

BIBLE STORY

The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:5-13

MEMORY VERSE

"Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith."
Hebrews 12:2a, NIV

BOTTOM LINE

You can PRAY anytime, anywhere, about anything.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"You can PRAY anytime, anywhere about anything." There may be times when it is hard to pray. There will be times you just don't know what words to say. Fortunately, Jesus gave us words for the times when we struggle to talk to God and we just don't know what to say. Spend some time memorizing the Lord's Prayer, and you will always have something to say to God. Let's pray.

PRAYER CROSS CRAFT

WHAT YOU NEED: Foam crosses, stickers, and markers

WHAT YOU DO: Encourage kids to decorate their crosses in any way they like

WHAT YOU SAY:

[Make It Personal] (Talk to kids about when and where you like to pray.)

"Have you talked to God? Where do you like to pray?"
(Pause for responses.)

God loves you so much, and He wants to hear from you anytime and anywhere. Let's say our Bottom Line together. **[Bottom Line]** You can PRAY anytime, anywhere, about anything.

Why don't you hang your beautiful cross up somewhere you will see it so you can be reminded every day that you can talk to God.

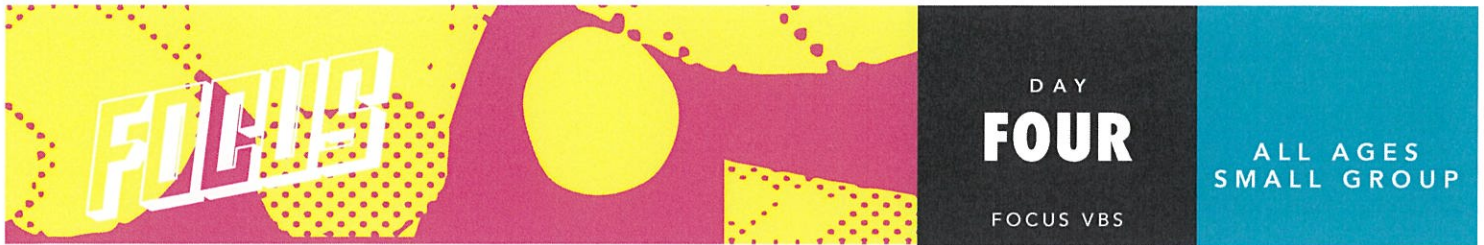


Notebook & Prayer (Elementary & Preschool)

WHAT YOU NEED: Focus Notebooks (with 3D glasses)

WHAT YOU DO:

- Ask kids to turn to page 15 in their Focus Notebooks.
- Give an example of a prayer using each of the prayer prompts. For example:
 - God, You are . . . (a truth about God to praise Him, such as: amazing, truthful, kind).
 - God, help me . . . (something you may need help with, such as: studying for a test, etc.).
 - God, forgive me . . . (a time you disobeyed God, such as: for being mean to my friend, for lying about a grade, for ignoring the new kid at school).
 - God, today I need . . . (something you may need, such as: patience, kindness, etc.).
 - God, thank You . . . (something you are thankful for, such as: parents, friends, pizza).
 - God, please help . . . (someone who may need help, e.g. a sick relative, a friend, etc.).
- Encourage kids to write a one or two sentence prayer on page 15 using one of the "Prayer Prompts."
- If you have younger kids, instead of writing a prayer, give them markers and invite them to draw a picture of themselves praying.



BIBLE STORY

The Lord's Prayer
Matthew 6:5-13

MEMORY VERSE

"Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith."
Hebrews 12:2a, NIV

BOTTOM LINE

You can PRAY anytime, anywhere, about anything.

1. BIBLE STORY EXTENSION

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible

WHAT YOU DO:

- **Stand** facing each other in pairs, or take turns being leader.
- **Explain** that you will read Matthew 6:5-13 to them. (See 5x7 card for The Lords Prayer break down)
 - As you read, kids should create simple motions to go along with the verses.
 - Without speaking to their partner, they must stay in sync with each other's exact movements as if looking in a mirror.
- **Take a closer look** at the verses by asking kids to think about prayer in light of what they just heard.
 - What are some of things Jesus suggests we talk to God about? (Use the following list to direct discussion as needed.)
 - Give praise to God first.
 - Ask God to continue to change the world for the better.
 - Ask God for the things you need.
 - Ask for forgiveness for your sins. Admit when you've messed up or forgive who you need to forgive.
 - Ask for help to keep from doing wrong even when you want to.
 - What DOs and DON'Ts did you hear in what Jesus said?
 - What part of this prayer is the easiest for you to "mirror" or imitate? What's the hardest?
- **Challenge:** choose something from the Lord's Prayer that they need to work on in order to make their conversations with God mirror the way Jesus taught us to pray.

2. JUST KEEP PRAYING

WHAT YOU NEED: Colored beads; paper; timer or mobile device

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in front of you.
- Place a pile of colored beads in front of the group so kids can reach them.
- Place four different colored beads in a line on the floor or table.
- Encourage kids to focus on the beads for 15 seconds.
- Then cover the beads with a piece of paper.
- Challenge kids to recreate the pattern of beads.
- Uncover the beads and see who got the order correct.
- Play several rounds, increasing the level of difficulty.

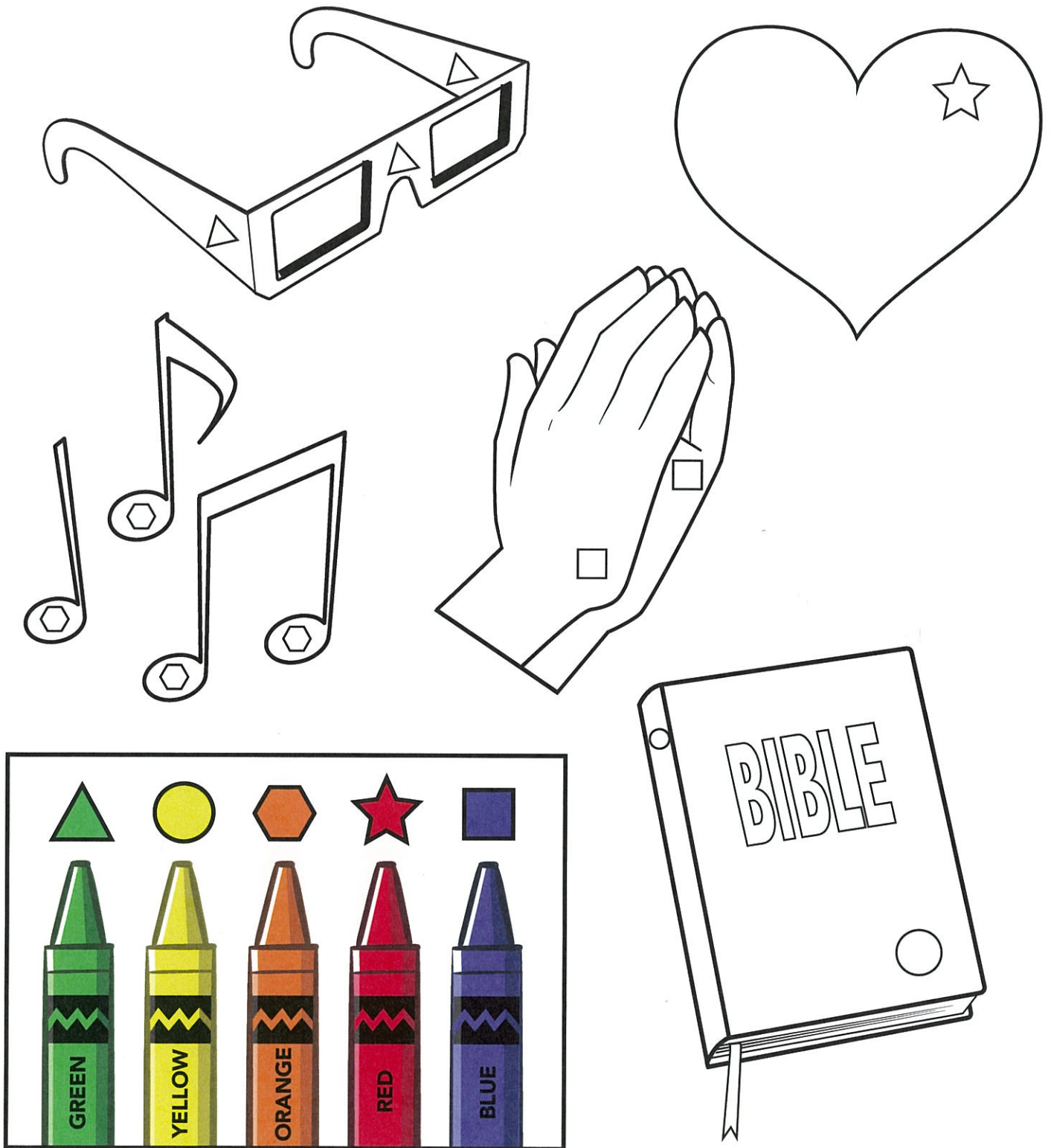
WHAT YOU SAY:

"You did a great job staying focused, especially when it was difficult! Sometimes praying isn't easy. There are times it feels awkward and you don't know what to say to God. Did you notice when you had a really difficult pattern you were recreating, it was hard to remember the order of the beads at first? However, the more you focused on the pattern and the more you practiced, the easier it got until eventually you could remember the pattern. It is like that with prayer, too. The more you do it, the easier it will be. God really wants to hear from you, and He doesn't care how you sound. What God cares about is YOU! And God wants you to know you can PRAY anytime, anywhere about anything."

Optional Discussion Questions

- Why is prayer important?
- When do you find it difficult to pray? What can you do when that happens?
- What do you think is the point of prayer?

Jesus wants to be my friend forever.



Use the color key to color in the pictures.
We can talk to God any time, anywhere, about anything.

The Lord's Prayer

In verse 9 it says, Our Father in Heaven. This is saying that we are praying to God, and that He is our loving Father in Heaven. It also says, Hallowed be Your name. You see Hallowed means "HOLY" or "GREAT". It's like saying, your name is AWESOME!

Now in verse 10 it says, Your kingdom come, which means God's kingdom is a loving place to be, it also says, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. This is saying, that God wants us to live in peace and with goodness, so that Earth will be like Heaven. God wants us to be kind to one another and to show goodness to all people.

In verse 11 it says, Give us this day our daily bread. This means that we put our trust in God to give us what we need every day. God is so good and he will provide all the food and things we need in our life!

In verse 12 it says, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. This is saying that we are asking God to forgive us for our mistakes, and we promise to forgive people who have done us wrong. Forgiveness can be a tough thing but with God and prayer forgiveness is possible.

In verse 13 it says, And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. This means that we are asking God to help us do the right thing, even when it's hard.

The Lord's Prayer

In verse 9 it says, Our Father in Heaven. This is saying that we are praying to God, and that He is our loving Father in Heaven. It also says, Hallowed be Your name. You see Hallowed means "HOLY" or "GREAT". It's like saying, your name is AWESOME!

Now in verse 10 it says, Your kingdom come, which means God's kingdom is a loving place to be, it also says, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven. This is saying, that God wants us to live in peace and with goodness, so that Earth will be like Heaven. God wants us to be kind to one another and to show goodness to all people.

In verse 11 it says, Give us this day our daily bread. This means that we put our trust in God to give us what we need every day. God is so good and he will provide all the food and things we need in our life!

In verse 12 it says, And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. This is saying that we are asking God to forgive us for our mistakes, and we promise to forgive people who have done us wrong. Forgiveness can be a tough thing but with God and prayer forgiveness is possible.

In verse 13 it says, And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. This means that we are asking God to help us do the right thing, even when it's hard.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.
 With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people
Ephesians 6:18

JULY 2020

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
5 Talk to God about your day	6 Pray for someone whose name starts with J	7 Pray for each of your friends	8 Ask God to be with you today while you play	9 Ask God to bless your Mom each and everyday	10 Ask God to help you be a good helper	11 Pray for every car that passes you as you ride in your car
12 Pray for your Mom and all the special ladies in your life	13 Tell God everything you love about your friends	14 Pray for family members each by name	15 Go outside and play and thank God for having fun	16 Give thanks and name some things you learned this year	17 Go outside and thank God for creation	18 Pray for someone whose name starts with M
19 Tell God all the things that made you smile today	20 Thank God for his word	21 Pray for people who are homeless	22 Thank God for the animals you love	23 Pray for someone who hurt your feelings	24 Pray The Lord's Prayer today	25 Ask your parents to say their favorite prayer with you
26 Pray that you will show God's love to others	27 Ask God to bless your Dad each and everyday	28 Pray for our country and the city you live in	29 Pray that you will always make good choices	30 Pray for your Dad and all the special men in your life	31 Pray and thank God for his free gift of eternal life	