

The Lord's Prayer, Week 2- Matthew 9:6-13

THE POINT

Focus:

God teaches his followers how to talk to him.
God's followers want God's will to be done.

Application:

We pray to God.
We seek God's will and Kingdom in the world.

Last Week: The Lord's Prayer, Week 1

2 Weeks Ago: Jesus Calls his Disciples

HEART CONNECTION (5-7 MINUTES)

MATERIALS:

- Bracelet from The Lord's Prayer, Week 1

Content:

Review the bracelet from Week 1 and say the Lord's prayer together. Quickly re-explain what the beads mean. Hand out bracelets to children who did not attend last week.

STORY CONNECTION (10-12 MINUTES)

MATERIALS:

- 7 pieces of paper, numbered 1-7
- Markers

Optional: a piece of paper (or 7 small papers) for each child to draw their own copy. I would recommend this only for older/more mature classes. Otherwise, just place the drawings in the center as you complete them so everyone can see them. Children can follow along kinesthetically with their bracelets.

Instructions:

The focus this week is on learning the 7 petitions of the Lord's prayer. Oftentimes, children have only been invited to pray for their own tangible needs like health or good weather. This lesson invites them to consider some other types of requests.

Have the children sit in a circle for the story This helps include children who might feel shy, and it helps each child feel equally engaged. It reassures children that they are seen and welcome in the community.

Matthew 6:9-13 (traditional writing used rather than NIV. Use the translation your congregation uses.)

This week, we're going to keep learning it in our minds and our hearts, and learn more about what it means. The Lord's prayer has 7 requests. Most of these aren't prayer requests like, "Please help my friend feel better" or "please help me do well on my spelling test". We have 7 sheets here, and we can draw something on each sheet as we learn about the 7 prayer requests.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, 1) hallowed be thy Name.

"Hallowed by thy Name" is the first request. Does anyone remember what "hallowed" means? (holy). This means that God is set-apart and deserves our worship and respect. We want to say God's name in a way that shows others we worship him. Let's write "LORD" on this paper as a reminder of God's name.

2) Thy Kingdom come,

We pray for God's power to rule everywhere in the world. On the #2, let's draw a crown.

3) Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

The 3rd prayer request is that God's kingdom will be in the world today. Let's draw a picture of the earth on the #3 as a reminder of our prayer for God's will on earth.

4) Give us this day our daily bread,

The 4th request is that God will provide for our daily needs. This might be food (bread) or other things we need like a safe place to sleep at night. We pray this for ourselves and for others, and we recognize that it is God who provides for everything we need. Let's draw some food on #4.

and 5) forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

The fifth request in the Lord's prayer is for forgiveness. We ask for the Lord's forgiveness for ourselves, and we ask for the Lord's help in forgiving others. God forgave us at the cross. Let's draw a cross on the #5.

6) And lead us not into temptation,

This is a prayer request that God would guard us from being tempted to sin or follow a plan that isn't his. We pray this because we know that God's plan is one from love, and we want to desire God's loving plan, not evil. Let's draw a heart for #6.

7) but deliver us from evil.

The last prayer request is to be delivered from evil. This means that sometimes bad things will happen, but that we can ask God to protect us safely from harm. Let's draw a pathway, showing God's path away from evil for #7.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

These are big requests, but we can pray them because God is in charge- he can do anything- and he loves us!

Close your time together by saying the prayer together again.

WONDER CONNECTION (3-5 MINUTES)

MATERIALS: None.

I wonder what it will be like to see God's kingdom everywhere on earth.

I wonder how God feels about providing us each day with our daily bread.

I wonder how we can glorify God this week.

What do you wonder?

SPIRIT CONNECTION (7-10 MINUTES)

MATERIALS: Coloring supplies: paper, crayons, pencils, hard drawing surfaces (floor, clipboard, or a table).

Take a few minutes to talk quietly with the Lord while you draw, write, or just think inside your heard. Talk with God about the story today. This is a quiet time for you to spend with the Lord, not with your neighbor or anyone else.