

23 | W2

Small Group (15 minutes)

Social: Providing Time for Fun Interaction

Opening Activity

Large Group (35 minutes)

Story: Communicating God's Truth in Engaging Ways

Worship: Inviting People to Respond to God

Opener

Worship

Bible Story (sections about God's Big Story are listed as optional)

Prayer

Small Group (25 minutes)

Groups: Creating a Safe Place to Connect

Bible Story Review: Prayers on the Wall

Application Activity: Voice Changer

Memory Verse Activity: Bop the Verse

Prayer Activity: Prayer Bands

Home: Prompting Action Beyond the Experience

Parent Cue Card (Print or Email)

Devotionals for Kids

Parent Cue App



Bible Story

The Lord's Prayer | Matthew 6:9-13

Bottom Line

Practice praying to God.

Monthly Memory Verse

Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come. | 1 Timothy 4:8 NIV

5 min

Opener

5 min

23 Opening Activity

What You Need

 Offering Container

1

What You Do:

- Welcome the kids with a high-five or fist bump.
- Invite kids who have brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Instruct the kids to join you in a seated circle.
- Explain that you are going to say something in a simple way, and then you want them to help you say it in a very fancy way.
- Say, "Let's eat."
- Ask, "What's a fancy way to say that?" (e.g., "Dinner is served, my good friends!")
- Say, "I like your shirt."
- Ask, "What's a fancy way to say that?" (e.g., "That is quite a splendid garment you are wearing!")
- Continue with a few more simple phrases, like "Let's play," or "That's a nice drawing."
- Have fun being silly and using fancy voices together.

What You Say:

"It's fun to use fancy words sometimes, isn't it? But guess what? When we talk to God, we don't need any fancy words at all! God loves to hear from you just the way you are. **[Transition]** Today, we're going to learn that we can **[Bottom Line]** practice praying to God anytime, anywhere. Let's go!"

5 min

Bible Story Review

5 min




23 – Fill The Board | Made to Connect

What You Say:

"Look at all of those colors! Each of those colors of sticky notes represents something else Jesus told us we could talk to God about in the prayer He taught us. Great job learning more about the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray.

"Let's remember to **[Bottom Line]** practice praying to God every day!"

What You Need

	Large piece of posterboard	1
	Sticky notes in four different colors (e.g., yellow, blue, green, red)	Several
	Marker	0

What You Do:

- Before the activity, use the marker to write "OUR PRAYERS" at the top of the posterboard.
- Instruct the kids to sit around the posterboard on the floor.
- Give each kid a few sticky notes of each color.
- Explain that you're going to fill the board with some of the different topics of prayer Jesus taught in His prayer.
- Hold up the yellow sticky note. Say, "Yellow is for telling God how great God is. Let's stick our yellow notes on the board as we say, 'God, You are great!'"
- Hold up the blue sticky note. Say, "Blue is for asking God for what we need that day—like food or maybe courage to tell the truth. Let's stick our blue notes on the board."
- Hold up the green sticky note. Say, "Green is for saying sorry when we've messed up and asking God to help us forgive others. Let's put our green notes on the board."
- Hold up the red sticky note. Say, "Red is for asking God to help us make good choices and follow His good ways. Let's add our red notes."

- *Pair kids so they can work together, sharing the task of writing or drawing.*

5 min

Application Activity




5 min

23 – Prayer Stations | Made to Move

What You Say:

"That was a great way to pray! Prayer is just talking to God, and you can talk to God about so many different things. We can talk to God about absolutely anything! God is your friend, and He just wants you to talk to Him about anything at any time.

What You Need

 Construction paper in four different colors	1
 Wall Tape	1
 Permanent Marker	1

What You Do:

- Write one of the following words on each piece of paper: Praise, Kingdom, Need, Forgiveness
- Tape one piece of paper to four places around the room.
- Travel to each spot as a group and do the following for each:
 - Praise: One at a time, tell God one thing you love about Him. Then have a dance party, showing your best dance move.
 - Kingdom: One at a time, share one way that you can make your world look more like God's Kingdom. (Remember, God's Kingdom is where love, joy, peace, and goodness are the way things work. Maybe you can hold the door for someone, or cheer someone up when they're sad.) Then, give everyone a high five, because they're bringing great things into the world.
 - Need: Talk to God silently about one thing you need that day. Then, one at a time, act out eating your favorite food. See if everyone else in the group can guess what the food is.
 - Forgiveness: Let's talk to God silently and ask Him to help us forgive someone who hurt us. Then, let's pretend to put BAND-AIDS® on everyone's knees because forgiving someone who hurt us, and letting God handle the payback, is the first step to us getting better.

- *Modify movements as needed. You can keep all of the pages in a circle between the kids, and point to each one as you talk about it.*
- *If a kid is sensitive to loud noises, the group can whisper their praises or say them silently.*

"We followed the prayer Jesus taught us to pray. We talked to God about how great He is, how we want the world to look more like His Kingdom, what we need today, and who we need to forgive. That's a lot of different things that we talked to God about!"

"And prayer is something we can get better at when we practice! Let's **[Bottom Line] practice praying to God** this week."





5 min

Memory Verse Activity

5 min

23 – Order the Verse | Made to Play

What You Need

 Bibles	Several
 Floor Tape	1
 Prepared ping-pong balls placed in a plastic serving bowl	1
 Paper Plate	Several

What You Do:

- Give every two kids a Bible.
- Invite them to look up 1 Timothy 4:8 using the Bible Navigation Tips.

Finding verses for 2-3rd graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find the name of the book in the list. When they find the book, lead them to look at the page number beside it. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find that book. Help the kids find the page. When they find the book, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find the correct chapter. Then explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find the correct verse in that chapter.

- Repeat the verse together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Encourage the kids to set aside the Bibles.
- Place a line of floor tape as your starting line on one end of the group space.
- Place the bowl of prepared ping-pong balls at the other side of your group space.
- Invite the kids to line up behind the tape line.
- Challenge the kids to take a paper plate, run down, pick up a ping-pong ball, place it on

What You Say:

"You did it! You put that Bible verse in order!

"The Bible tells us that growing strong in our faith—that's getting to know God and following Him because you love Him—is so valuable. It's valuable for this life and when we are living with God forever in eternity! Getting to know God and following Him, is one of the best things you can do with your whole life!"

their paper plate, and carefully carry it back to the tape line, one at a time.

- After the kids have all the ping-pong balls, instruct them to read the words on their ping-pong ball.
- Encourage the kids to line the ping-pong balls on the floor in the correct order and say the verse together.

- *For kids with limited mobility, pair kids to work as a team or play this game seated passing the ping-pong ball around the circle then putting them in order.*



5 min

Prayer

5 min

23 – Fill With Prayer | Made to Create

What You Need

-  "Fill with Prayer" Activity Page 0
-  Coloring Supplies Several

What You Do:

- Invite the kids to gather around.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Give each kid a page from the "Fill with Prayer" Activity Page.
- Share that the kids are going to use the coloring supplies to fill the letters with prayers—and each letter will stand for something different to pray for.
- Say, "Inside the letter 'P,' let's draw pictures of people we can pray for." (e.g., mom, dad, friends)
- Say, "Inside the letter 'R,' let's draw things we can thank God for." (e.g., the sun, our food, our pets)
- Say, "Inside the letter 'A,' let's draw something we need help with." (e.g., being kind, sharing, math)
- Say, "Inside the letter 'Y,' just draw you! Because God always wants to hear from YOU."

What You Say:

"This looks amazing. Our prayers are so beautiful! Remember that you can talk to God about anything—that's what Jesus taught us in 'The Lord's Prayer.' Let's pray together now."

"Dear God, thank You for loving us and for listening when we talk to You. Help us to remember to talk to You all of the time, about anything. We want our lives to be an ongoing conversation with You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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- Give the kids several minutes to think and draw.
- **[Make vlt Personal]** (Draw your own prayers in the letters alongside the kids.)

Supplies

23 Opening Activity

1.	Offering Container	1
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23 – Fill The Board | Made to Connect

1.	Large piece of posterboard	1
2.	Sticky notes in four different colors (e.g., yellow, blue, green, red)	Several
3.	Marker	0

23 – Prayer Stations | Made to Move

1.	Construction paper in four different colors	1
2.	Wall Tape	1
3.	Permanent Marker	1

23 – Order the Verse | Made to Play

1.	Bibles	Several
2.	Floor Tape	1
3.	Prepared ping-pong balls placed in a plastic serving bowl	1
4.	Paper Plate	Several

23 – Fill With Prayer | Made to Create

1.	"Fill with Prayer" Activity Page	0
2.	Coloring Supplies	Several