

Bible Lesson

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6; Luke 11



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Luke 11:1

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One of Jesus' disciples asked, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Jesus said: "When you pray, say:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be set apart as holy. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen really happen. May this will of yours be done on earth, just like your will is done in heaven.

Give us our bread to eat every day.

Forgive us our sins. Forgive us in the same way that we forgive those who sin against us.

Help us so that we are not tempted to sin. Save us from the evil one.

For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen."

Questions

1. What did Jesus ask for in this famous prayer?
2. How can you set God's name apart as holy?

Pray this Prayer:

Below is the Lord's prayer for grown ups. Fill in the missing words. You can look at the story that you just read or at the telling of the Lord's prayer in the World English Bible.

Matthew 6:9-13 World English Bible

"Pray like this: 'Our F_____ in heaven, may your name be kept h_____. Let your k_____ come. Let your w____ be done, as in heaven, so on earth. Give us today our daily b_____. Forgive us our debts, as we also f_____ our debtors. Bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the e____ one. For yours is the kingdom, the p_____, and the glory forever. Amen.'"

Story S-t-r-e-tch-ing

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Show students where the story is in the Bible. Use the Bible references above the illustration.

Before you read:

Activate Prior Knowledge

- a) Do you know how to pray?
- b) How does God feel when we ask him, "Lord, teach me to pray."?
- c) What kind of prayers make God happy?

After you read:

Today and Then

Compare the Easy Read English (ERE) version of this prayer with the King James version on page 4 below. Explain each part. ERE version: Our Father in heaven, may your name be set apart as holy. May your kingdom come. May what you want to happen really happen. May this will of yours be done on earth, just like your will is done in heaven. Give us our bread to eat every day. Forgive us our sins. Forgive us in the same way that we forgive those who sin against us. Help us so that we are not tempted to sin. Save us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Pleas for God, Please

Does God need anything from us? Set up a chart on the board with two headings – "What GOD wants for himself" and "What I need for MYSELF." Go through the "Our Father" and have the kids write each line under either heading. How can we make God's will happen here on earth?

Sandwiches as a Prayer Pattern

Note that the first part of The Lord's Prayer involves pleading on behalf of God for his honor and will to be accomplished. The last line ends that way as well. Sandwiched in the middle come prayers for our bread and our own needs. Make sandwiches together and think of them as a pattern to prayer. The top piece of bread stands for verses in Matthew 6:9-10. The middle stands for verses 11-13a. The bottom piece of bread stands for Matthew 6:13b. Use The Lord's Prayer on page 4 below to first illustrate this. Cut the first four lines as the top third; the next five lines as the middle; and the last three lines as the end. How can you use this as a pattern for all your own prayers?

Prayer Puzzle

Photocopy this drawing onto cardstock. Have the kids write on the front, "Lord, teach me to pray!" Then they write the Lord's Prayer on the back filling the back side. They cut it into a puzzle and trade with partners to build the puzzle. Store in an envelope.



Traditional Prayer

This King James passage is a popular version to recite from Matthew 6:9-13. Reward the kids for every line they memorize. When the class can recite it all, say it aloud together. They can cut it out, create a fancy border, add small stickers, and post or frame it.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done -

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and

the power and the glory now and forever.

Amen