

## WEEK 2 | PRESCHOOL | PARENT LESSON GUIDE

**Need to Know:** I Can Talk to God in Any Way **Bible Story:** Parables on Prayer

**Bible Reference:** Luke 18:1-14



### READ THE BIBLE

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

**SAY**

- *Can you talk to God when you're standing up? (Yes) What about when you're sitting down? (Yes) Can you talk to Him with your eyes closed? (Yes) Yes! And you can talk to Him with your eyes open!*
- *Can you whisper to God? (Yes) Can you beg Him for what you need? (Yes) Yes! You can talk to God in any way!*

### LET'S PRAY

**DO & SAY**

- Allow kids to take turns praying, "Hey God! I love you! Amen."
- Then pray: *Hey God, thank You for hearing us when we pray. Help us remember we can talk to You in any way! We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!*

### LET'S PRACTICE

**DO**

- Place **PRAY Cards** in the center of the group.
- Allow a child to select one of the Cards. Then read one question off of the back of the chosen Card, and allow the child to respond.
- Continue until each child has had a turn or as time allows.

**SAY** *You can talk to God in any way, at any time, 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)  
**In Any Way** (cup hands around mouth)

## 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 in the following ways: with eyes closed, while jumping, and while spinning in a circle.

Give kids **crayons** and a **Memory Verse Coloring Sheet** to color.



## Parables on Prayer

Luke 18:1-14

***Jesus loved to tell stories, and the Bible calls these stories parables. Clap your hands if you like to read stories. (Allow kids to respond)***

***One day, Jesus told a story about a mean judge who didn't love God or care about others. A widow, who didn't have a husband or any money, came to the judge asking for help. Someone was treating her unfairly, so she came to the judge over and over begging him to help her.***

***On the count of three, let me hear you say, "Please," as many times as you can until I say, "Stop." One, two, three! (Allow kids to say, "Please," until you say, "Stop!")***





***Finally, the judge decided to help the widow. He helped her even though he didn't care about God or people. But Jesus explained that our God does care about us, and He hears us every time we pray to Him.***

***Because God cares about us, we can pray in any way, even if we are begging like the widow, and He will answer us.***

***On the count of three, let's say, "Thank You, God!" One, two, three! (Everyone will say, "Thank You, God!")***





***Jesus told another parable, or story, to some people who thought they were perfect and better than other people. But Jesus wanted them to know that wasn't OK.***

***So Jesus said, "Two men went up to the temple to pray." A temple is like our church. One man was a Pharisee. (Pronounced: Fair-uh-see) Pharisees were leaders who thought they loved God more than anyone else.***

***When the Pharisee prayed, he talked loud to make sure that everyone could hear him. And he bragged about himself to God. He said, "Look what I've done! I'm a much better person than the tax collector!"***





***The other man who went to pray was a tax collector. He took money from people to give to the king. No one liked the tax collectors.***

***But the tax collector stood far away from others and prayed, "God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner."***

***The tax collector's prayer is the one that made God happy! God already sees the good things we do, so we don't need to brag about them. Instead, we should tell God how good He is and ask Him for what we need.***







***When we pray, we can stand up like the two men in today's story, or we can sit down. We can close our eyes or keep them open. We can whisper quietly or we can talk out loud!***

***We can talk to God in any way! Let me hear you say that after me:*** (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

***I Can*** (thumbs to chest)

***Talk to God*** (make praying hands)

***In Any Way*** (cup hands around mouth)

**P**

**Praise**

**R**

**Repent**

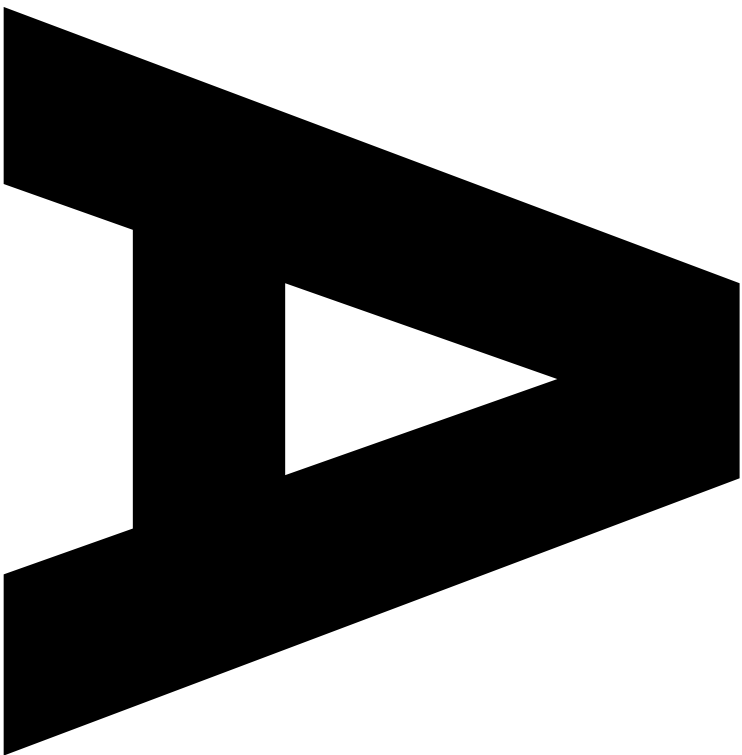
## R - Repent

- ***R is for repent. That's when we pray and tell God we're sorry. If you get mad and yell at your mom or dad, should you tell them, "You're mean," or, "I'm sorry"? (I'm sorry) Yes! When we do wrong things, we say we're sorry. And we can tell God we are sorry for doing wrong things, too.***
- ***R is for repent. That's when we pray and tell God we're sorry. On the count of three, let me hear you say, "I'm sorry!" One, two three! (Everyone will say, "I'm sorry!")***
- ***Pretend someone knocks you down on the playground. They say they are sorry, and they help you up. Did they do the right thing or the wrong thing? (Right thing) Yes! When we do wrong things, we can then do the right thing by telling God we're sorry.***
- ***If we want to repent, do we tell God we're angry or we're sorry? (We're sorry) Yes! When we do wrong things, we can pray and tell God we're sorry. He will forgive us for doing wrong things.***

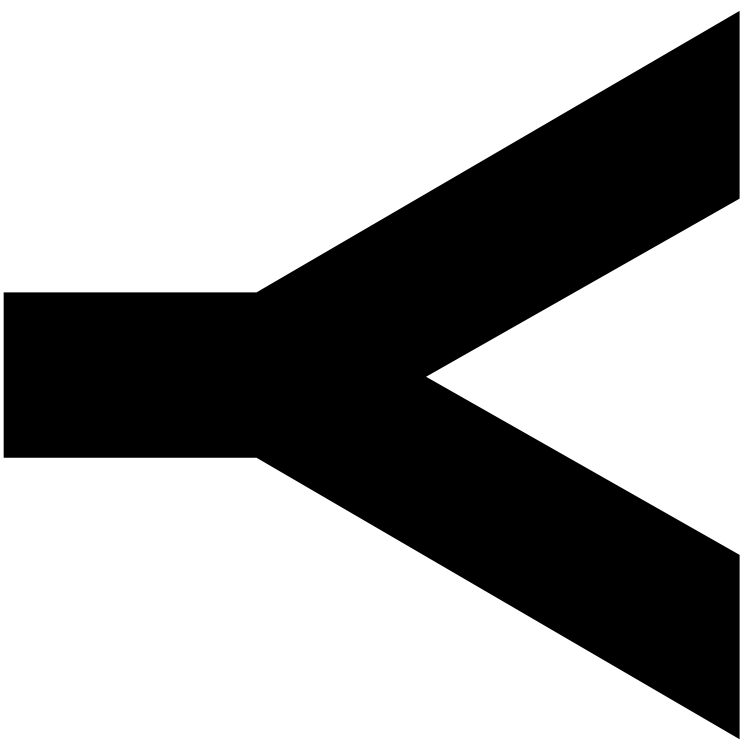
## P - Praise

- ***What is your favorite animal? (Allow responses) You can praise God and tell Him, "Thank You," for your favorite animal! P is for Praise!***
- ***Who is someone that you love? (Allow responses) You can praise God and tell Him, "Thank You," for all the amazing people you love! P is for Praise!***
- ***What is your favorite story to read in the Bible? (Allow responses) The Bible is God's Word, and it is so special! We can praise God and tell Him, "Thank You," for the Bible. P is for Praise!***
- ***What is something that you love to do at church? (Allow responses) Church is such a fun place for us to praise God and learn more about Him! P is for Praise!***





**Ask**



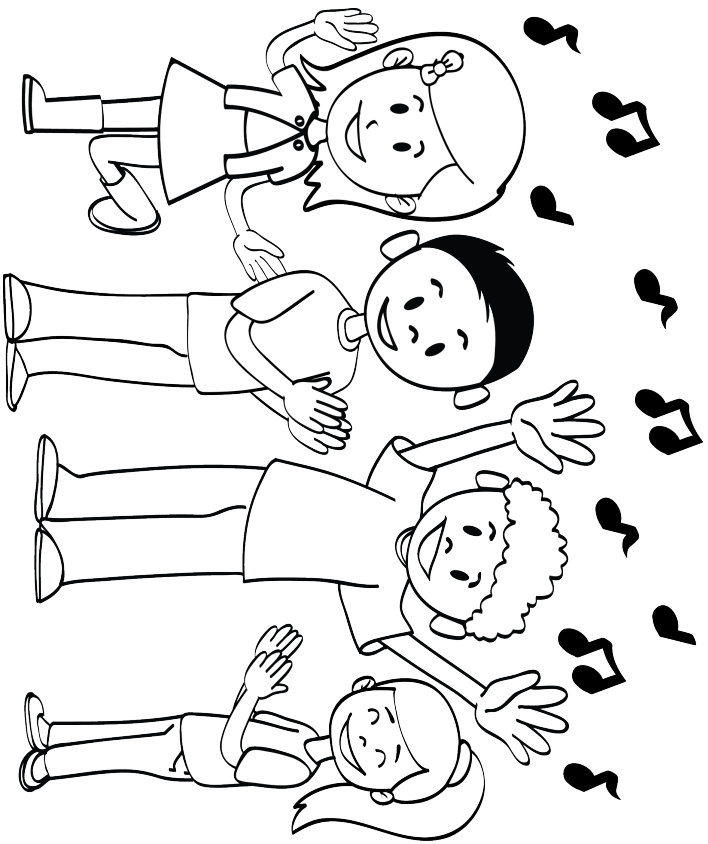
**Yes**

## Y - Yes

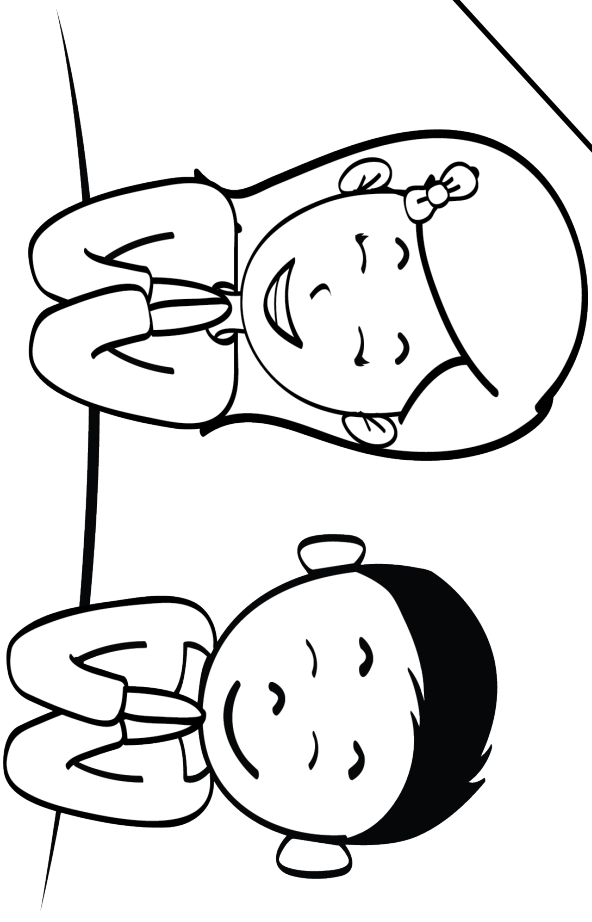
- ***If your mom or dad wants to give you a special treat after dinner, would you say, “No way,” or, “Thank you?” (Thank you) You got it! God has amazing things He wants for you — things even better than treats! We can say, “Yes!” to whatever God has for us! Y is for Yes!***
- ***Y is for Yes! On the count of three, let me hear you say, “Yes!” One, two three! (Everyone will say, “Yes!”)***
- ***If your friends asks you to come play with them, would you say, “Go away,” or, “Yes?” (Yes) That’s right! When we talk to God, we can say, “Yes!” to Him, too, because God always has good plans for us. Y is for Yes!***
- ***Y is for Yes! If you can talk to God and say, “Yes!” to whatever He wants for you, let me see you wave your hands up high! (Everyone will wave their hands up high)***

## A - Ask

- ***A is for Ask! If you need help trying your shoes or reaching something way up high, would you ask for help? (Yes) You got it! When you need help, you ask for help. You can ask God for help, too! He hears you, and He will help you!***
- ***Do you know anyone who is sick? (Allow responses) When we are sick or know someone who is sick, we can pray and ask God to help them feel better. A is for Ask!***
- ***Have you ever felt really mad? (Allow responses) Sometimes we may feel mad or sad and not know what to do. We can talk to God and ask Him to help us. A is for Ask!***
- ***Who lives in your home with you? (Allow responses) You can talk to God, and ask Him to help the people who live in your home. A is for Ask!***



I can talk to God by loudly singing.



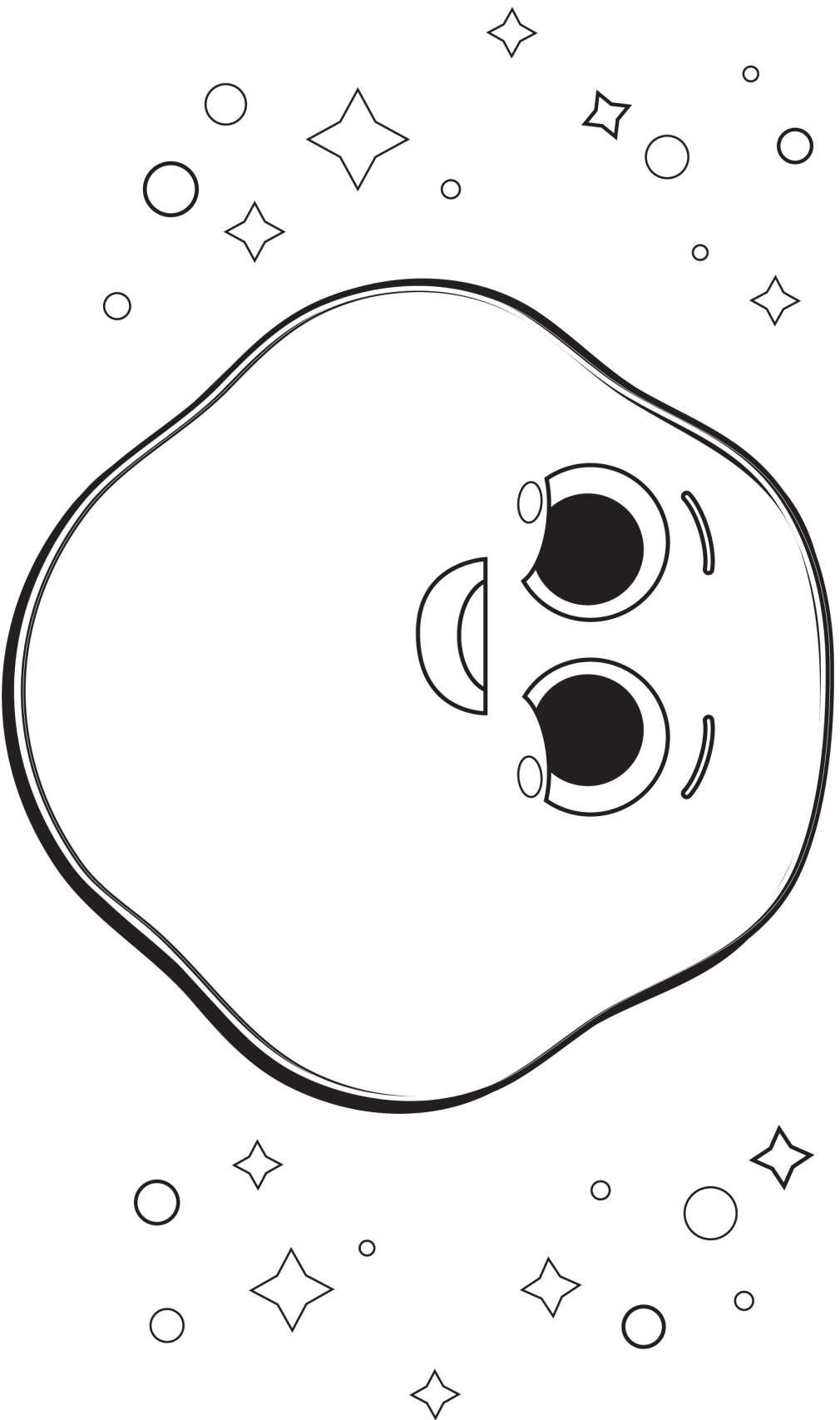
I can talk to God by quietly praying.

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**Today's Bible Story:** Parables on Prayer (Luke 18:1-14)

Name \_\_\_\_\_





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

**Preschool Memory Verse**