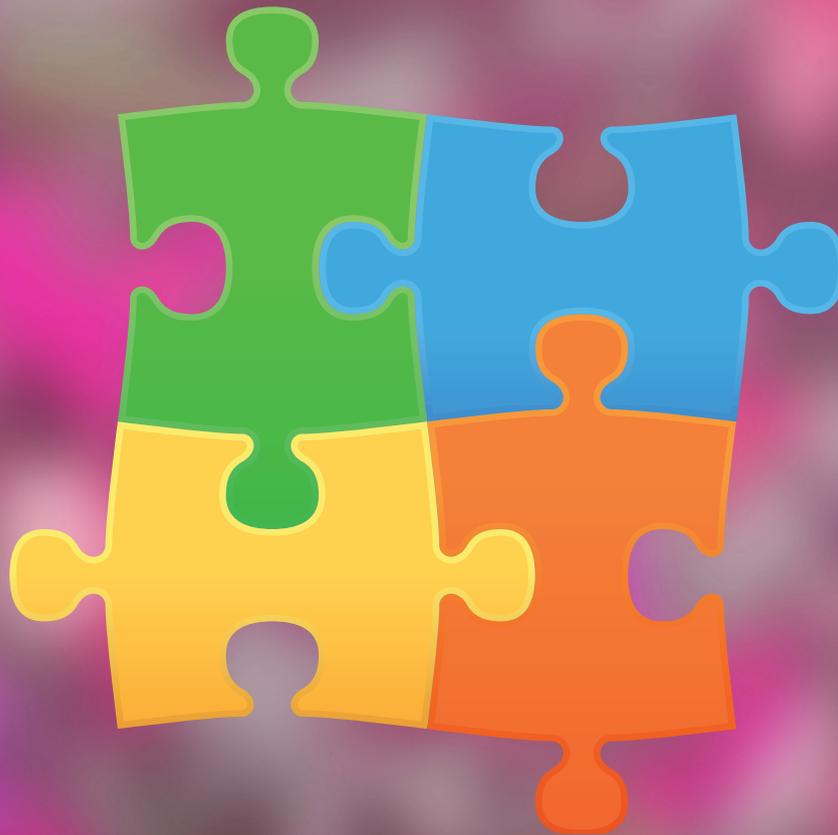


juniors

# JIGSAW PRAYER



GET INTO  
THE BIBLE



15 MINUTES



PREPARATION  
NEEDED

## AIM

A quick and easy way to learn about prayer and how to pray for others, using a simple jigsaw.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- One Jigsaw piece for every person

# GET INTO THE BIBLE: JIGSAW PRAYER

THEME: PRAYER



## LEADER PREPARATION

Every child will need a jigsaw piece to hold during this activity. The pieces don't need to be from the same jigsaw, so an old jigsaw with missing pieces could be used.



## GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

Explain that this activity looks at how we can pray for ourselves and others. It can be used either as a simple prayer or as a longer activity, discussing each part of the prayer and looking at ways we can help.

**One Small Piece** – Hold the jigsaw piece in your hands. This is one small piece from the bigger jigsaw picture, just like today is one small piece of our lives. As a group, thank God for everything that is good in our lives today and pray that tomorrow's 'jigsaw piece' will be just as good.

**Outward Reaching Parts** – Look at the bits of the jigsaw that reach outwards. Pray for and thank God for those people that reach out to others. Friends, family, teachers, emergency services etc. As a group think of and pray for ways we all could be better at reaching out to those in need.

**The Spaces Waiting to be Filled** – Look at the gaps in the puzzle piece, waiting to be filled. Pray for those who are feeling a gap in their lives. People who are lonely, need help, have lost someone or need support. Ask God to look after them and be with them.

**Those Who Struggle to Fit In** – Try and connect the jigsaw piece to the person next to you. It probably won't fit very well, if at all. Pray for those who struggle to fit in, to make friends, to be themselves or who are being bullied. Ask God to comfort them and show us how we might help.

**The Bigger Picture** – Finally pray that God, who is putting our jigsaw puzzle together, helps us to see our bigger picture and the life God has planned for us. Pray that we have the strength, courage and patience to please God and complete our Jigsaw as he intends.



## IDEAS TO TAKE THIS FURTHER...

Cut out large jigsaw shapes from card and ask the group to write some prayers for themselves and others onto them. These prayers could then be used to close your meeting nights or used as part of a Church service.



## KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Remember to be sensitive when discussing different issues, particularly around family, bullying, challenging situations and losing family members. Some of the members in the group may be experiencing some of these issues at home or school.