




# 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"> <li>• 4 plastic cups</li> <li>• 4 eye droppers or syringes (very cheap on line or at Boots)</li> <li>• White vinegar</li> <li>• 4 different colours of food colouring</li> <li>• Baking sheet covered with good layer of bicarbonate of soda.</li> </ul> <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. Lk12:31</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 data-bbox="1243 654 1400 805" 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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FORGIVE US OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.	LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.	FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS NOW AND FOR EVER.	AMEN
<p><i>Forgive as the Lord forgave you Col 3:13</i></p> <p>What do you think forgiveness is? If you forgive someone who does something wrong to you, would you still be their friend afterwards?</p> <p>Read Matthew 18: 23-35 (Try New Living Translation) Use Lego to tell this story in 4 scenes. Take a mobile photo of each scene and upload them onto a laptop, a Powerpoint would work well. Now watch the 4 scenes, one after another, you could add a commentary if you like. The story ends badly for the man. Which scene would you change to make the ending better? Can you make another scene to go in instead?</p> <p>Draw/write or say a prayer based on today's part of the Lord's Prayer. Can you remember the 5 parts of the prayer up till today?</p>	<p><i>My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. Jn 17:15</i></p> <p>There is evil in the world, this sentence from the Lord's Prayer says that clearly. What sort of things that happen in the world make you think about evil? Do you know anyone who has been upset or hurt because of something evil or wrong happening?</p> <p>It's hard to understand why God doesn't stop bad things happening – but we know that his love and care is with everyone who is hurt.</p> <p>Cut out some flower shapes from the sheet of paper, write a name or something that you think is wrong in the world in the centre. Fold the petals over, and talk to God about what you have written. Float the flower in a large bowl of water, some quiet music might be good too.</p> <p>Draw/write or say a prayer based on today's part of the Lord's Prayer. Can you remember the 6 parts of the prayer up till today?</p>	<p><i>I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Ps 63:2</i></p> <p>Pass around/try on a crown. If you were king or queen for the day, what ONE thing would you stop, and what one thing would you make happen? Was it hard to decide? Did anyone choose the same?</p> <p>God is all powerful and so we can pray to him at any time. For this you will need</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 square boxes (or 2 shoeboxes and two squares)</li> <li>• Cardboard tubes</li> <li>• Coloured card/paper</li> <li>• Battery tealights.</li> </ul> <p> <small>How to teach kids the Power of Prayer</small></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write your prayer and roll up the paper to fit inside a tube. You can add a tea light which reminds us of Jesus's power and promises.</li> <li>• Encourage the children to keep on praying, then after some time, take their prayers out and read them – talk about God's answers.</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://easybreezysundayschool.blogspot.com/search/label/Prayer%20Cross">http://easybreezysundayschool.blogspot.com/search/label/Prayer%20Cross</a></p>	<p><i>. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Rev 22:12</i></p> <p>Amen means, “so be it,” or “yes I agree”. Now that you've been through the whole of the Lord's Prayer, what do you think about the Amen? Will you agree with everything in the prayer, or is there something you're not sure about?</p> <p>Make a “Wordle” based on the Lord's prayer, like this. There are free computer programs to do this, but if you have no access to one, you can create a Wordle yourself using different colours and sizes of words. This site is easy, <a href="https://www.wordclouds.com/">https://www.wordclouds.com/</a></p> <p></p> <p>If you can, print out two versions of your wordle, or photocopy what you have made. You could make a display in your church or school about the Lord's Prayer, or give a copy to someone in your family so that they can pray the prayer too.</p> <p>Pray the whole prayer together now as you finish.</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>