

The Lord's Prayer

Bible Verse

Teach me your way, LORD, so that I can walk in your truth. Psalm 86:11

Did You Know?

The Bible tells us that one of the things Jesus did was pray, often slipping away alone for this purpose. Jesus modeled for us the importance of prayer. In addition to providing an example of a prayerful life, Jesus specifically taught his followers about prayer. In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus began the lesson on prayer by explaining how not to pray. Jesus warned against insincere and showy prayer. In Jesus' time, it was common for people to pray in public in the synagogue. While Jesus was not teaching against public prayer, he issued a reminder that the focus of prayer should be God, not other people. God knows and hears the prayer of your heart.

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6; Luke 11) is probably Christianity's most familiar prayer. Compared to most prayers in Jesus' time, the Lord's Prayer is short. While Jesus drew on Jewish prayers when he prayed, his example was unique in its simplicity and brevity. Even in its simplicity, the Lord's Prayer encompasses important aspects of prayer—adoration, confession, thanksgiving, and supplication. We can pray the Lord's Prayer as we were taught it, and can use it as a model prayer.

As you teach your children the Lord's Prayer, use the wording that is used in your church. This is an opportunity to familiarize your children with words they will hear often in worship, which will help them feel included in the service. When you teach this week's lesson, reinforce the idea that there is no right or wrong way to pray. We can talk to God anytime, anywhere, and about anything.

Watch this short video to learn about the free resources available on the Deep Blue Kids website.

You can scan this QR code—go directly to the **Find Out More About Deep Blue** page. Or visit www.deepbluekids.com/qr to discover more.



Bible Story

Matthew 6:5-15

Anchor Point

Jesus teaches us how God wants us to live.

Your Lesson

JUMP IN:

- Welcome
- Kids Stuff: Prayer Cube
- Exploration Station: My Prayer

DIVE DEEPER:

- Bible Story Time
- Experience the Story: The Lord's Prayer
- Look It Up!
- My Thoughts

GROW STRONGER:

- Life Connection: How to Pray
- Learn & Serve with the Deep Blue Kids: Traveling Mercies
- Craft Activity: Prayer Journal
- Spiritual Practice: Heart to Heart

WORSHIP:

- Gather, Sing, and Sign
- Praise and Reflect





JUMP IN!

The following activities may be done in learning centers as the children arrive or may be done with the entire group.



TIP

“Jesus, Teach Me” can be found on the DVD or on the annual music CD.

The official Deep Blue Annual Music CD contains 19 new songs that were written specifically for Deep Blue! Buy one for your Sunday-school room, or one for each child to play at home or in the car!



WELCOME

Supplies: Class Stuff—pp. 16-17, CD, DVD (optional), CD player, DVD player (optional), television (optional), markers, offering basket, tape



Display Attendance Chart and obtain offering basket.

- Play “Jesus, Teach Me” and greet each child as they arrive.
- Let children mark their attendance and place their offerings in the basket.

KIDS STUFF: PRAYER CUBE

Supplies: Kids Stuff—pp. 3-4, glue sticks, scissors

- Distribute Prayer Cube. Let children cut out and assemble the Prayer Cube.

SAY: In the Bible story today, Jesus taught a special way to pray. This prayer cube can also guide you as you pray.

- Encourage children to use the prayer cube when they pray.

EXPLORATION STATION: MY PRAYER

Supplies: Leader Guide—p. 12, pencils



Photocopy page 12, one for each child.

SAY: Today we will learn about the Lord’s Prayer.

ASK: Do you know the Lord’s Prayer?

- Distribute My Prayer.
- Arrange children into groups of two or three.
- Encourage teams to rewrite the Lord’s Prayer in their own words.
- Invite willing volunteers to share their work with the group.

DIVE DEEPER

BIBLE STORY TIME

Supplies: DVD, DVD player, television

- Place DVD in the player and cue Session 1, then watch video.

ASK: What does this story teach us about prayer? How did Jesus teach us to pray?

EXPERIENCE THE STORY: THE LORD'S PRAYER

Supplies: Deep Blue Kids Bibles; Bible Stories & Stuff—Session 1, p. 2

- Direct children to locate in their Bibles Matthew 6:5-15, then read the Scripture aloud.
- Call on a volunteer to read the story.

LOOK IT UP!

Supplies: Deep Blue Kids Bibles, Bible Stories & Stuff—p. 3 (top), paper, pencils

SAY: The Lord's Prayer is also told in the Gospel of Luke.

- Invite children to locate in their Bibles Luke 11:1-4.
- Encourage children to compare and contrast both sets of Scripture.

MY THOUGHTS

Supplies: Deep Blue Kids Bibles, Bible Stories & Stuff—p. 3 (bottom), pencils

ASK: Do you have a secret place you like to go? Can you pray there? What do you pray about?

- Invite children to journal their responses.

GROW STRONGER

LIFE CONNECTION: HOW TO PRAY

Supplies: Bible Stories & Stuff—p. 4

ASK: Did you know there is no right way to pray? You can even pray without using words! Let's learn more about different ways to pray.

- Invite children to read Life Connection: How to Pray.

LEARN & SERVE WITH THE DEEP BLUE KIDS: TRAVELING MERCIES

Supplies: markers, poster paper, tape

 Display poster paper where it is easily seen by the children.

SAY: In the video, Edgar is writing a prayer. He says he is unsure about what to say.

ASK: What do you say when you pray?

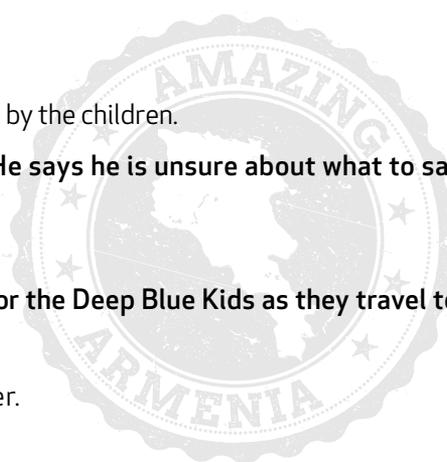
SAY: Let's write a prayer together and pray for the Deep Blue Kids as they travel to their next destination!

- Write the collaborative prayer on the paper.



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Consider also reading the story from the Deep Blue Bible Storybook. It is a helpful resource to help children hear the Lord's Prayer in more familiar and relatable language.



CRAFT ACTIVITY: PRAYER JOURNAL

Supplies: one-inch binder rings (two per child), colored paper or scrapbook paper, notebook paper, paper punches, pencils

SAY: One way to pray is to write our prayers to God. In the Bible story, Jesus taught us to pray privately. Let's make a journal to record our thoughts and prayers. You can make it your own private journal to talk to God.

- Let children choose the paper to fill their journal and to make the journal cover.
- Align cover paper and notebook paper, then punch two holes on the side of the cover paper.
- Put the cover paper and some notebook paper on the binder rings.
- Allow time for children to write in their journals.
- Encourage them to take home their journals and to write their prayers.

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE: HEART TO HEART

SAY: Prayer is not meant to be a big speech we give in front of others. Long prayers with long lists do not impress God. God wants to know what is on our hearts. God probably prefers a good heart-to-heart talk.

ASK: What is on your heart?

SAY: Spend some time this week talking to God from your heart. You can journal, talk with God, or draw a picture. You can always tell God what is on your heart.

WORSHIP

GATHER, SING, AND SIGN

Supplies: Deep Blue Kids Bibles, Bible Stories & Stuff—Songbooks, Class Stuff—p. 27, Leader Guide—p. 85, CD, DVD (optional), CD player, DVD player (optional), tape, television (optional)



Display Poster: Unit 1 Bible Verse. Review the Unit 1 Bible verse American Sign Language, using page 85 as a guide. Photocopy that page for children.

- Distribute songbooks. Play the song "Jesus, Teach Me" one time, letting children follow along. Then sing the song together. Set aside songbooks to collect later.
- Teach children the Unit 1 Bible verse sign language, then say and sign the verse.

PRAISE AND REFLECT

Supplies: Deep Blue Kids Bible; Class Stuff—pp. 14 & 19, 27; envelope or file folder; scissors; tape

 Continue to display Poster: Unit 1 Bible Verse. Cut out the Lord's Prayer poster pieces and store in an envelope or file folder.

SAY: Today we will learn the first part of the Lord's Prayer.

- Read the first lines of the prayer.
- Display the poster pieces. Invite a volunteer to place the first piece of the lighthouse on the wall.
- Read the first part of the Lord's Prayer together.

SAY: Great job! Next week we will learn another part. At the end of our unit, you will know all of the Lord's Prayer.

- Invite children to name people or situations they'd like to pray for in the closing prayer. Lift up those joys and concerns at the end of the prayer.

PRAY: Dear God, thank you for listening to our hearts and our prayers. Help us to remember we can always talk to you. Amen.

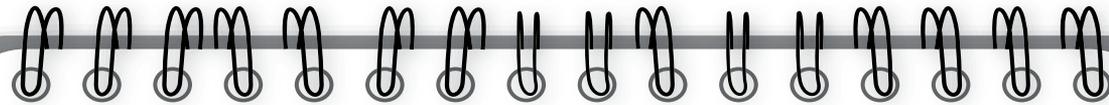


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A sung version of the Lord's Prayer can be found in the Annual Music CD. This is another great way for the children to learn the Lord's Prayer.



Exploration Station: My Prayer



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, forever.

Amen.

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 15 horizontal lines for writing.