

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

Summer Kids' Church Series

Week 3: "In Heaven"

This series is designed to walk kids through the Lord's Prayer & allow them to memorize it, but also understand its truths and develop a vibrant prayer life!

Make sure to remind kids of the **rules** for kids' church. Have them all sit in their chairs in the circle when we start. Remind them to **keep their hands to themselves, listen to the teacher/helpers & show respect to each other!**

Welcome everybody and then choose one or two of the opening activities to do.

Opening Activities

Activity 1: Tower Building

Supplies: Cups, Blocks, etc.

Give kids 5 minutes to build the biggest tower they can! They can work together or in small groups. Be sure to help younger kids with stacking and building.

Activity 2: Moving Charades

Supplies: Picture Cards

Have kids form teams of 4-6 people. Each person on the team will get a chance to be the "actor." They will choose a picture card and have to act out what's on the card for the team to guess. After every turn, the team has to take a giant

step backwards from the group. The goal is for the group to get further and further away from the actor, and in turn, make the game increasingly different. Play until each child on the team has had a turn.

Bible Teaching

To help kids pay attention during the Bible Teaching time, hand out the snack first! Let them eat their snack while you teach on the fact that God is our Father in heaven.

Based out of Matthew 6

Supplies Needed: Walkie Talkies, Cellphone or Old Landline

- What did you think of our games today? Were they fun?
- I really enjoyed watching everyone build their towers & try to guess even when it's far away.
- It can be really hard to talk to people who are far away can't it? That game was tough, but have you ever had to try to talk to someone that's not close to you? Maybe you've been trying to get your mom's attention when she's in the other room or downstairs? *(Allow kids to share examples)*
- Have you ever wondered if God hears us when we pray? The Lord's Prayer that we have been learning calls God **Our Father in Heaven**. Lots of times in church, we talk about the fact that God is in Heaven. But how does He hear us? Especially if He's so far away!
- Show kids walkie talkies, cellphone or landline.** Have you ever tried to talk to someone on a phone and not had a good signal? *(Show cellphone)* Have you ever tried to talk to someone on a walkie talkie and they haven't replied? *(Show walkie talkie)*
- Sometimes, we might think praying to God is a little bit like that. That He can't hear us if we don't say the perfect words, or because He's too far away. But that's not true!
- The Bible tells us that because of **Jesus**, God hears our prayers! Hebrews 7:25 says this: **"He is always able to save those who come to God through**

him. He can do this, because he always lives, ready to help those who come before God.” (ICB)

- We are never too far, too little, or too quiet for God to hear our prayers. Even though God is far away in heaven, Jesus is always listening - ready to hear us, wherever we are or whatever we're doing. He makes a way for us to talk to God freely!
- That's good news!

Application Activities

Discussion Questions

Discuss some of the following:

- Have you ever wondered if God hears your prayers?
- Do you think heaven is far away?
- Has God ever answered a prayer you have?

Lord's Prayer Actions

- Read the **Lord's Prayer Poster** together and come up with ideas to help you remember it (actions, a dance, song, etc.).
 - Divide kids into groups if you have enough and let them have time to do this in each group, then share it with the larger group!
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