

UNIT 6, SESSION 2

# PRAYER | WEEK 2

MATTHEW 6:9-13; LUKE 11:1-4

#### **KFY POINTS**

We can talk to God anytime! • We talk to God when we pray.

#### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION**

When can we talk to God? We can talk to God anytime!

#### MEMORY VERSE

I have hidden Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11



### **LEADER BIBLE STUDY**

Jesus was no ordinary man. With a word, He calmed storms, healed the sick, and brought the dead to life. Yet among all His miracles, one thing deeply captured the attention of His disciples: the way He prayed.

They watched Him slip away to quiet places. They saw how He spoke to the Father with trust, love, and confidence. Something in them longed for that same kind of connection. I long for this too!

One day, after observing Jesus in prayer, a disciple finally voiced what they had all been feeling: "Lord, teach us to pray."

Jesus didn't hesitate. He gathered them close. Not to give them a formula, but to invite them into relationship! "When you pray," He said, "remember who you're talking to, your Father. The One who loves you." Then He gave them the prayer we still treasure:

"Our Father in heaven.

hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Each phrase was a gift, an invitation to trust, surrender, depend, confess, forgive, and walk in God's strength. From that moment on, the disciples prayed differently. Prayer was no longer just a practice; it was a lifeline. Wherever they were, they knew God heard them. They prayed with confidence because Jesus had shown them that prayer is simply talking to a Father who is always near.

As you serve, teach, and shepherd children, remember that Jesus invites you into that same closeness. You don't lead from your own strength; you lead from the presence of a Father who listens. Take a moment today. Breathe. Pray the way Jesus taught. He is near, and He delights in hearing your voice.

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# WELCOME & OPENING



Connect with children as service starts

# WELCOME

Play music through the undercabinet radio (flash drive), or connect your phone to Bluetooth through the radio and play Christian preschool/Bible songs as you greet children coming into the classroom. Help them transition in and feel welcome as they play games and interact with others.

### **MEMORY VERSE SONG**

Gather children and sing the song below to the tune of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star":

I have hidden Your word in my heart, that I might not sin against You. Psalm 119:11

# THE LORD'S PRAYER/TEN COMMANDMENTS

**Toddlers & Twos:** Use the provided poster to review the Lord's Prayer with the children in your class.

**Threes & Fours:** Using the provided poster, review the Ten Commandments with the children in your class. Read through each one, then have children repeat after you as you say them together.

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Help children with a craft connected to the Bible lesson.

### **CRAFT: PRAYING HANDS**

Give each child two pieces of paper and markers/crayons. Help them trace both their hands on one piece of paper and cut them out. Let them decorate their other sheet of paper as they like.

When they're done decorating, help each child glue their hand cutouts to their decorated sheet of paper to look like praying hands. Then, stick the Bible verse sticker on the paper to finish the craft.



# **BIBLE TIME**



Review the Bible lesson with your class.

### **BABIES & TWOS BIBLE LESSON**

Let's pray like Jesus taught us:

"Dear God, thank You for loving us. Thank You that we can talk to You anytime. Help us make good choices and show love to others. Amen."

Jesus taught a special prayer in Matthew 6 and Luke 11:

"Our Father in heaven...
Help us do what is right...
Give us what we need...
Forgive us...
Keep us safe."

Jesus wanted His friends to know that they can talk to God anywhere, anytime—and we can too!

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### THREES & FOURS BIBLE LESSON

Jesus was God's Son, and He could do amazing things! He calmed big storms, healed sick people, and helped so many others. Jesus had twelve special friends called disciples who followed Him everywhere.

The disciples noticed something very important about Jesus—He loved to pray! Jesus talked to God like a loving Father. He prayed when He was happy, when He was tired, and when He needed help.

One day, the disciples watched Jesus pray. When He finished, they said, "Lord, teach us to pray!"

Jesus smiled and said, "When you pray, talk to God with your whole heart. God loves you very much."

Then Jesus taught them a special prayer:

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### **SNACK & DISCUSSION**

Have everyone wash their hands, then serve a snack. Ask the following questions and retell parts of the lesson as needed.

- 1. What was your favorite part of today's Bible lesson?
- 2. What did you learn about God in today's Bible lesson?
- 3. What is prayer?
- 4. When can we talk to God? We can talk to God anytime!

### **CLOSING ACTIVITIES**

Sing the clean up song. Have children help put toys on tables.

Gather them on the rug in a circle and have one volunteer read today's Bible lesson from the children's Bible. Have a regular Bible ready as well.

Sing the "B.I.B.L.E." and "Everything in the Bible is Absolutely True" songs. Remind children that the Bible is God's Word and the most important book in the whole world!

The other volunteer should stand at the door and help with pick up, matching stickers, gathering children's things, etc.

### **BEFORE YOU GO...**

# Second service leaders, please clean up by doing the following:

- 1. Spray down toys with disinfectant.
- 2. Spot sweep if needed.
- 3. Return toys to closet, close door.
- 4. Throw away any trash left on counters and in room.
- 5. Return binders to the cabinet.

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING WITH US!