



Session Twenty-Seven: Jesus Teaches Us to Pray

Today's Point:

Jesus teaches us how to pray to God.

Bible Verse: Matthew 6:9

CSB: "Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy." Matthew 6:9

KJV: "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Matthew 6:9

Today's Bible Skill:

- Begin to memorize Matthew 6:9
- Know that Matthew is in the New Testament
- Know that Matthew is one of the four Gospels

Bible Truth Activity:

Game: Prayer Categories Sort

Object of the game:

Kids will learn different things they can pray about.

Materials:

- Index cards with words or pictures:
 - family
 - food
 - sick friend
 - church
 - missionaries
 - school
 - thankfulness
 - forgiveness

Directions:

Spread the cards around the room.

Call children one at a time to choose a card and explain how they could pray about it.

Examples:

- “Thank You for my family.”
- “Please help my friend feel better.”
- “Help me obey at school.”

When activity is over say:

Jesus taught His followers how to pray. Prayer is talking to God.

In Matthew 6, Jesus gave an example prayer to teach people how to pray sincerely and honestly.

Read Matthew 6:9 aloud.

Ask:

- Who do we pray to?
- Can we pray anytime?
- What are things we can thank God for?

(Allow responses.)

Say:

God loves hearing His children pray.

Bible Verse Activity – Prayer Echo

Help children find Matthew 6:9.

Read the verse together.

CSB:

“Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, your name be honored as holy.”

Matthew 6:9

KJV:

“After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.”

Matthew 6:9

Say the verse in short sections and have children echo each phrase:

- “Our Father in heaven”
- “your name be honored as holy”

Repeat using:

- whisper voices
- joyful voices
- slow voices
- excited voices

Encourage children to say the verse from memory.

Bible Skills Activity: Finding the Gospels

Materials:

- Bible for each child

Instructions:

Teach the four Gospels:

- Matthew
- Mark
- Luke
- John

Say the names together several times.

Help children find Matthew in the New Testament.

Practice locating:

- Matthew chapter 6
- Verse 9

Review:

- Big numbers are chapters
- Small numbers are verses

Conclude by saying:

The Gospels teach us about Jesus and His teachings.