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## James 5:15-16

"And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."



### Discussion for the Younger Kids:

Sometimes when we get sick, we go to the doctor and the doctor may tell us to take medicine to help us get better. These verses remind us that we can pray to God and ask him to help us get better when we are sick. They also remind us that we should talk with each other about our sins (spiritual sickness) and pray for each other so we can be healed. Next time you or someone in your family get sick remember to talk to God about it - even before you go to the doctor.

### For Further Discussion:

Throughout the Bible there are many instances where Jesus prays and in the scriptures he even orders us to pray for harvests, our enemies, those who abuse us, and more. Prayer is a way for Christians to establish and develop a relationship with him. If you have two people that need to communicate, the easiest way for them to accomplish that task is by speaking to one another. This is the same concept we should use with God. Though he knows everything that is happening on the earth, we should still come to him with our problems and concerns, as well as our praise and thanksgiving. By doing this we strengthen our relationship with him and grow in our faith. You may think that God isn't listening because he isn't answering your prayers, but God always hears our prayers, he just doesn't always answer them the way we want him to. Next time you have a problem or anything, take it to God in prayer. God's love is unconditional and He will always be listening no matter how mature you are in your faith.

If you would like to ask Jennifer more about her devotional, you can send an [email](#) to her at camp.