



THE GOSPELS

WEEK THREE





WATCH

The Lord's Prayer with Ms. Paula and the Puppets

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hGDJX72lu2Q>



READ

Jesus and His disciples were on a very big mountain with lots of people: moms, dads, boys, and girls. The people asked Jesus how to pray. They didn't know how.

Why did they want to pray? When people pray, they are talking to God the Father.

Why did they ask Jesus? Jesus knew how to talk to God because He is God's Son.

This is what Jesus taught them to say, *"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name."* (Matthew 6:9, NIV) God's name is hallowed because He is extra special and should be honored. God the Father is holy and we should respect Him.

Each of us can pray any time so we can talk to God the Father. We can pray whether we are young or old. God is always listening when we talk to Him in a prayer. He loves for us to pray.



ASK

Own Words

- What does "pray" mean?
- Who are you talking to when you pray?
- Who taught people how to pray?
- Who is Jesus?
- Who can pray?

Observe

- Where is God the Father's home?
- God is so very special that we should _____ Him.
- What is the name of God's only Son who taught The Lord's Prayer?
- Name someone you can pray for.
- Name something you can pray for.

**TRUTH**

When we pray, we are talking to God the Father.

**MEMORIZE**

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,'" Matthew 6:9a (NIV)

**PLAY**

Play this clapping game to help your child remember the memory verse:

1. Say the memory verse aloud as you & your child(ren) clap each syllable.
2. Say the memory verse aloud as you & your child(ren) march to each syllable.
3. After doing it a few times, leave out words for the child(ren) to fill in as you clap and march.

**DEVOTIONAL****I Can Talk to God**

Noelle loves to talk to her Mimi using FaceTime. Sometimes she talks to her on the way to kindergarten. Sometimes she talks to her before she goes to bed. Sometimes she talks to her when she is excited about something happy. Sometimes she talks to her when she feels sad. Sometimes she talks to her just to say, "I love you." Do you have someone special that you like to talk to?

When Jesus was here on earth, people had someone very special that they wanted to talk to: God the Father, but they weren't sure how. One day, Jesus and His disciples were on a very big mountain with lots of people: moms, dads, boys, and girls. That day the people asked Jesus how to pray. When people pray, they are talking to God the Father.

Why did they ask Jesus? Jesus knew how to talk to God, because Jesus is God's Son. Though Jesus was here on earth at the time, God was in His home in Heaven. People wanted to learn to pray, so they could talk to God the Father.

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This is what Jesus taught them to say, "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." (Matthew 6:9, NIV) God's name is "hallowed" because He is the most special One of all and loves each of us. God the Father should be honored and respected because He is holy.

Each of us can talk to God the Father any time when we pray. We can pray whether we are young or old. God is always listening when we talk to Him in a prayer. He loves for us to pray.



PRAY

Jesus taught people how to pray. You can pray any time of the day. God is always listening when you pray. You can pray The Lord's Prayer, too, just like Jesus taught in our story. Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. (Matthew 6:9, NIV)

You can pray (talk to God) on your way to preschool or kindergarten. You can pray before you go to bed. You can pray when you are excited and happy. You can pray when you are sad. You can pray just to tell God the Father that you love Him. What will you pray about today?

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WATCH

The Lord's Prayer

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DglNv_aCjql



OR READ

Matthew 6:9-14



ASK

Own Words

- Who is Jesus?
- What does it mean to pray?
- Who can pray?
- In your own words, what does "hallowed" mean?
- Who is God the Father?

Observe

- Why was Jesus the best choice to teach them to pray?
- Jesus was on earth in this story. Where was God the Father?
- Give 3 examples of things that YOU can pray about.
- Is there any time that God cannot hear your prayer?
- Is there anything too big or too small to pray about? Why?



TRUTH

No one on earth is more important than God the Father, but we can talk to Him any time.



MEMORIZE

"This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.'" Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV)



PLAY

Supplies: index cards or paper, cut into rectangles

1. Have your child(ren) write out the memory verse on index cards or rectangles of paper with a couple words on each. Ex. On one write "Our Father"; on another write "in heaven", etc.
2. Start by putting them in the same order as the verse. Read the verse aloud a few times. See it. Read it. Touch it. Say it. Hear it. [Got to #3 OR #4.]
3. Remove one index card or rectangle of paper at a time and have the child(ren) say the verse with the missing pieces until he/she/they can say it from memory OR shuffle the index cards or rectangles of paper and have your child(ren) put them in the correct order of the memory verse.



DEVOTIONAL

I Can Talk to God

The students from our elementary school were excited to visit the gold-domed capitol of the state of Georgia. It is a huge, fancy building where lots of important people from the state of Georgia are. The most important of those people is Georgia's governor.

We were all excited to see him come down the steps to talk to TV reporters during our visit. We weren't able to talk to him, though. Security guards stood between us and the governor.

Later we went to the governor's office. The principal had arranged for us to meet the governor in person and shake his hand. That didn't happen, though. The governor's secretary told us that he was too busy to talk to us that day.

While Jesus was on earth, he was teaching a large group of people on a mountain. These people heard Jesus speak and believed that He was God's Son. They didn't know how to talk to God the Father, though. They had never met Him or seen Him in person. God the Father is in His home in heaven, a beautiful place with streets of gold and walls of jasper.

So, these people asked Jesus how to pray which means talk to God. This is how Jesus started that prayer. "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (Matthew 6:9-10, NIV)

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The governor is the single most important person in the Georgia capitol, but he was too busy for us to talk to him that day. God is so much more important than the governor of Georgia. No one on earth is more important than God the Father, but we can talk to Him any time. God the Father is always available to listen to our prayers. You don't have to make an appointment to pray; you can talk to him any time from anywhere.

God lives in heaven. It is far bigger and fancier than the Georgia capitol. Even from heaven, God the Father can hear our prayers just fine. What an honor to pray! You can start by saying The Lord's Prayer from Matthew 6:9-14.



You now know that to pray is to talk to God the Father. His name is "hallowed" because no one on earth deserves as much honor and respect as God does. The wonderful news for us is this: God is never too busy to hear our prayers. There is never a time day or night that God won't listen to us pray. Nothing is too big to pray about and nothing is too small to pray about. If you're not sure what to say when you pray, start with The Lord's Prayer. God is listening!

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