

WHAT WE ARE TEACHING THIS WEEK



TODAY'S TRUTH

I can praise my Father in heaven who loves me, listens to me, and forgives me.

BIBLE STORY

Teach us to pray
Matthew 6:5-18

MEMORY VERSE

Rejoice always, pray continuously, give thanks always.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

KEY QUESTION

To whom does Jesus teach us to pray?

BIG TRUTH

Prayer is talking to God.

Prayers of the Bible
WBS Kids Lesson #20
Matthew 6:9-13

Hook: Do you have any brothers or sisters? (Allow time to listen to each of them.) Did you know that when we trust Jesus, we get to be HIS brothers and sisters? And we get to have the same father as our brother Jesus? Do you know that Jesus called his father “Abba?” Abba is one of the names for God in the Bible and it means “Daddy.”

Book: The Bible tells us that one of Jesus friends saw Him praying and asked Him how we should pray. This is how Jesus taught his friends:

Read the Lord’s Prayer from Matthew 6:9-18 **OR** pages 90-105 from the book *What Every Child Needs to Know About Prayer* by Nancy Guthrie.

NOTE: When you read from *What Every Child Needs to Know About Prayer*, omit the “I can pray” sections in the green speech bubbles as well as any outside scripture that is not from the text of the prayer - usually in grey ovals. (See below)

Look: Have the kids sit in a circle, and invite them to take turns praying for each of the elements in the Lord’s Prayer in their own words. Make sure to tell them that they don’t have to use special words to talk to God. Give them words as needed. Some line by line examples would be:

“Father in Heaven (or Daddy) you are in charge of everything. I love being your child!”

“I want everything I do to make you happy.”

“May your kingdom come to this world very soon! I can hardly wait for you to make everything new!”

“I want you to be in charge of me, just like you’re in charge of heaven.”

“Please give me everything I need for today. Thank you that I can ask the same thing tomorrow.”

“Please help me to forgive people who hurt me just like you forgive me when I hurt someone.”

“Please help me to stop and talk to you when I feel like doing something I know is wrong.”

Took: I can praise my Father in heaven who loves me, listens to me, and forgives me.

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Prayer: Abba God, thank you for the Bible that teaches me how to pray. Thank you that because you sent your son Jesus to forgive us, we get to be close to you forever! Help us to always want what you want, so that others can be close to you too. AMEN.

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