

WEEK 3 | K-3 | 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 a blank piece of paper to draw on if you don't have a dry erase board.

SAY

- *Does Jesus tell us to ask God for something only one time or to keep asking? (Keep asking)*
- *Will Father God give us good things or bad things? (Good things)*
- *Yes! We can talk to God and ask Him for anything!*

LET'S PRACTICE & PRAY

DO & SAY

1. Give each child a **bag of Legos** (or a **bag** and ten **Legos**).
2. 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.*
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. Have kids look around the group and find someone 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 tell Him, "Hey Jesus! Please help me be kind to people who are different than me. Amen."*
6. Have kids create a tower with their Legos. 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)
7. Give each child a **Lego Prayer Card** and **coloring utensil**. Have them write their names on the back of their Card and place it in their bag with their Legos.
8. Say: *You can use your Legos to remember that you can talk to God about anything!*

MEMORIZE IT

SAY

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

"Don't worry about anything. (make "X" with arms, shake head in "no" motion)

No matter what happens, (arms out in "why" motion)

tell God about everything. (arms up and out)

Ask and pray, (make praying hands)

and give thanks to Him." (wave both hands up high)

Philippians 4:6 (make book with hands)

DO

Have kids say the verse fast while hopping and then slowly while tiptoeing.






Place the **coloring utensils** in the center of the group, and give each child a **PRAY Coloring Sheets** to fill in and color.

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>

LEGO Prayer Card



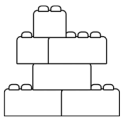
Count the number of bumps on a Lego. Thank God for that many things!



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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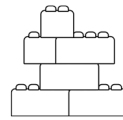
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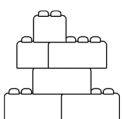
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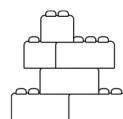
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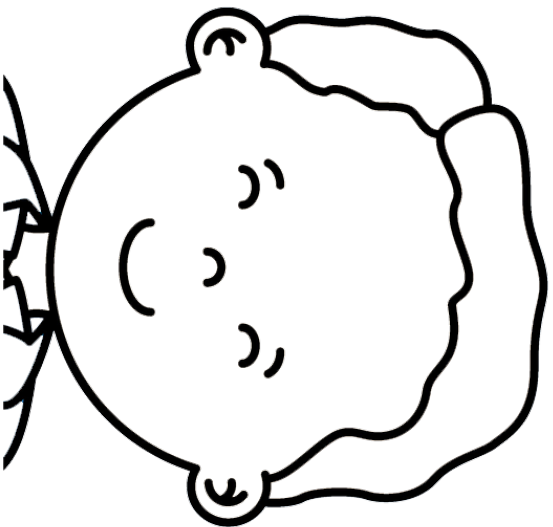
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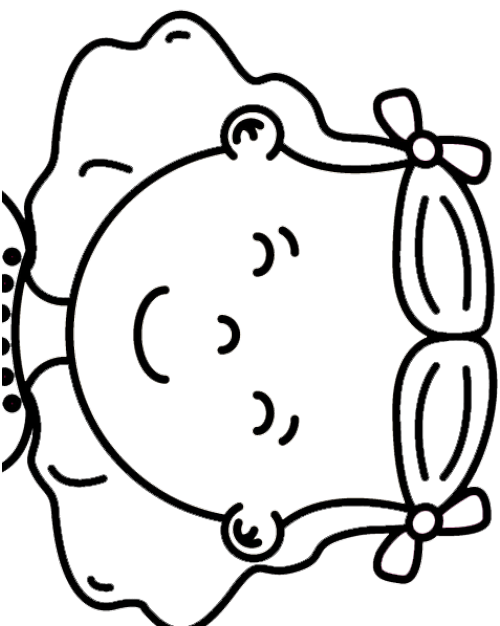


P - Praise

Hey God, I praise You for ...

R - Repent

Hey God, I am sorry for ...



A - Ask

Hey God, will You please ...

Y - Yes!

Hey God, I want what You
want for me!

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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)*

Name _____

