

The Lord's Prayer

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Overview

Bible Passage: Matthew 6: 5-15
Jesus Storybook Bible: How to Pray (222-227)
Big Idea: We can pray to God!
Video Link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bsUC_IDRNH10

Today's Story

Our story today is about a very important time when Jesus taught us how to pray! In those days, there were some people who thought they were extra special and important, they were called "Pharisees." Each day, they would stand out there in the middle of the street and pray out loud in big Extra SUPER SPECIAL voices. They really weren't praying, they were mostly showing off. They used lots of special, big words that no one could understand. People would stop and stare, which might sound rude - except that's what the Pharisees wanted. They wanted everyone to say, "Look at them. They're so special! God must love them more than everyone else." But God doesn't work like that! He doesn't love certain people more just because they act a certain way or say big, special words. And to make sure God's people knew this, Jesus had some important words to say about it. Jesus said, "When you pray, don't pray like those extra super special people. They think if they say lots of words, God will hear them. But it's not because you're so clever, or good, or so important, that God will listen to you. God listens to you because He loves you." "Did you know that God is always listening to you? Did you know that God can hear the quietest whisper deep inside your heart even before you've started to say it? Because God knows exactly what you need even before you ask him," Jesus told them. "You see, God just can't wait to give you all that you need. So you don't need to use big or special words. You just can talk to him." "So when you pray, pray in your normal voice, just like when you're talking to someone you love very much. Like this..."

Hello Daddy !We want to know you. And be close to you.Please show us how. Make everything in the world right again. And in our hearts, too. Do what is best - just like you do in heaven, And please do it here, too. Please give us everything we need today.Forgive us for doing wrong, for hurting you. Forgive us just as we forgive other people when they hurt us. Rescue us! We need you.We don't want to keep running away and hiding from you. Keep us safe from our enemies. You're strong, God. You can do whatever you want - you're in charge. Now and forever and for always! We think you're great! Amen!

You see, Jesus was showing people that God would always love them - with a Never Stopping, Never, Giving Up, Unbreaking, Always and Forever Love. So they didn't need to hide anymore, or be afraid, or ashamed. They could stop running away from God. And they could run to him instead.

Questions & Activities

1. When we pray to God, does He hear?
2. Do we have to use big, special words to pray to God?
3. Can we always talk to God?



Write out a prayer together! Ask your kiddo what they would like to say to God. Write it out, put it somewhere where you both can see it, and read/pray it together throughout the week.

Pray it out! Thank God that He hears us when we talk to Him. Ask Him to remind us to run to Him and not run away if we feel scared or sad.

Memory Verse

Say the memory verse together with these motions to help you remember!

From that time on (point at wrist)

Jesus began to preach (point at mouth)

"Repent, (turn around in a circle)

Because the kingdom of heaven (point up with both hands)

Has come near!" (point to the ground)

Matthew 4:17