

WEEK 1 | PRESCHOOL | PARENT LESSON GUIDE

Need to Know: I Can Talk to God

Bible Story: The Lord's Prayer

Bible Reference: Matthew 6:5-15, Luke 11:1-13



READ THE BIBLE

DO Show and read the **Bible Story Cards** aloud to the group.

SAY

- *Does the Bible tell us that God is our Father or our brother? (Father) Yes! God is our good Father in heaven who loves us so much!*
- *When we pray, does God hear us — yes or no? (Yes) You got it! God loves to hear you talk to Him, and He loves to talk to you, too!*

LET'S PRAY

PRAY

- Allow kids to take turns praying, "Hey God! I love you! Amen."
- Then pray out loud: *Hey God, thank You for hearing us when we pray. Please help us talk to You every day! We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!*

LET'S PRACTICE

DO

1. Take out the **dry erase board**, **dry erase marker**, and **paper towel** (or use blank paper).
2. Draw a picture from the left column on the **Leader Guide**, and let the kids guess what you are drawing.
3. Once they guess, read the corresponding text next to the picture on the Leader Guide.
4. Continue until all pictures have been drawn and discussed.

SAY *God loves to hear you talk to Him! You can talk to Him any time, any day, and about anything! Let me hear you say this after me one more time: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)*
I Can (thumbs to chest)
Talk to God (make praying hands)

MEMORIZE IT

SAY *There's a verse in the Bible that tells us we can pray and talk to God about everything!
Let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)*

"No matter (make "X" with arms, shake head in "no" motion)

what happens, (arms out in "why" motion)

tell God (make praying hands)

about everything." (arms up and out)

Philippians 4:6 (make book with hands)

DO Have kids say the verse while talking like/pretending to be a dog, a cat, and then a pig.
Give kids **crayons** and a **Memory Verse Coloring Sheet** to color.



The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:5-15, Luke 11:1-13

Let's ask Jesus how to pray.

(Say to the rhythm of, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?")

Jesus,

Jesus,

How can we pray?

You can say, "Our Father in heaven."

(In normal speaking rhythm)

The Bible tells us that God is our good Father.

Jesus says we can pray and say, "Our Father in heaven, we pray that Your name will always be kept holy."

Do you think God's name is special? (Yes)

Yes! God's name is special, so we always want to treat it that way.



Let's ask Jesus to tell us more about talking to God in prayer.

(Say to the rhythm of, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?")

Jesus,

Jesus,

What do we pray?

You can pray for God's kingdom to come here on Earth.

(In normal speaking rhythm)

Jesus tells us that God always knows what is best. So Jesus said to pray this, "We pray that Your kingdom will come. We pray that what you want will be done, here on Earth as it is in heaven."



Let's ask Jesus what we need to pray next.

(Say to the rhythm of, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?")

Jesus,

Jesus,

What do we pray?

You can ask God to give you what you need today.

(In normal speaking rhythm)

Let me see you pat your tummies. (Everyone will pat tummies)

Good job! Jesus tells us that we can ask God to give us anything that we need for today, like food to eat.



Does this boy look happy or sad? (Sad) Let's ask him why he's sad.

(Say to the rhythm of, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?")

Little boy,

Little boy,

Why are you sad?

I hurt my friend, and I feel sad for what I've done.

(In normal speaking rhythm)

Jesus tells us that we can ask God to forgive us for anything we've done wrong, and we can tell God that we forgive others.

Jesus said we can pray this, "Forgive the sins we have done, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us."



Let's ask this boy what he is praying.

(Say to the rhythm of, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?")

Little boy,

Little boy,

What are you praying?

I'm asking God to keep me from doing wrong things.

(In normal speaking rhythm)

Jesus said that we can pray and ask God to keep us from doing wrong things, and we can ask Him to keep us safe from the wrong things other people do.

God is a good Father, and when you talk to Him, He hears you. God wants to talk to you and listen to you! Let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

I Can (thumbs to chest)

Talk to God (make praying hands)

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What sound does this animal make? (Everyone will meow like a cat)

Good job! Can you talk to God while you play with your pets? (Yes)

You got it! You can talk to God anywhere and about anything!



Can you talk to God only at home or everywhere you go? (Everywhere you go)

Yes! You can talk to God anywhere you go or right at home!



Does this person look happy or sad? (Happy)

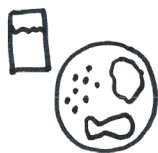
That's right! He's happy because his father loves him. The Bible tells us that God is our Father in heaven! He's a good Father who loves listening to His kids pray and talk to Him.

On the count of three, let me hear you say, "Hey God" with me! One, two, three! (Everyone will say, "Hey God," together)



Let me see you make a big sun above your head! (Everyone will make a circle with their arms above their heads)

When we talk to God, we can tell Him, "Thank You," for all He's made — like the sun!



This looks like a yummy dinner plate. What do you like to eat for dinner? (Allow responses)

God loves you and wants to give you all you need to live, like food. Jesus told us that we can talk to God and ask Him for the things we need to live each day, like food and drink.

Let me see you pretend to eat some yummy food! (Everyone will pretend to eat food)



What is this shape? (Cross)

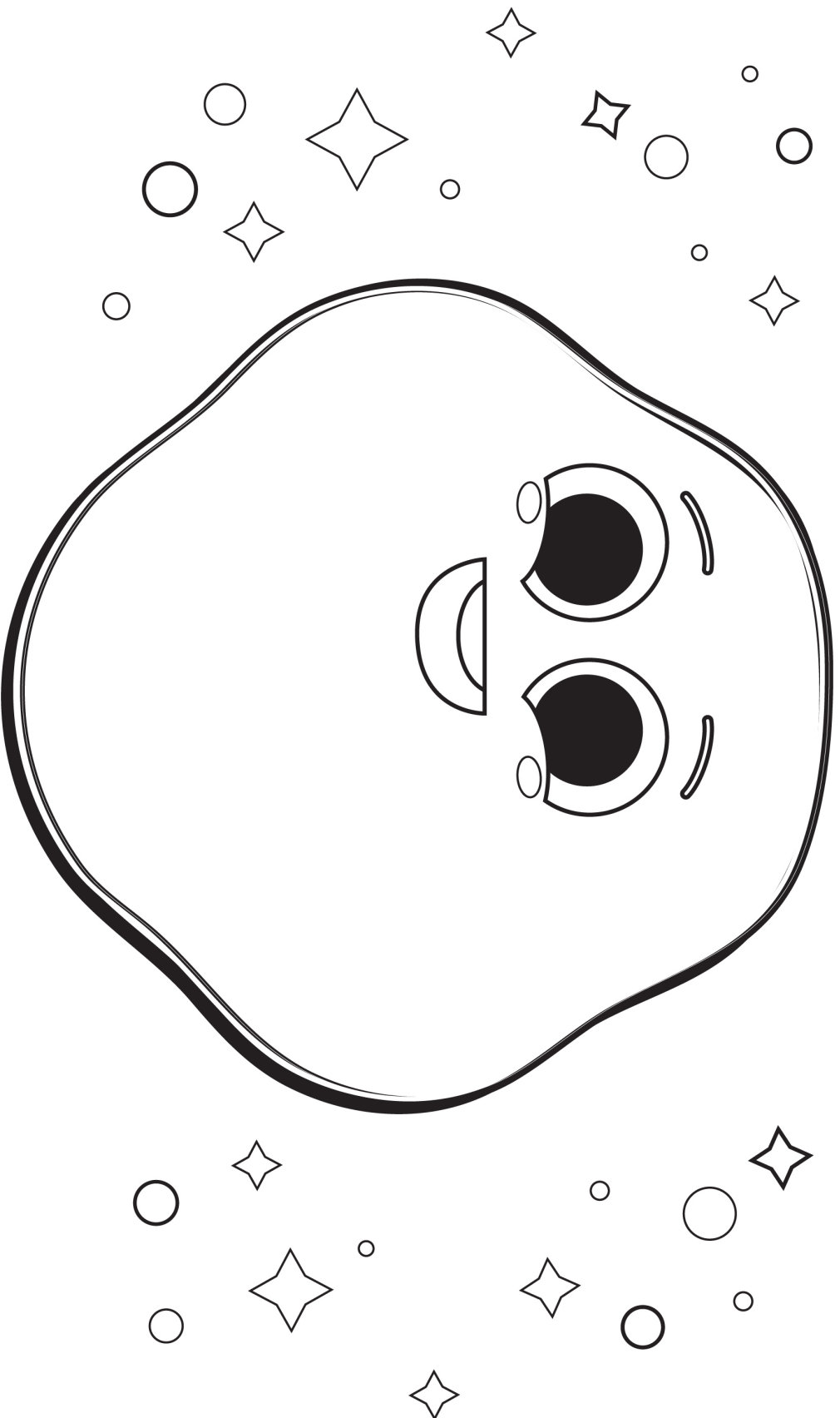
That's right! Jesus died on a cross to forgive us for all the wrong things we will do. When we talk to God, we can ask Him to forgive us when we do something wrong, and we can ask Him to help us forgive people who do wrong things to us.

Let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat) **I forgive you!**



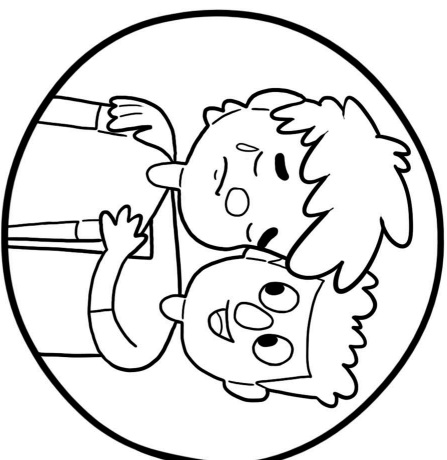
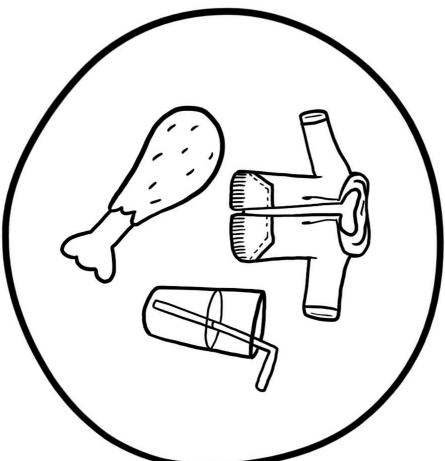
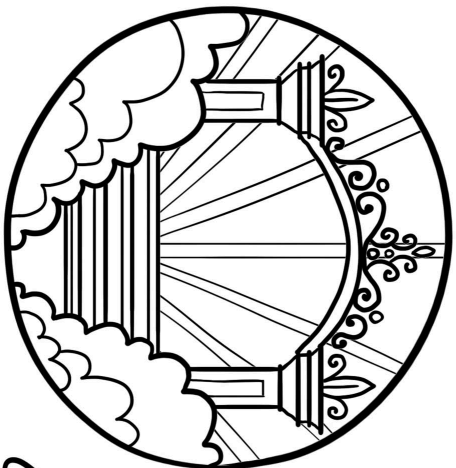
When we talk to God, can we tell Him, "I love You,"? (Yes)

You're right! God is your good Father in heaven who loves you so much! You can always tell Him how much you love Him, and He will always hear you!



**"No matter what happens,
tell God everything."
Philippians 4:6 (NIRV)**

Preschool Memory Verse



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Today's Bible Story: The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15, Luke 11:1-13)

Name _____