



Life of Christ

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:6-14

Younger Verse

We will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

Older Verse

Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

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:

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

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.

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

This verse is a wonderful prayer to pray: God we choose you and will serve you with all our hearts. Help the kids see the importance of choosing God.

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 Feb. 23rd
Don't Judge Others
Matthew 7:1-5

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!

Cut a 12 egg carton into two 6-count egg cartons. Put a little reminder of each sentence of the prayer in each egg compartment. The 6th compartment can be the reference, Matthew 6: 9-13

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. Another idea is to write it on a surgical glove that they can take home.