


THE LORD'S PRAYER – SUGGESTIONS FOR CHILDREN'S GROUPS

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,	HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME	YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN.	GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD.
<p><i>Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ 1 Cor 1:3</i></p> <p>Why do you think this prayer begins, "OUR Father", not "MY Father"?</p> <p>What do you think about prayer? Write or draw what you think in a speech bubble.</p> <p>Now make the Prayer "Chatterbox/fortune teller" and try it on your friends. What did you learn about the way other people think about prayer?</p> <p>For younger ones, you could use the Lord's Prayer cards to record each part of the prayer they have learnt. For older ones, they could draw or create an image/pattern in the empty boxes.</p> <p>Draw/write or say a prayer based on today's part of the Lord's Prayer.</p>	<p><i>Praise the Lord, my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Ps. 103:1</i></p> <p>If someone says your name and says horrible things about you, how do you feel?</p> <p>Do you ever hear anyone doing this with God's name? Hallowed means "holy" or "Special"</p> <p>God is Holy, and his holiness is powerful and changes us if we ask him to. This experiment might remind us of this.</p> <p>You need:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 plastic cups • 4 eye droppers or syringes (very cheap on line or at Boots) • White vinegar • 4 different colours of food colouring • Baking sheet covered with good layer of bicarbonate of soda. <p>Mix each food colour with white vinegar and put it in a cup together with its own dropper.</p> <p>Allow the children to drop the colour mix onto the bicarb and watch the little explosion.</p> <p>God's holiness is like this in our lives, it gradually changes us to be like him.</p> <p>Card and/or drawing. Draw/write or say a prayer based on today's part of the Lord's Prayer.</p>	<p><i>But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Lk 12:31</i></p> <p>In heaven what God says is done, but this isn't how it is on earth. Why do you think this might be?</p> <p>Imagine heaven – what is it like? What things do happen there, and what things don't? Now on a large piece of card/paper with a picture of earth stuck in the middle, use an arrow and draw or write what you will pray so that earth becomes more like heaven.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Option to research or use some ready prepared information about places where people are hungry etc.</p> <p>Draw/write or say a prayer based on today's part of the Lord's Prayer.</p>	<p><i>I am the bread of life. John 6:48</i></p> <p>Jesus said he is the bread of life. Why is bread so important to us? Do you think it used to be even more important in Jesus' time? Why do you think Jesus might want his followers to think of him when they were making or eating bread?</p> <p>Depending on your facilities – either make bread dough and divide it into the number of children present, or give each child a slice of bread and a safe knife.</p> <p>Make a shape to remind you it's for today – it could be the date, the initial letter of the day etc.</p> <p>Cook the dough if you can.</p> <p>Write some words to say out loud or in your mind to say thank you to God when you have some food to eat. Remember to thank the person who cooked it too!</p> <p>Draw/write or say a prayer based on today's part of the Lord's Prayer.</p> <p>Can you remember the 4 parts of the prayer up till today?</p>

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There was once a man who said and did such amazing things that everyone asked him questions. One day his friends asked him, "Jesus, how should we pray?" and Jesus replied, "This is how you should pray"

Our Father in heaven, Dark green, crown and thanks dad card

hallowed be your name, Purple, Candle and matches

your kingdom come, your will be done,

on earth as in heaven Teal, Little village

Give us today our daily bread. Light green, roll

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us. Red, little cross and lego people

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil. Blue, sequin fabric

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever. Yellow, shiny shapes

Amen. Orange, heart

Other resources can be found at:

<http://www.stapleford-centre.org/files/files/eprod973438712pjhe/Lords-Prayer-Trail.pdf>

<https://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Publisher/File.aspx?ID=181687>