

WEEK 3 | 4-5 | PARENT LESSON GUIDE



Need to Know: I Can Talk to God About Anything

Bible Story: Ask, Seek, Knock

Bible Reference: Matthew 7:7-12

READ THE BIBLE

DO Read the **Bible Story Sheet** aloud to the group. Use a **dry erase marker** to draw on a **dry erase board** as prompted, and use the **paper towel** to erase as needed. You can also use blank paper to draw on.

- SAY**
- *What do you think Jesus meant when He said we should continue to ask and knock? (Allow responses - keep praying, keep coming to Him, it's OK to ask for the same things repeatedly, etc.)*
 - *What kind of gifts does God give to His kids? (Good gifts)*

LET'S PRACTICE & PRAY

OPTION 1: LEGO PRAYERS

- DO**
1. Give each child a **bag of Legos** (or a **bag** and ten **Legos**).
 2. Follow the instructions on the **Leader Guide**, giving kids **Lego Prayer Cards** and **drawing utensils** when prompted.
 3. Collect the drawing utensils and review the need to know together: ***I Can Talk to God About Anything.***

OPTION 2: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. *What are some things you talk to God about?*
2. *Is there anything we can't talk to God about? (No)*
3. *We can talk to God about anything going on in our lives and in the lives of others. In fact, when you read the Bible you will see that when people prayed for each other, powerful things happened. So let's practice doing that this week. I'm going to give you each a card and something to write with, and as we talk, we can write down how we can pray for each other this week on the back.*
4. Give each child a **Lego Prayer Card** and a **drawing utensil**.
5. *What is something you want to ask God for help with or ask Him to do for you? (As kids share, encourage others to write it down so they will remember how to pray for their small group friends this week)*
6. Pray for your group about the things they shared, and then remind them of what we need to know this week: ***I Can Talk to God About Anything.***

MEMORIZE IT

SAY

There's a verse in the Bible that tells us God wants to hear us talk to Him about everything. When we talk to God, He hears us and will help us! Say this after me:

"Don't worry about anything.

**No matter what happens,
tell God about everything.**

**Ask and pray,
and give thanks to Him."**

Philippians 4:6

DO

Have kids say the verse as slowly as they can and then as fast as they can, repeating one phrase at a time. If time allows, have them say it while doing other things like closing their eyes, standing/hopping on one foot, etc.





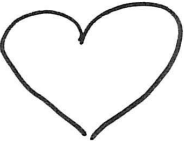
Place the **drawing utensils** in the center of the group and give each child a **PRAY Sheet** to fill in.

BIBLE STORY SHEET

Wk 3 - K-5 - Bible Story Sheet

Read and follow the instructions below, drawing on the **dry erase board** when prompted and allowing kids to guess the picture as you draw.

SAY: *I'm going to draw a picture on the dry erase board, and you get to guess what I'm drawing. Then I will tell you what that picture means in our Bible story!*

<p>Draw a <u>person talking</u>:</p> 	<p>Then say: Did you know that you can pray and talk to God about anything? (Allow responses)</p> <p>You can! God loves to hear you talk to Him, and He wants you to tell Him anything and everything. Once, Jesus told His followers a story to help them understand this. I will draw pictures about the story, and you can try to guess what I'm drawing!</p> <p>Here's the next picture!</p>
<p>Draw a <u>door</u>:</p> 	<p>Then say: It's a door. That's because Jesus told the people that when they talk to God, they should ask and keep on asking. They should knock and keep on knocking. Why do we knock on a door? (Because we hope someone will answer) Jesus promised that when we talk to God, He will answer. He may not answer right away, but that doesn't mean that He's not hearing us. Just keep knocking until He answers. The cool part is, we don't have to worry about bothering God because He loves when we come knocking. We can just go right up to his door and knock by praying and talking to Him.</p> <p>Let's see if you can guess what I draw next.</p>
<p>Draw a <u>rock</u>:</p> 	<p>Then say: It's a rock! That's because Jesus told the people to think of their own children. He said that if a son asks his dad for a piece of bread, no kind dad would give his son a rock.</p> <p>That doesn't sound like a good thing, does it — asking for bread to eat but getting a rock instead?! (Allow responses)</p> <p>Let's see if you can guess what this next drawing is.</p>
<p>Draw a <u>snake</u>:</p> 	<p>Then say: It's a picture of a snake! Jesus also told the people that no parent would give their child a snake if they asked for a fish to eat. What would you do if you asked for fish sticks and your parents gave you snake sticks? (Allow responses)</p> <p>Are parents perfectly good all the time? (No) No, nobody is perfect. And even though the parents who were listening to Jesus weren't perfect, they still knew how to give good gifts to their children.</p> <p>Jesus explained that God, our heavenly Father, is perfect, and He said, "So surely your heavenly Father will give good things to those who ask Him!"</p> <p>Let's see if you can guess the next picture!</p>
<p>Draw a <u>heart</u>:</p> 	<p>Then say: It's a heart! I drew this because I want you to remember that God loves us so much, and He loves when we talk to Him! Should you only pray when you need to ask God for something? (No) That's right! God is the best friend we could ever have, and He loves to hear us talk to Him about anything!</p> <p>You can tell God, "Thank You," for something good that happened at school. You can tell him how much you love to eat your favorite food or that you're sorry for yelling at your mom. And you can ask Him for whatever you need. You can tell God anything!</p>

1. Have kids choose one Lego to hold in their hands as you say:
 - *One thing you can pray for is yourself! God cares about you and wants you to talk to Him about everything!*
 - *Is there anything you want to ask God for or anything you want Him to do? Close your eyes and picture Jesus in your mind. Then ask Him for what you want and need.*
2. Have kids choose another Lego. Have them count the number of bumps on it, and say:
 - *Let's see if we can each name that many things we're thankful for!*
 - *Have kids share things they are thankful for, as many as there are bumps on their Lego.*
3. Have kids look around the group to see if anyone else is holding a Lego with the same number of bumps.
 - Tell anyone with matching bumps to pray for each other this week.
 - Tell anyone who doesn't have a match that you will pray for them this week and they can pray for you.
4. Have kids see if anyone is holding a different color Lego than theirs. Then say:
 - *We all are different in many ways, and that's because God made us all special!*
 - *Close your eyes again and picture Jesus in your mind. Then repeat after me in your heart: "Hey Jesus! Please help me be kind to others who are different than me. Amen."*
5. Have kids create a tower with their Lego bricks.
 - For each block they add, have them name a person in their family and pray for them.
 - They can thank God for something about the person, or they can ask God to do something for them. (Ex: Help my mom find a new job, I'm thankful that my dad packs my lunch, please heal my cousin's broken arm)
6. Give each child a **Lego Prayer Card** and **drawing utensil**.
 - Have them write their names on the back of the Lego Prayer Cards, and place the cards in their bags with their Lego bricks.
7. Say: *You can use your Lego bricks to help you remember that you can talk to God about anything!*

LEGO Prayer Card



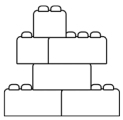
Count the number of bumps on a Lego. Thank God for that many things!



Think about who in your small group had a Lego with the same number of bumps on it. Pray for them this week, or pray for your small group leader.



Think about who had a different color Lego than you. Thank God for making them special, and ask Him to help you be kind to others who may look, talk, or act differently than you.



Build a tower. For each Lego you add, thank God and pray for one person in your family!

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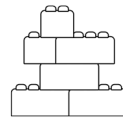
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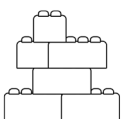
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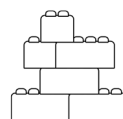
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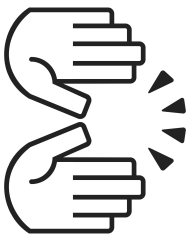


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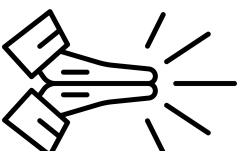
P - Praise

God, I praise You for ...



R - Repent

God, I am sorry for ...



A - Ask

Hey God, will You please ...



Y - Yes!

Hey God, I'm cool with whatever you want!

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Today's Bible Story: Ask, Seek, Knock (Matthew 7:7-12)

Series Memory Verse: "Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to Him." *Philippians 4:6 (NIRV)*

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