

Teach Me to Worship

THIS MONTH We Will...



Learn

Week One—Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

Week Two—Hannah Prays

Week Three—Daniel Prays

Week Four—Jesus Tells About Two
Men Who Pray

Read

- Luke 11:1–13
- 1 Samuel 1
- Daniel 6
- Luke 18:9–14

Sing

- “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
- “Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat”
- “The Lord’s Prayer”

Memorize

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

— The Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:9b–13 KJV)



Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

LEADER'S Review

SUPPLIES

Needed



TO PRINT:

- Large Memory Verse to hold up (1 copy)*
- Letter to Parents (1 copy/family)
- Lord's Prayer Booklets (1 copy/child)

TO GATHER:

- Hymnal/lyrics for songs* (*Optional: guitar or music to sing along with*)
- Basket for offering*
- Props or images for the Lord's Prayer activity*

OPTIONAL:

- Kid's Activity Sheet (1 copy/child)
- Elements of Worship Icons* (*Found in the introduction section.*)

*These items will be needed every week.

We begin the second month in our study on worship this week. We've spent the last four weeks talking about the reasons we worship, and the God we are called to worship. Knowing He is a holy, jealous, and loving God, we can find all the more reasons to worship. The love of God is the main reason we realize that we can talk with God. If He didn't love, He wouldn't want to talk with us, nor would He be living in order to hear us. But He does. He hears, He listens, and He interacts with us. No wonder prayer is part of our worship, and a very important part at that.

Prayer, however, is a difficult topic to teach to these little ears! We want to make sure they aren't just thinking of prayer as a genie waiting for wishes or as a communication with a God who is only interested in the big things. Prayer is necessary in every activity: playing baseball, walking the dog, watching a movie, observing a rainbow, or buying a vacuum! We have the high task of setting children on that road to a closer walk with Christ.

"Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat!"



THE Lesson

Call to Worship – Psalm 95:6-7

Sing together the first verse of “O Worship the King.” (1 minute)

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing His pow’r and His love; our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Praise

Sing worship songs with the children. (10 minutes)

- “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
- “Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat”
- “The Lord’s Prayer”

Tithes and Offerings

Recite the following verse before passing around the offering basket. (2 minutes)

Give thanks with a grateful heart
 Give thanks to the Holy One
 Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.
 (vs. 1 of “Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart”)

Confession of Faith

Lead the children in confessing their faith by teaching the following catechism questions. (5 minutes)

First Catechism—Questions 109-111

109. Q. What is prayer?
 A. Prayer is praising God, giving thanks for all his blessings, and asking him for the things he has promised in the Bible.
110. Q. In whose name should we pray?
 A. Only in the name of Christ.
111. Q. What did Christ give us to teach us about prayer?
 A. The Lord’s Prayer.





Reading of the Word

Read Scripture. (2-4 minutes)

Luke 11:1–13 (The Lord’s Prayer)

¹ Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” ² And he said to them, “When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴ and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation.” ⁵ And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶ for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷ and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?’ ⁸ I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹ And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹ What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹² or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Prayer

Give a prayer of thanksgiving for the Creator of all things who listens to our prayers. (1-2 minutes)

Oh, Lord, what a privilege it is to come to the Creator God in prayer! Thank You for providing the opportunity to not only hear Your words through Scripture, but also to talk with You in prayer. Thank You for wanting to hear from us and to talk with us. We love You. In Jesus’s name, amen.

Hearing the Word

Teach the lesson to the children using the text below as a guide. (4-6 minutes for lesson; 7-10 minutes for activity)

Can you talk to God? Prayer is talking to God. We pray in worship, but we are also called to pray without stopping—talking to and listening to God all the time. Jesus’s friends watched Him pray. They listened to Him pray. They asked Him to teach them how to pray. Jesus answered their question by giving them a prayer to say that teaches all that a prayer should be. How does this prayer begin?

Our Father. With those words we recognize God as the one who made us and takes care of us. He is the one who has called us, even adopted us, into His family. We are His children,

(Hearing the Word–Continued)

and we can go to Him as our Father and talk with Him any time and all the time.

Who art in heaven. God’s home is in heaven, but He also lives in the hearts of believers. He wants to be with us and to talk with us. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit will even pray for us when we don’t know what to say.

Hallowed be Thy name. “Hallowed” is a big word. It means holy, special, blessed, respected. When we say this in the prayer that Jesus taught, we are adoring God and telling Him that we know He alone is God and there is no other. Last month when we studied the call to worship and God’s commandments about worship, we learned about the one God, the honor of His name, and the importance of worshiping Him.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Another way we honor and worship God in prayer is by telling Him that His will and His way is the best. We say to Him, “I may want many things in this life, but You want what is best for me and all of Your people. I trust You to do what is best. And I love You and Your Kingdom.” Your earthly father is over your family and where you live. That is like his kingdom. God is the Father over everything, so His kingdom is everywhere. One day everyone will know that Jesus is King over everything.

Give us this day our daily bread. When we pray, we are to ask God for what we need, believing all we have comes from Him.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. When we pray, we confess that we are sinners. When God’s people come together to worship, we tell Him all together we know we are not good enough to talk with Him. But we also receive His forgiveness for all of our sin or badness. We know He has granted us forgiveness because of Jesus’s death on the cross. He wants us to forgive others just as He forgives us. We can talk to God because Jesus has granted us forgiveness and opened the door to our conversations with God.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. The final part of this prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray is asking for protection from our sin and the evil one, our enemy Satan.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen. Jesus’s prayer ends with a blessing or benediction to God. It reminds us that everything is His and everything is about Him.

Let’s say the prayer together. Repeat each line after me. ***(This is the translation that most churches continue to use in worship, both repeated and sung.)***

(Hearing the Word–Continued)

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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 debts,
As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom,
And the power,
And the glory, forever. Amen.
(King James Version)

ACTIVITY: Let's review the different parts of the Lord's Prayer. *Use the Lord's Prayer Activity Sheet to guide you in ways to teach each line of the Lord's Prayer. Have each child make their own Lord's Prayer Booklet (see instructions).*

Benediction

Recite the following verses. (1 minute)

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen (Jude 1:24-25).

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