

Response Activities
God Hears Our Prayers
Bible Passage: Matthew 6:1-18

Remember Verse:Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Hello Families!

We hope you enjoy this bonus material, it includes discussion questions and activities designed as additional ways to connect with the story videos. The Kids Connect video message coordinates with what is being taught in our main service and breaks it down to a more age appropriate level. It is our intention with both the videos and these activities to include different elements for the various age levels of kids who will be participating in these lessons. Each week we are drawing from curriculums designed for different age levels from preschool-4th grade, to help make this happen. We understand that not every element will apply to every age, but it is our hope that each family will be able to draw out those elements they can tailor to the children in their families. It is our prayer that this lesson, the kids' videos and the live steam service will help open up conversation in your household and provide a way for your entire family to engage with God's word!

God Hears Our Prayers- The Lord's Prayer

RESPOND

Preschool Level

There are lots of ways to pray. To pray means to talk to God. You can talk to God anywhere and at any time. Some people write prayers or draw pictures for God. Let's do a few activities that teach us about praying to God.

Prayer Practice

Invite kids to say, "Hello, God," in a normal voice. **Say it again in a shout. Now whisper. Say it again in an elephant voice. Now say it like a mouse. Say it in your head. Which voice do you think God hears best? God hears our prayers no matter how we say them. And God wants to talk to us too. We can talk to God wherever we are about anything. We can thank God or say, "I love you, God!" or ask God to help.**

Pray together: **Dear God, thank you for prayer so we can talk to you. Help us to hear each other, and to hear your voice too. Amen.**

Praying Hands

RELATE: Jesus taught the people how to pray. Let's learn how to do a Five-Finger Prayer together.

1. Have kids place their hands inside the hand outlines. Kids can pray out loud or silently, as they are comfortable.
2. We'll start with number one. Your pinkie finger is for praise. Praise means to honor God. Have kids wriggle their pinkie fingers. Use words that tell how excited you are about God! "God, I love you! You are _____!"
3. Next comes number two. Your ring finger is for thanks. Invite kids to rub their ring fingers back and forth. Say thanks to God for God's good gifts. "Thank you, God, for giving me _____."
4. Three is your middle finger. Let's pray for others. Have kids curl their middle fingers in and out. Pray for someone you know. You can ask God to help them or bless them. "God, please help _____."
5. Four is your pointer finger. We can ask God for forgiveness. Invite kids to make circles with their pointer fingers. Asking for forgiveness means saying you're sorry for something you did wrong. God loves you and forgives you when you ask. "God, forgive me for _____."
6. Five is your thumb. We pray for ourselves. Have kids tap their thumbs. You can ask God for anything you need. "God, I ask you for _____."
7. Let's finish by praising God again. Invite kids to raise their hands in the air and wriggle all their fingers. Say together, "I love you, God! Amen!" If time permits, pass out crayons for kids to color the hands on their leaflets.

Kinder-4th grade level

Prayer Towers

SUPPLIES

- Paper or white board
- Markers
- Building blocks or disposable cups

RELATE- Jesus taught people that there are different ways to pray. We can talk to God anytime about anything. In today's story Jesus talked about the different things we can pray about. Let's write some of those down before we start. You can also use the prayer cards to give you ideas. Now let's work together to build a prayer tower. Take turns adding one block or cup at a time. As you do, name a time you can pray, something to pray about, or a place you can pray. Kids can use words from the chart or say something else. Try to say something different each time. Continue adding blocks until the tower falls, then say together, "We can talk with God about anything and everything!" Ask groups who finish quickly or knock down the tower to build another and pray together for someone in your life each time a block is added.

Dear God,

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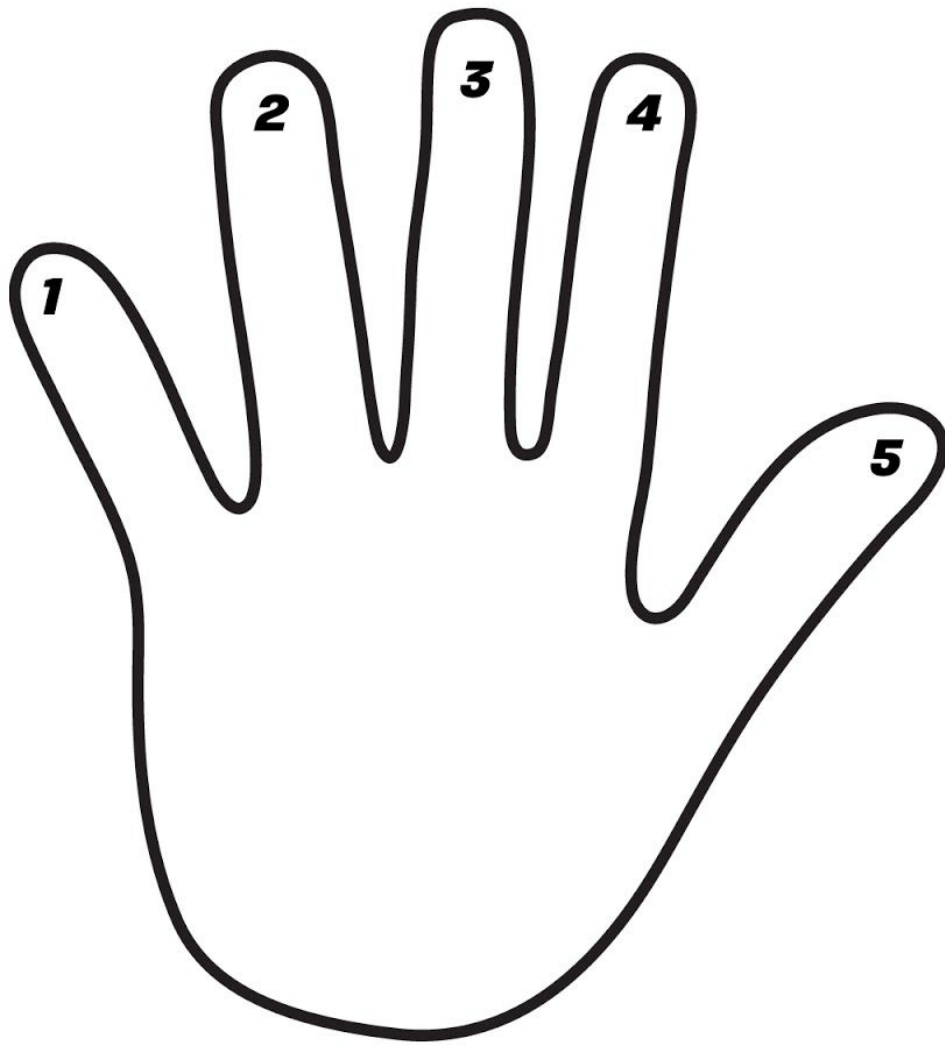
- Dear God, prayer sheet
- Pencils or markers

RELATE- God wants nothing more than for us to talk to Him. Let's use the Dear God, prayer sheet to help us talk to God not just today, but every day.

BLESS

As you talk to God, remember that He loves you, He listens to you, He helps you and He will always be with you!

GOD HEARS MY PRAYERS



1-GOD I LOVE YOU!

2-THANK YOU GOD!

3-GOD PLEASE HELP OTHERS

4-GOD FORGIVE ME

5-GOD PLEASE HELP ME



**Thank God for
something good He
has helped you have.**

(See Psalm 107:1.)

**Ask God for help with
your problems.**

(See Psalm 109:26.)

**Pray for the needs of
other people.**

(See 1 Timothy 2:1.)

**Ask God to forgive you
for your sins.**

(See 1 John 1:9.)

**Praise God and tell Him
that He is good.**

(See Psalm 103:1.)

**Tell God things that you
are thinking or feeling.**

(See Psalm 62:8.)

**Ask God to give you
wisdom to know
what to do.**

(See James 1:5.)

DEAR GOD,

I love you because you _____.

Thank you for my family and my friends. I'm so thankful for

_____.

I'm sorry for when I _____.

Help me to be kind to _____.

Please help me tomorrow as I _____.

Keep me safe as I _____.

I want to praise you because _____.

IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.