
SESSION TITLE: Prayer

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 Chronicles 20; Psalm 51; 1 Samuel 1, 3

STORY POINT: Prayer is talking to God.

KEY PASSAGE: 1 John 1:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What is repentance? Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.

SCHEDULE

Introduce the Story	
(1) Activity Page & Intro Question	5 minutes
Teach the Story	
(2) Big Picture Question	2 minutes
(3) Watch Bible Story Video	4 minutes
(4) Bible Story Discussion	4 minutes
(5) Sing & Key Passage	4 minutes
Apply the Story	
(6) Coloring & Reflection Questions	10 minutes

****Special Note for 5/24/20 Curriculum****

This week, we are taking a brief pause from our normal curriculum to focus on prayer and prepare for the Prayer Tour next weekend that all of Anthem will be participating in.

The Prayer Tour will focus on praying for our neighbors and community here in Camarillo. We encourage everyone in the family to participate!

The video this week can be found on YouTube here: https://youtu.be/ZrdlXOk_QdQ. I suggest cuing it up before beginning the lesson.

*** If you do not have a printer or the materials needed for this week's curriculum,** Anthem Kids Lead Nicole Raden has packets of supplies you can pick up at her home. Let Nicole know if you'd like to come pick up a packet via email at nicole.raden@anthemchurch.org or text at (360) 383-6411.

INTRODUCE the Lesson

(1) INTRO & ACTIVITY PAGE (5 minutes)

To introduce the lesson, print out the appropriate activity page for kids to complete. As they fill them out, ask the intro question to get them thinking about the lesson you will be covering.

MATERIALS

- Preschool/Younger Activity Page – “FaceTime with a Friend”
- Older Activity Page – “Texting with a Friend”
- Crayons, markers or colored pencils

QUESTION - Prompt kids to share about a time that they had exciting news to share with a friend. What was the news? How did they tell their friend(s)?

SAY – One of the ways we stay in touch with our friends is by talking to them! I reach out to friends when I have something happy to share, but also when I am worried or upset and need someone to listen, or when I need help with something. Just like we talk to our friends, we can talk to God through prayer.

/// TRANSITION TO TEACH THE STORY ///

TEACH the Story

MATERIALS

- Internet-capable device (Computer, laptop, tablet)
- Bible
- Key Passage Printable
- PRAY acronym printable

(2) Big Picture Question (1 minute)

SAY – Today we will be talking about prayer. Do you know what prayer is? *[Allow answers.]*

That's right! **Prayer is talking to God.** There are all different ways to pray and they all help us grow closer to God. Our special video today will help us learn about some of the ways that God's people talked to Him in the Bible.

(3) Bible Story Video (5 minutes)

This week's video can be found on YouTube (link below).

VIDEO TITLE: "God's Story: Prayer"

VIDEO LOCATION: https://youtu.be/ZrdlXOk_QdQ

Video created by Crossroads Kids' Club

(4) Bible Story Discussion & Review (4 minutes)

This week, to expand on the story, share with your kids about a time that your family prayed for something and God answered your prayer.

Review the PRAY acronym sheet and talk about the different types of prayer.

(5) Key Passage and Songs (4 minutes)

Note – the music videos have hand motions to move along with! Kids are more likely to participate if you do, so get ready to move. 😊

We are still working on our new Key Passage - 1 John 1:9. Show the key passage printable or find it in the Bible. Lead the kids to repeat it. Then sing the Key Passage songs to help commit it to memory.

MUSIC VIDEO TITLES (OPTIONS) -

1. He is Faithful (Preschool)
2. Faithful and Righteous (Elementary)
3. This is My Father's World (Preschool)

4. This is My Father's World (Elementary)
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EXPERIENCE the Story

(6) Coloring Page & Reflection (10 minutes)

MATERIALS

- Printed coloring page (1 per child)
- Crayons, markers, or colored pencils

As they color, guide kids to think about and answer questions reviewing and reflecting on prayer. Rewatch the Bible Story video if needed.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- **What is prayer?** (*Prayer is talking to God.*)
- **When can we pray to God?** (*Anytime, anywhere!*)
- **One way to pray is to PRAISE God. What does it mean to praise God?** (*To tell God what we love about Him.*)
- **Another way to pray is to REPENT. What is repentance?** (*Repentance is turning away from sin and turning to Jesus.*)
- **Another way to pray is to ASK for what we need. What did Hannah ask God for?** (*a baby*)
- **The last way we talked about how to pray is to YIELD to God. What does it mean to yield?** (*to remember God is in control, not us*)
- **What is something we can be praying about as a family?** (*Discuss items to pray about for your family, neighborhood, church and community*)

Finish your time by talking about the Prayer Tour next week and making a plan as a family for how you want to engage, whether from home, by going for a walk, or taking a drive around town to pray.