

Let Us Pray

PRESCHOOL LESSON PLAN

Theme: Praying for others faithfully

Scripture: 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Memory Verse: Pray for all people. - 1 Timothy 2:1

The Children's Sermon

You'll need:

- Poster board with pictures of family, friends, neighbors, fireman, policeman, doctors, soldiers, teachers, president/king, missionaries, people at church, a mean person, and sick person.

When you think of loving someone what do you think of doing for others? Did you know that one way we show love for others is by praying for them?

Prayer is when we talk to God. It's like having a chat with a friend, but this friend is the best listener ever and can help everyone in the whole wide world.

God gives us so many things to pray about that we should never be able to say, "I don't know what to pray for." (Show your poster board) This is my prayer chart. It reminds me who to pray for.

You could make your own chart. You can take pictures of your family, friends, teachers and your doctor. You could ask your parents to take you to the fire department to take a picture of the firemen and tell them you want to pray for them every week. You can

tear pictures out of the newspaper or magazines of the president and soldiers. You can even take a picture of me, your pastor, and pray for my family. Have fun making your own prayer chart!

So, why should we pray for all people? Well, because everyone needs a little help sometimes. Imagine if your friend was feeling sad or had a big test coming up. Wouldn't you want to help them? By praying for them, you're asking God to give them a helping hand or to cheer them up. It's a way to show we care, even if we can't be there in person.

And guess what? Praying for all people makes the world a better place. It's like planting seeds of kindness and love everywhere. When we pray for others, we're spreading goodness all around, and that can make a big difference in someone's day or even their life.

But how do we pray for all people? It's easy! You can start by thinking of someone you want to pray for. It could be someone you know or even someone you heard about who might be having a tough time. Then, quietly in your heart or out loud, you can say something like, "Dear God, please help my friend feel better and be happy. Thank you." You see, it doesn't have to be long or fancy. What matters is that it comes from your heart.

But here's a little challenge: sometimes, it's easy to forget to pray for others, especially when we're busy or having too much fun. So, how can we remember? Well, we can make it a part of our daily routine, like brushing our teeth or saying goodnight. Maybe every morning when you wake up or every night before you go to bed, you can take a

little moment to pray for someone. It's a great way to start or end the day on a happy note.

So, kids, let's make a big, beautiful promise together. Let's promise to use our superpower of prayer to help and care for all people. Let's fill the world with so much love and kindness that it shines brighter than the biggest star in the sky. And let's start right now, by closing our eyes, thinking of someone we want to pray for, and sending them a little prayer from our hearts.

Let's keep our hearts open and our prayers going for everyone, every day. Amen.

Bible Memory Verse

Pray for all people. - 1 Timothy 2:1

You Will Need:

- Construction paper
- Crayons or markers
- Stickers of hearts or stars

Get Ready:

- Cut the construction paper into large heart shapes, one for each child.
- Write 'Pray for all people' at the top of each heart.

Do This:

1. Explain to the children that God wants us to pray for everyone, just like the Bible says in 1 Timothy 2:1.

2. Ask the children to think of someone they want to pray for. It could be a family member, friend, teacher, or even someone they don't know.
3. Have the children draw a picture of the person they want to pray for on their heart. They can also decorate their heart with crayons and stickers.
4. Encourage the children to say a simple prayer for the person they drew, asking God to take care of them and bless them.

Bible Interactive Experience

You'll Need:

- Small, colorful sticky notes
- Markers or crayons
- A large poster board with "Pray for Others" written at the top

Get Ready:

- Prepare the large poster board by writing "Pray for Others" at the top. Make sure it's colorful and inviting.
- Place the sticky notes and markers/crayons where children can easily access them.

Do this:

1. Gather the children around the poster board and explain that we can pray for others, just like in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, where it talks about praying for all people.
2. Ask each child to think of someone they want to pray for. It could be a family member, friend, or even someone they heard about who needs help.
3. Hand out sticky notes and markers/crayons to each child. Help them write the name of the person they want to pray for on a sticky note. For younger children, you can write it for them as they tell you the name.

4. Once they have their sticky note ready, invite them one by one to stick their note on the "Pray for Others" poster board.
5. After all the children have placed their sticky notes, lead them in a simple prayer, mentioning each name on the board, asking God to help and bless each person they've thought of.

Snack Activity: Prayer Pretzels

You'll Need:

- Pretzel sticks
- Mini marshmallows
- Chocolate chips or raisins

Get Ready: Gather all your materials on a clean table where all the kids can reach.

Do this:

1. Tell the children that today we're going to make Prayer Pretzels to remind us to pray for others. Explain that in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, we're encouraged to pray for everyone. Ask the children to think of someone they want to pray for today.
2. Have each child take 2 pretzel sticks and 1 mini marshmallow. Show them how to make a person by sticking the marshmallow between the two pretzel sticks like arms in prayer.
3. Then, let them pick a chocolate chip or raisin and place it on the marshmallow as the head. As they do this, encourage them to say a little prayer for the person they are thinking of. Remind them that we can pray for others anywhere, anytime, just like we can make and enjoy these Prayer Pretzels.

Game Activity: Prayer Path

You'll Need:

- Colorful tape or chalk
- Pictures of people (family members, community helpers, world leaders)
- A small bell or musical instrument

Get Ready: Use the tape or chalk to create a simple path on the floor or ground, placing the pictures along the sides of the path at various points.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that they are going on a prayer path, where they will learn to pray for others, just like in 1 Timothy 2:1-2.
2. Have the children start at the beginning of the path. When they reach a picture, ring the bell to gather their attention. Encourage them to say a simple prayer for the person in the picture, like 'God, please help and bless them.'
3. Continue along the path until all pictures have been prayed for. End the activity with a group prayer, thanking God for listening to our prayers for others.

Craft Activity: Prayer Hands for Others

You'll Need:

- Construction paper (various colors)
- Markers or crayons
- Safety scissors
- Glue stick

Get Ready: Trace each child's hands on construction paper and cut them out ahead of time for younger children. Older children can do this step with assistance.

Do this:

1. Have each child pick a pair of hand cutouts and write the name of someone they want to pray for on one hand, using markers or crayons. They can also draw a picture symbolizing that person if they are too young to write.
2. On the other hand, help them write or draw a simple prayer or wish for the person they chose. For example, 'God, please keep Grandma healthy and happy.'
3. Glue the bottoms of the hand cutouts together so the hands are in a praying position with the names and prayers facing out. Encourage the children to share who they are praying for and why, fostering a discussion about praying for others.

Prayer Activity: Praying for Others with a Prayer Chain

You'll Need:

- Construction paper in various colors
- Markers or crayons
- Stapler or tape

Get Ready: Cut the construction paper into strips about 2 inches wide.

Do this:

1. Explain to the children that we can pray for others and ask God to help and bless them, just like in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, where it talks about praying for all people. Tell them that today, they will make a prayer chain to remember to pray for others.

2. Ask each child to think of someone they want to pray for. It could be a family member, friend, teacher, or anyone else. Help them write the name of the person on a strip of paper with markers or crayons.
3. Show the children how to make a loop with their strip and secure it with a stapler or tape. Then, connect another child's strip through their loop before securing it, creating a chain. Explain that each link in the chain represents a prayer for someone else, and together, our prayers are strong and connected.
4. Once the chain is complete, hang it up in your Sunday School room as a reminder to pray for others. You can even add to it each week with new prayers.