

# Family Page

Too often we take God's care for granted. Yet even the very air we breathe is a sign of God's love. Jesus reminds us this week that the Father loves us very much and never forgets us.

As you gather for your main meal today, begin with the following prayer thanking God the Father for his everlasting love and asking his blessing on all fathers today everywhere. Make this your family prayer for the week.



# explaining GOD'S WORD

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## PRAYER FOR FATHERS

Heavenly Father, you know the needs, the pains, the joys of each of us. You care about everything that happens to us. Thank you for your constant love.

Thank you, too, for our fathers here on earth who love us and care for us. Send your blessing to them and strengthen them in their daily efforts at following you, our perfect Father. Amen



## The Little Sparrow

(A story about God's love)



Who can see the baby sparrow?  
Who can hear his hungry call?  
God is watching over him  
and will know if he should fall.

Who can see the tiny sparrow  
hiding right behind that branch,  
calling for the mama bird  
to come home and bring his lunch?



See what a loving God we have,  
who hears the sparrow's cry?  
And sends the mama bird right home  
to feed her hungry boy.



He stretches out his little neck,  
looking east and looking west.  
Oh, oh, little bird, take care,  
or you might fall from your nest.



Answer to  
A Promise Acrostic:  
DO NOT BE AFRAID.

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# GOD IS WATCHING OVER YOU!

The story of the little sparrow is a story of God's love.

In today's gospel story, Jesus makes his apostles a wonderful promise. The Father takes good care of us.

Jesus said, "Are not two sparrows sold for just a few cents? But your Father knows when any one of them falls to the ground. So don't be afraid. You are worth much more than many sparrows."

Wherever you go, whatever you do, God the Father is watching you.

When you are at school, working very hard

- God is watching over you!

When you have no one to talk to

- God is watching over you!

When you have the flu and you hurt all over

- God is watching over you!

When you go to bed and your room is dark

- God is watching over you!

Wherever you go, whatever you do

- God is watching over you!



## A PROMISE ACROSTIC

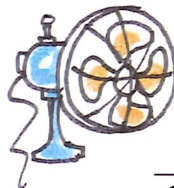
Jesus has a wonderful message for you today. His words are hidden in this puzzle. Fill in the answers to the picture clues and put the letters in their numbered spaces below.



6 2 4 5



1 7 7 10



9 11 3



6 8 5



6 12 10 13

1 2 3 4 5 6 7

8 9 10 11 12 13

