

KIDS DEVOTIONAL AT HOME

For Sunday, June 7, 2020

For your family worship time, we have prepared 4 short activities that you can do together:

1. Kids' worship songs
2. A Bible story from YouTube
3. Questions for discussion and reflection, Prayer
4. Optional: crafts, activities, and songs

Prepare these items before you begin:

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1. Smartphone, tablet, or computer to play the worship songs
2. Scripture Reference:
3. Youtube video: God's Story: [Prayer](#)--Crossroads Kids Club
4. For the optional crafts and family games
 - Coloring page
 - Craft
 - Extension Activities

Worship Time

- Shine a Light <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sY-qzW-H3lw>
- Alive <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qEvEVALljNQ>
- My God is Number One <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OGFyHTzxLQw>
- Super Wonderful <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biwrXFSvSXI&t=31s>

Bible Story Discussion & Prayer

Before the video: God LOVES when we talk to him because that's how we can stay close to him. It's just like with a friend: How would you talk to a friend if they lived far away? And

what if they live nearby, and you see them every day? How do you talk to them then? What do you talk about? Let's check out a video to help us understand what prayer really is!

Review:

Let's watch a video, and hear about four different people who all had really close relationships with Jesus, and the four special ways WE can pray.

Video: God's Story / Prayer

Let's dig into these different ways of praying, and see how they can bring us into a closer relationship with Jesus every day! The first way is Praise! It's when we focus only on Him, and we tell him how much we love him. Sometimes it's singing songs, sometimes it's telling him thank you, sometimes it just means we tell him "I love you!" Here's a sign for "Praise"! Raise both hands above your head.

Next is to Repent. It's when we realize we've done something wrong, and tell God we're sorry. Then we turn from that wrong choice, and follow Jesus instead. Here's our sign for "repent". Hold your hand up, flat, and flip it front to back a few times

Now let's Ask. Jesus wants us to ask him for ANYTHING, whether it's asking for help, asking him to heal someone and make them better, or asking him for something we really need. Here's the motion for "ask"! Hold your hands in front of you with palms facing up, then lift them up.

And the last way is to Yield! And that's when we open our ears and listen to him, not just so we can hear, but so we can actually DO what he says! Here's the motion for yield. Hold up one palm forward, like "stop".

It can be hard to admit when you've done something wrong, and even harder to tell God about it. But God actually **WANTS** us to talk to him about the wrong choices we make; he doesn't want us to hide our sin, he wants us to bring it into the light! Let's practice this now. You don't have to say it out loud, but think of something in your head that you want to repent of. It could be something you said or did to someone else, a lie you told, a wrong choice you made... anything.

Questions for Preschoolers:

1. Why does God want us to pray? (Because He wants us to talk to Him)
2. Go through the following words, and let them say whether or not it describes God: good, perfect, wonderful, powerful, strong, amazing, almighty, loving, caring, special, etc.
3. What do you want to ask God for? (Anything, help, healing, when I'm afraid, etc.)
4. What can we do when we do something wrong? (Pray and ask God to forgive me)

Questions for older kids:

1. Why do we pray?
2. Let's praise God right now! Let's go around the circle, and each person says one word to describe God.
3. Let's think of some specific things right now that we could ask for. Everybody think in your head about some things you want to ask Jesus for. What are some things you want to ask for?
4. What do you guys like best about talking to and listening to God?
5. What are the main ways of praying we talked about today? (Praise, repent, ask and yield).
6. Which of those things is the hardest to do? Which is the easiest for you?
7. Have you ever heard or felt God was speaking to you? What was it like?

Prayer Jesus, we want to be your close friend. Please help us to make time this week to talk to you, and get to know you better. We love you so much and want to praise you for always being here for us. Amen.

Craft/Coloring/Activities:

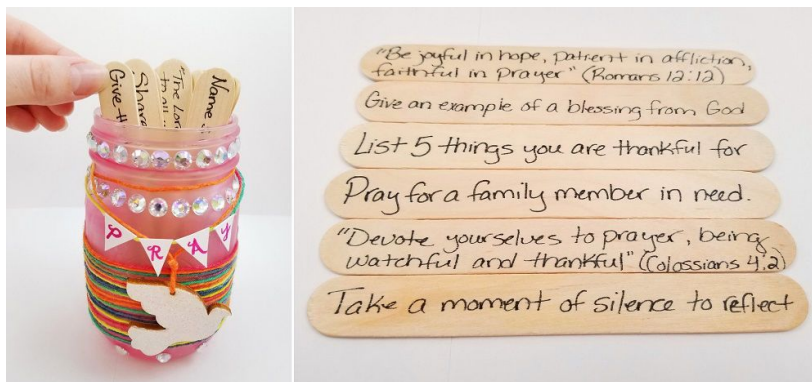
Game: Pick one person to start, and whisper a secret phrase to them (make sure only that person can hear). Then, they have to whisper that secret phrase to the next kid, and that kid whispers to the next kid, etc. Once the secret phrase goes all the way around the circle, let the last person say it out loud for the whole group to hear. It may be the same, or it may be totally different! Now start over and whisper a new phrase to a new person, and let it travel around the circle.

● Here are some funny phrases to use:

- ☐ Two tiny toads ate lots of swarming flies
- ☐ The funny bunny hid the colored candy
- ☐ A bunch of yellow bananas are in a blue boat
- ☐ Twelve people ate purple turnips
- ☐ A hairy caterpillar ate a big yellow banana
- ☐ There's a guppy fish in a shark tank
- ☐ Moody mummies munch on mothballs
- ☐ Noisy monkeys love to eat nuggets

Craft: Make Prayer Jars [For more ideas](#)

Suggested Materials: Mason Jars, ribbon, paint, craft sticks, markers, pendants, etc.



Gather some [Jumbo Craft Sticks](#), and bring your group together to write specific prayers, positive sayings, things to be thankful for, or names of community groups you would like to pray for. You can even write Bible verses on the craft sticks if you'd like to introduce a discussion on a specific topic.

Examples:

- Name a positive event that happened to you this year
- Share one prayer you have seen answered
- Give an example of a blessing God has given you
- Pray for a family member in need

Place the craft sticks in the Prayer Jars. When you are ready for the activity, each person will pull a craft stick out of the jar and follow what it says. This is a great activity to help both kids and adults with prayer, reflecting, and understanding the blessings God has given us.

Bible Versus Related to Prayer, Blessings, and Gratitude

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.” (Romans 12:12)

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18)

“The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.” (Psalm 145:18)

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.” (Luke 18:1)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” (Philippians 4:6)

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” (Colossians 4:2)

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.” (2 Corinthians 9:8)



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