

Can I Learn Too?

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: Prayer

Scripture: Luke 11:1

Memory Verse: Lord, teach us to pray. - Luke 11:1

The Children's Sermon

Hey kids! Today, we're going to talk about something really special: how to talk to God. Yes, I mean prayer! You might wonder, "How do I talk to someone I can't see?" Well, it's like talking to a friend who's always there, listening. And guess what? Jesus taught us exactly how to do it. He gave us a guide, like a treasure map, to show us the way. So, let's dive in and learn together. Our lesson today is "Teach us to pray."

First off, let's remember something important. When we talk to God, we're talking to the King of everything! The whole universe! So, we start by showing Him respect. It's like saying "hello" in the most polite way. Jesus showed us to start our prayers with praise. We can say something like, "Dear God, You are amazing and so good to us." This is our way of saying "thank you" for all the wonderful things He does.

Jesus also taught us to say, "Hallowed be thy name." That's a fancy way of saying, "God, Your name is super special and holy." It's like giving God a big, respectful high-five because He's just that awesome.

Now, let's add some new ideas to our prayer adventure. After we say hello and give God a high-five with our words, we can talk to Him about His big plans for the world. We can

say, "God, please let Your good plans happen everywhere, just like they do in heaven." It's like asking for the whole world to be a happy, peaceful place where everyone is kind and loving.

Next, we can talk to God about what we need. It's okay to ask for things like food, help with homework, or even for courage when we're feeling scared. Jesus told us to ask for our "daily bread," which means asking for what we need every day. God loves to take care of us, and He wants us to trust Him with our needs.

After asking for what we need, it's super important to talk about forgiveness. Forgiveness is when we stop being mad at someone for hurting us and decide to be kind instead. Jesus teaches us to ask God to forgive us for the times we mess up, just like we forgive others. It's like cleaning up our hearts so we can be happy and free.

Now, here's a cool part. We can ask God to keep us safe from making bad choices. It's like asking for a superhero shield that protects us from doing things that would make us or others sad. Jesus knew we'd sometimes find it hard to choose what's right, so He told us to ask for help.

Let's not forget to say "thank you" at the end of our prayers. It's important to be grateful and tell God how much we appreciate all He does for us. We can thank Him for our family, friends, pets, and so many other things. Being thankful makes our hearts feel good and reminds us of how much we're loved.

Now, you might be thinking, "But what if I don't know what to say?" That's totally okay! Remember, God knows your heart. Even when words are hard to find, He understands what you're feeling. Just talking to Him, even without words, is a beautiful prayer.

So, kids, let's remember our lesson today: "Teach us to pray." Jesus gave us a simple map to follow, but it's okay to add your own words and feelings. God loves hearing from you, no matter what. You can talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything. He's the best friend you'll ever have, always ready to listen and help.

Before we finish, let's practice what we learned. Close your eyes, and we'll say a little prayer together.

Dear God, thank You for being so awesome. Please help everyone to be happy and safe, and help us to always do what's right. Thank you for our food, our families, and our friends. Please forgive us when we make mistakes, and help us to forgive others too. Thank you for loving us so much. Amen.

Great job, everyone! Remember, praying is something we can keep learning about every day. God is always ready to listen, so don't be shy. Talk to Him like the amazing friend He is. Keep practicing, and you'll see how special and powerful prayer can be in your life. Thanks for being such wonderful listeners today. Keep shining bright and talking to God!

Bible Memory Verse

Lord, teach us to pray. - Luke 11:1

You Will Need:

- Colored paper
- Crayons or markers
- Stickers with prayer themes (optional)

Get Ready:

- Cut the colored paper into large, easy-to-hold shapes, such as hearts or stars.
- Write 'Lord, teach us to pray.' on each shape in large, clear letters.

Do This:

1. Give each child a prepared shape and explain that this is a special prayer reminder.
2. Encourage the children to decorate their prayer reminders with crayons, markers, and stickers.
3. Once everyone has finished decorating, gather the children in a circle. Hold up your own prayer reminder and lead them in saying, 'Lord, teach us to pray.' together. Explain that they can use their prayer reminders at home to remember to pray every day.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Colorful construction paper
- Crayons or markers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors (for teacher use only)

Get Ready:

- Pre-cut construction paper into simple shapes (circles, squares, hearts) that the children can choose from to represent different prayer requests or thanksgivings.

Do this:

1. Read a simplified version of Luke 11:1, explaining that Jesus taught His friends how to pray because they asked Him.

2. Show the children the pre-cut shapes and explain that each shape can represent a prayer to God, like saying thank you, asking for help, or praying for others.
3. Let each child pick a shape and use crayons or markers to draw or write something or someone they want to pray for.
4. Help the children use glue sticks to stick their prayer shapes onto a larger piece of construction paper to create a "Prayer Garden."
5. Gather the children in a circle around the "Prayer Garden" and lead them in a simple prayer, mentioning each type of prayer represented by the shapes. Encourage them to say "Amen" at the end to show they agree.

Snack Activity: Prayer Pretzels

You'll Need:

- Small pretzel twists
- White chocolate chips
- Blue sprinkles
- Wax paper
- Microwave-safe bowl
- Spoon

Get Ready: Place a sheet of wax paper on a flat surface where the children can work.

Do this:

1. Explain that the pretzel represents two arms crossed in prayer, reminding us of Luke 11:1 where Jesus teaches us to pray.
2. Melt the white chocolate chips in the microwave-safe bowl. Heat for 30 seconds, stir, and repeat until smooth. Supervise closely as the bowl may be hot.

3. Let the children dip the pretzels halfway into the melted white chocolate, symbolizing purity and peace in prayer.
4. Before the chocolate sets, have them sprinkle the blue sprinkles over the white chocolate to represent heaven.
5. Place the pretzels on the wax paper to cool. While they cool, lead a simple prayer with the children, encouraging them to talk to God in their own words.

Game Activity: Prayer Path

You'll Need:

- Large sheets of paper or cardboard
- Markers or crayons
- Tape

Get Ready: Draw simple symbols on the paper/cardboard pieces that represent different parts of a prayer (e.g., hands for thanks, heart for love, world for others, home for family). Tape these on the floor in a path.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that prayer is talking to God, just like when they talk to their friends or family. Luke 11:1 shows us that even Jesus' disciples wanted to learn how to pray.
2. Start at the beginning of the 'Prayer Path.' As you step on each symbol, encourage the children to say a simple prayer related to the symbol. For example, on the hands symbol, they could say thank you to God for something.
3. Lead the children along the path, pausing at each symbol to pray. End the activity by gathering in a circle and saying a simple prayer together, thanking God for hearing all our prayers.

Craft Activity: Prayer Hands Bookmark

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (preferably in different colors)
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Glue stick
- Ribbon or yarn

Get Ready: Trace each child's hands on a piece of construction paper and cut out the shapes ahead of time.

Do this:

1. Have each child decorate their hand cutouts with markers or crayons. They can draw themselves praying, write a simple prayer, or just decorate with colors and patterns.
2. Glue the bottom parts of the hand cutouts together so that the hands appear to be in a praying position.
3. Punch a hole at the bottom of the glued hands and thread a piece of ribbon or yarn through it to create a bookmark. Encourage the children to place their bookmark in their Bible or any book they read as a reminder to pray, inspired by Luke 11:1.