



Life of Christ

The Lord's Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

Younger Verse

Ask and it will be given to you. Matthew 7:7

Older Verse

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7

Lesson Goals

Teach the kids how much God loves them and wants to hear their prayers
Help the children learn what to pray

Welcome Time

Have you ever wondered what you say when you pray? Jesus' friends asked Him that question. Let's see what Jesus says.

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus' friends saw Him pray often. One time, after Jesus prayed, one of His friends asked Jesus to help them learn how to pray. Then Jesus gave them this simple prayer:

Father, we pray that Your name will always be kept holy
(explain what holy means).

We pray that Your kingdom will come.

Give us the food we need for each day.

Forgive us the sins we have done, because we forgive every person who has done wrong to us.

And help us when we are tested and tempted.

Jesus also told them that God really wants to grant their requests. He explained this by using a story.

Jesus' friends listened and wanted to learn how to pray. They wanted to grow and learn more about what to pray. Do you? God promises that if we ask, He hears us.

There is a creative idea for teaching the story—using different colored candles (or a copy of candles that they can color)

Remember: God wants to talk to us and give us the things we need (stress NEED not WANT). The most important prayer He would love to hear is the one asking Him to come into your life. If you want to do this, please talk to me.

Learning Activities

Let's review some things that we can pray for: Thank God for who He is; Ask His help to do things His way; ask for daily things we need; forgive the wrong things we have done; and help us not be tempted. Let's practice together. (Say a prayer)

Memory Verse Activities

There is a door project to go with the verse. Let the kids see that the same verse (Matt 7:7) is also in Luke 11:9.

Prayer Time

Teach the children how to pray. Explain that they may want to remember to include 3 things: Praise God, Thank God, Ask God. They can do this by filling in the blanks.

God, You are _____ (good, awesome, wonderful etc.)

Thank you for _____ (thank God for all He has done)

God, please help _____ (ask God for needs)

Snack Time/CleanUp

Pray and share snacks together.

Planning for May 26th
Is the Bible true?
People search the Scriptures
Acts 17:10-12

Preschool Lesson
for
Jesus' prayer

Jesus' friends saw Him pray often. One time, after Jesus prayed, one of His friends asked Jesus to help them learn how to pray. Then Jesus gave them this simple prayer:

God, we love you.

We pray that people will believe in you.

Give us the food we need today.

We are sorry for all the wrong things we have done. We have forgotten all the bad things others have done to us.

Help us to do right all the time.

Here is a little prayer to pray with the kids:

Our hands we fold (fold hands)
our heads we bow (bow head)
so we can talk to God just now!

Ask the kids to echo what you say in prayer.

Sing, "God is so Good."

Hands-on Activities
for
The Lord's Prayer

Try to memorize the Lord's Prayer with your kids. Do something special when everyone memorizes the whole thing!

Try the creative candle presentation to explain the story. Use the color sheet or real candles.

Make a stand up card or a praying hands banner.

Let the kids write the prayer in **their** own words.

Let each person draw the outline of their hand. To help remember the prayer, put one verse of the prayer on each finger. Ex: thumb—Father you are holy; index finger—we pray that your kingdom will come; third finger—give us the food we need; ring finger—forgive us; pinky finger—help us when we are tested.