

Sunday Teacher's Lesson for Children

Life of Christ

The Lord's Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

Younger Verse

How can a young person keep his way pure? By living according to Your Word. Psalm 119:9

Older Verse

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Welcome Time

Have you ever wondered what should 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 and heard Him pray often. One time, after Jesus prayed in a special place, 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 people will believe in You. We want all people to serve and obey You here, just like in Heaven.

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. If someone needed some bread in the middle of the night and knocked on your door, would you go to the door? Most likely you would go if someone kept knocking and knocking. Jesus explained that just like someone keeps knocking and knocking, if we keep praying and praying, God will hear our prayers and answer them.

Lesson Goals

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

Now remember, God's answer to our prayers may not be the answer we are looking for. God may hear our prayers and say "Yes," "No," or "Wait." It is important for us to trust God and know that whatever His answer, He knows best.

Just like Jesus' friends listened and wanted to learn how to pray, we must grow and learn more about prayer. God promises that if we ask, He hears us and will answer.

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.

You can do this by telling Jesus that you are sorry for the things you have done wrong (sin) and want Jesus to forgive you. Then, tell Jesus that you believe in Him and want Him to come into your life. Jesus will come into your life and help you live your life for God. If you want to pray this prayer, please talk to us about it. We will help you.

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

God's Word, the Bible, helps us do right. Talk about how living God's way can help us do the right thing when we are tempted.

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 August 8th
The Rich Fool
Luke 12:13-21

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 want to forgive 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.

Try teaching the kids a worship song such as "Lord, I lift Your name on high."

Hands-on Activities for The Lord's Prayer

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.

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, Luke 11:1-13.

Make a stand up card or a praying hands banner.

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