

LESSON 11: THE LORD'S PRAYER: GOD'S WILL

Review Guide for Elementary

Classroom: Grades 1, 2, 3, & 4

 Matthew 6:10; Matthew 26:36-46

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OBJECT LESSON

Pen Pals

Supplies

- pens
- paper

Share a Pen

Say: Today we've been looking at Jesus' example of how wanting God's will is a part of prayer. It means letting go of what we want or want to do and doing what God tells us is best. God's in control no matter what, but a change happens in our hearts when choose to want God's will over our own. Let's do an experiment of opposing forces to see what it's like to fight for control, and to let go of it.

- Form pairs, and give each pair one pen and a piece of paper.
- Have partners both hold on to the pen with their dominant hands (the hands they normally write with). It'll feel a bit awkward, but that's part of the experiment. One person can hold the pen low, close to the point, while the other person holds the pen higher so both partners have a good writing grip on the pen.
- On the count of three, you'll give everyone a word to write, and partners will attempt to write the word at the same time in the way they normally write.
- Have partners write the word *bat*.
- Most partners will struggle and might not be able to write anything legible.
- Repeat the experiment a few times, having kids change partners each time.
- After a few rounds, have kids change partners once more. This time, they'll take turns surrendering to the way their partners write. That means one person will lightly hold the pen and allow the other person to direct writing "bat."

Talk About It

Ask: • **What made the first few rounds such a struggle?**

Say: **The first few rounds were a battle of wills. That's because even though you all were trying to write the same word at the same time, you all have different**

handwriting. The way you wanted to write “bat” won’t ever exactly match another person’s way.

Ask: • **What worked better when you relaxed, let go of control, and allowed your partner to lead?**

• **What might change in our lives if we let God lead us?**

Say: **It’s not always easy to let go of what we want to do but that’s why wanting God’s will is a part of prayer. Each time we talk with God we can ask for his help not only to know what he wants us to do but also for the help we may need to let him lead.**



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Dive Deeper

Dig Deeper for Parents

Wanting God’s will is part of prayer. One of the most upsetting things for kids is not getting their way. So the idea of praying for *God’s* way, not their own, may be a bit counterintuitive. Help kids see that God’s way is best, so that’s why it’s more desirable than our ways!

What’s an area of your life where you’ve been focused on *your* will? Ask God for his will to be done.

Discussion Questions

1. What is something you want?
2. Could this be a part of God’s will? If yes, how do you know? If no, why not?
3. What can you do to help align your wants with God’s will for you?

Pray

Pray with your child. Ask God to align your wants with His will. The more you seek Him, the more His will will align with yours. Ask you children if they have any prayer requests. If they do, please email them to citykids@calvaryoceanside.org. We would love to pray over them.

Memory Verse

“Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, ‘My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.’”

– Matthew 26:39
