

## WEEK 4 | 4-5 | PARENT LESSON GUIDE

**Need to Know:** I Can Talk to God Anytime

**Bible Story:** When Jesus Prayed

**Bible Reference:** Mark 1:35, Luke 3:21-22, 6:12-16, Matthew 26:36-44



### READ THE BIBLE

**DO** Read **Bible Story Cards** aloud to the group.

- SAY**
- *When were some of the different times Jesus prayed and talked to God? (Before He was baptized, before a busy day, before a big decision, before something hard, etc.)*
  - *Do you think God ever goes to sleep or stops listening to you? (Allow responses) God never sleeps, and He's always ready to talk whenever you are!*

### LET'S PRAY

- SAY**
- *One time we can pray is when we are together at church! Let's go around the circle, and when it's your turn, tell God one thing you're thankful for and one thing you want Him to do out loud. When you're done or if you don't want to pray, tap the person next to you so they'll know it's their turn. I will go first, and then we'll go this way (point to right). Everybody, bow your heads and close your eyes!*
  - *Hey God! Thank you for \_\_\_\_\_. Will you please \_\_\_\_\_? Amen! (Tap person on your right)*

### LET'S PRACTICE

#### OPTION 1: EMOJI BINGO

- DO**
1. Give each kid a **Bingo Card** and a **drawing utensil**.
  2. Have kids draw an X over the "Free Space," and place **Emoji Cards** in front of you.
  3. Select an Emoji Card, and show it to the group. Allow kids to draw an X on the corresponding square if they have it on their Bingo Card.
  4. Then read the question from the back of the Emoji Card to the group, allowing kids to respond.
  5. Repeat steps 3-4 until someone gets "Bingo" by getting five in a row. Continue to play as time allows.
  6. Collect the coloring utensils and have kids repeat the Need to Know: **I Can Talk to God Anytime**.

#### OPTION 2: DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are times of the day that you could pray?
2. What is something new you learned about prayer?
3. How can we be praying for you this week?
4. Say this with me again: **I Can Talk to God Anytime**.

## MEMORIZE IT

### SAY

*There's a verse in the Bible that helps us remember that we can 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

Cover up two different words on the **Memory Verse Card** using **sticky notes**. Have kids say the verse again, trying to figure out the missing words. Continue until the entire verse has been covered with sticky notes, or as time allows.

Place the **drawing utensils** in the center of the group and allow kids to complete both sides of the **Memory Verse Activity Sheet**.



## When Jesus Prayed

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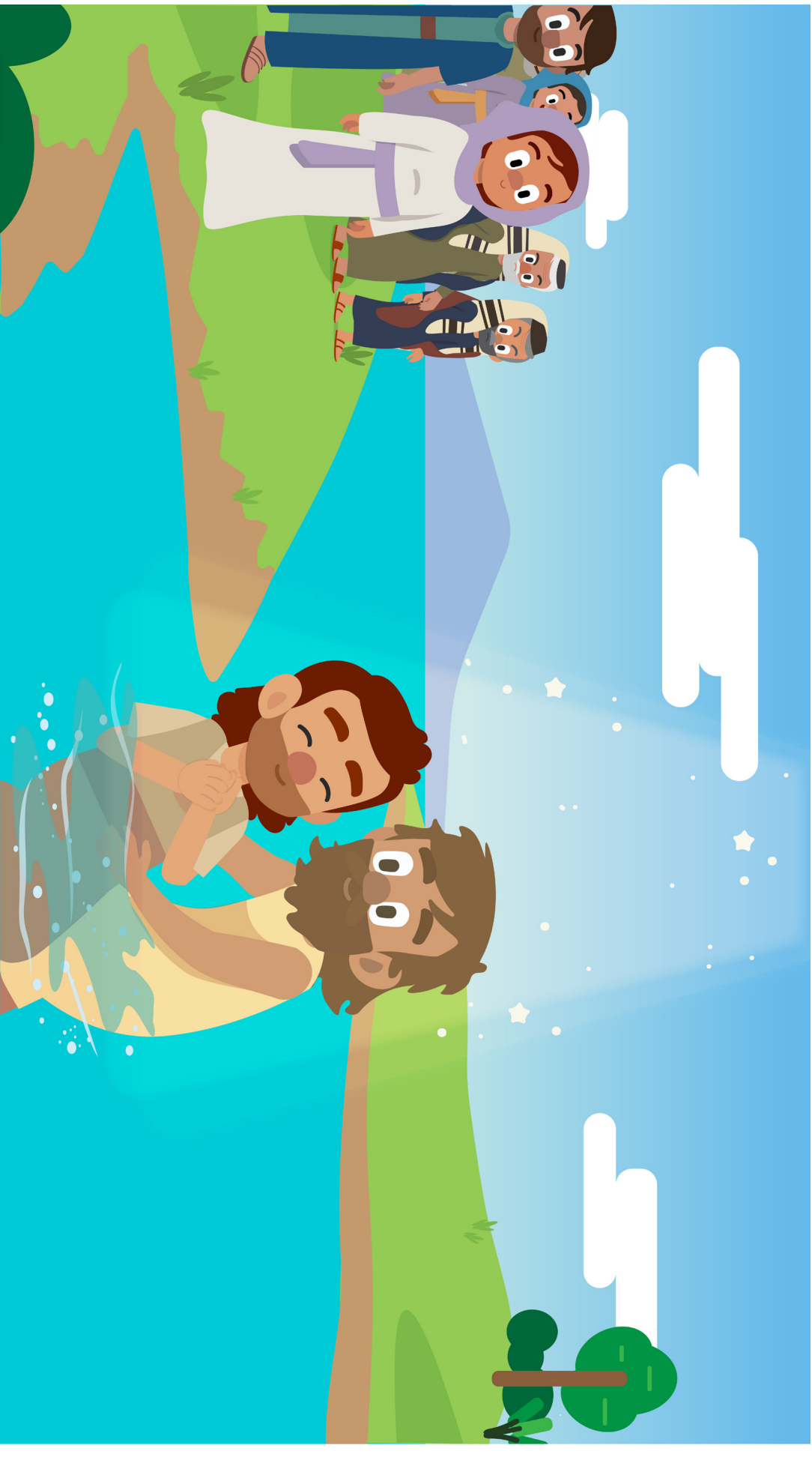
***In the Bible, there are lots of things said about prayer. And there's one person in particular who set an example for how and when we can pray — Jesus! When Jesus was on Earth, Jesus talked to God about basically everything. Jesus knew that if He was talking, God was listening — any time, any place.***

***Do you have a place in your room or home that you like to pray and talk to God? (Allow responses)***



***Jesus' friend, Mark, saw Him praying before a very busy day. Jesus probably had a million things to do, but He never let that stop Him from spending time talking to God. In the book of the Bible that Mark helped write, he tells us that Jesus got up before everyone else, when it was still dark, and talked to God! No sun? No problem for Jesus.***

***When is a good time of the day for you to get alone and pray? (Allow responses)***



***But talking to God is just one part of prayer! The other part is listening for God to speak. And that's what happened when Jesus was getting baptized. We can read this true story in a book of the Bible called Luke. Luke says that Jesus was praying when He got baptized. And as He prayed, heaven opened up, and God's Holy Spirit came down looking like a dove. Then God's voice was heard saying, "You are my Son, and I love you. I am very pleased with you."***

***When we take time to talk to God and pray, we should also take time to listen to what He has to say.***

***Do you know any of the ways God speaks? (Allow responses) The easiest way to hear God's voice is to read the Bible because those are His words to us. When you ask God a question, like, "What should I do?" He can give your mind a good idea, and He can help your heart or stomach feel unsure if what you want to do isn't right. He can talk to us through other people, too!***

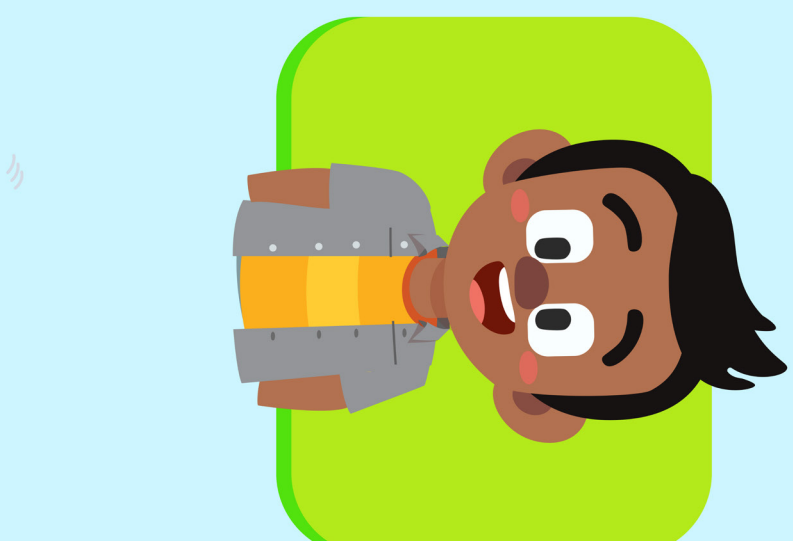
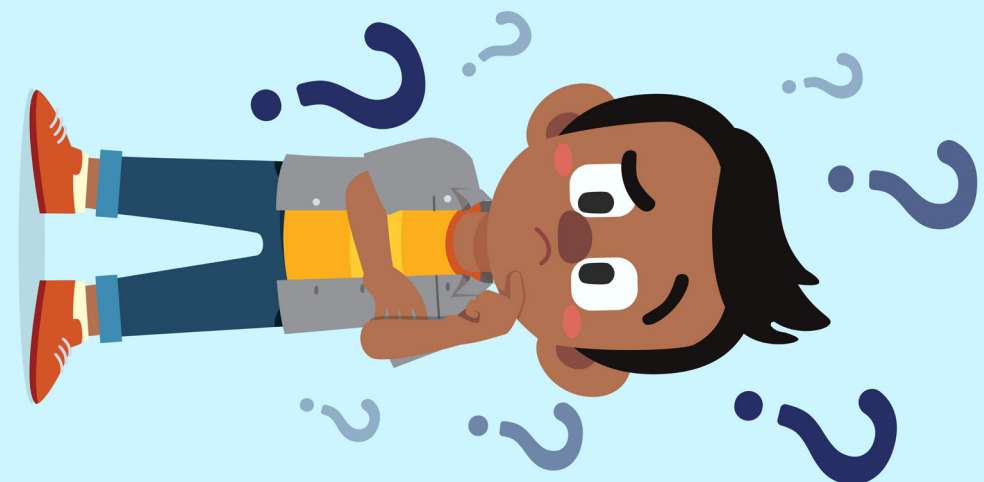




**Jesus talked to God before making big decisions, and He even talked to God before doing something really hard.**

**Jesus knew that it was His time to die on the cross. He knew He was going to take the punishment for all of the wrong things we would do. Even though He wanted to do this for us, He was still really sad about what was happening. So He talked to God about that, too.**

**Have you ever thought about how crazy it must have been for Jesus to know He was about to be killed, but He did it because He loves you so much?! If we ever have a hard time finding something to pray about, we can always tell Jesus, "Thank You," for taking the punishment for the wrong things we do when He died on the cross.**



***We can see from Jesus' example that there wasn't a time when He didn't need to talk to His Father in heaven. And we can see that every time Jesus was talking, God was listening!***

***The same is true for each one of us. If you're talking, God is listening. He loves you, and He wants to hear everything you have to say. So, like Jesus, you can talk to God when you have to make hard decisions or when you're celebrating something awesome. You can ask God to help you when you're scared, or you can talk to Him when you're feeling happy. You can talk to God and listen to Him anytime!***

***Let me hear you say that with me:***

***I Can Talk to God Anytime***



**Is there anything that's happened this week that hasn't been the best or has seemed not great?**

(Allow responses)

**You can talk to God about it. You can tell Him how it made you feel. God loves for us to talk to Him and tell him anything — good and bad.**

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**What is something that makes you feel scared?** (Allow responses)

**When you feel scared, you can pray and tell God how you're feeling. You can ask Him to help you. He hears you and will help!**

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**What is one of your favorite things to do?** (Allow responses)

**When you get to do your favorite thing, you can tell God, "Thank You!"**

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**Who is someone that makes you feel loved?** (Allow responses)

**Have you ever thought about praying for that person?** (Allow responses)

**You can talk to God, and ask Him to help that person feel loved for how they make you feel loved!**

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**Do you like playing sports? If so, what's your favorite?** (Allow responses)

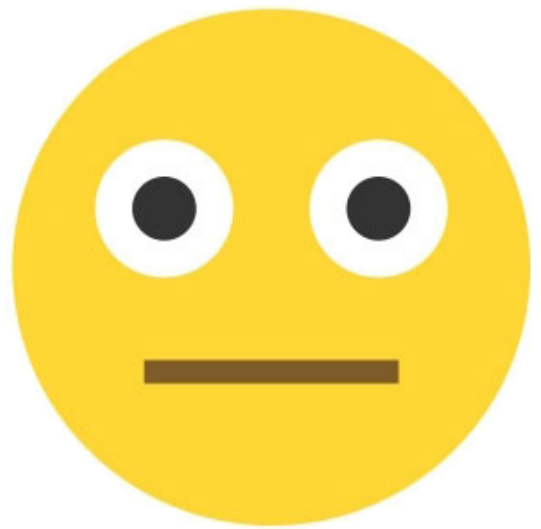
**Not everyone is even physically able to play sports. The next time you are playing your favorite sport or walking down the street, you can tell God, "Thank You," for giving you the physical ability to do so. And you can ask Him to encourage others who cannot do those same things.**

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**Would you rather visit the mountains or the beach?** (Allow responses)

**When you are at either place, what is something you could pray and tell God?** (Allow responses)

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards



**True or False: The best time to pray is when you are feeling scared or need help. (False)**

**False! The best time to pray is anytime! But if you were scared, what could you say to God?**  
(Please help, give me courage, make me brave, protect me, etc.)

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**What's your favorite kind of weather? (Allow responses)**

**No matter the weather, it's always the right time to pray and tell God, "Thank You," for taking care of us!**

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**How do you feel about spiders — cool or gross? (Allow responses)**

**No matter how you feel about them, you can pray and tell God. You can ask Him to help you if you feel scared or you can tell Him what a great job He did creating something so cool.**

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**Pretend your friend upset. When you ask what's wrong, she says some kids were making fun of her.**

**Do you think your friend would like for you to pray with and for her? (Yes)**

**Yes! Praying with our friends, especially when they are hurting, is a kind thing to do.**

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**What is something you could pray and talk to God about before you go to sleep at night? (Allow responses)**

**Is that the only time you should pray? (No)**

**It's not the only time we should pray, but it is a great time to talk to God about all the great and not so great things from your day.**

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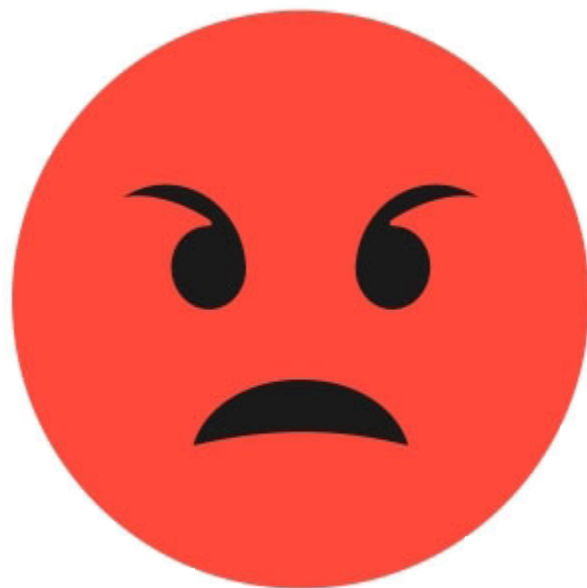
**What kind of pets do you have or wish you had? (Allow responses)**

**Do you think it's OK to talk to God when you're playing with your pet? (Allow responses)**

**God loves seeing us happy and enjoying things He made. So, of course, it's OK to talk to God while we are with our pets.**

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards





**Would you rather have a snowball fight or build a snowman in the snow?** (Allow responses)

**Both are so much fun! When you are playing in the snow, you can talk to God and tell Him, "Thank You," for the fun you're having!**

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**Can you think of a time when you felt nervous?** (Allow responses)

**When you feel nervous again, what could you pray?** (Hey God, help me calm down. Please make everything OK.)

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**True or False: When you feel mad, you should not pray because God only wants you to talk to you when you're happy.** (False)

**False! God wants you to talk to Him all the time. When you are mad, what can you say to God?** (This made me mad. Help me do the right thing. Please fix this, etc.)

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**When we are happy, it's a great time to talk to God.**

**What is one thing you can tell God, "Thank You," for today?** (Allow responses)

Take time to say a short prayer thanking God for what kids shared.

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**True or False: You can pray while you are riding down the road.** (True)

**True! It can be fun to talk to God and tell Him about what you see as you go down the road or to talk to Him about where you are going. He loves to talk with you anytime!**

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

**When we know someone is hurt or sick, it's a great time to talk to God.**

**Is there anyone you know who is hurt or sick that we could pray for today?** (Allow responses)

Take time to say a short prayer for these hurting/sick people.

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards



***If you tell a lie to your mom or dad and you feel bad about it, what could you pray?*** (God please forgive me. Help me tell the truth.)

***God knows that we will sin, or do wrong things, like lie. But He loves for us to tell Him when we are sorry and ask Him to forgive us. He will always forgive us!***

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

***True or False: When you are feeling sick, you can pray and ask God to help you.*** (True)

***True! Though we may not feel better as soon as we say, "Amen," at the end of our prayer, we can trust that God heard us and will help us.***

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

***Is there anything bothering you or something you're worried about that we can pray for today?*** (Allow responses)

Take time to say a short prayer asking God to help kids with whatever they share, reminding kids that they don't have to have fear or worry because God is with them.

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

***Do you believe that God can talk to you?*** (Allow responses)

***God can talk to each of us any time of the day! When you are snuggled up holding your dog or your cat, you may hear Him say to your heart, "I'm holding you like that!" Or "I love you even more than you love your cat!"***

Wk 4 - 4-5 - Emoji Cards

***What is something that makes you feel happy?*** (Allow responses)

***Do you ever take time to tell God you are happy or why you feel happy?*** (Allow responses)

***Let's do it now!*** (Say a short prayer thanking God for all the things that make kids happy)

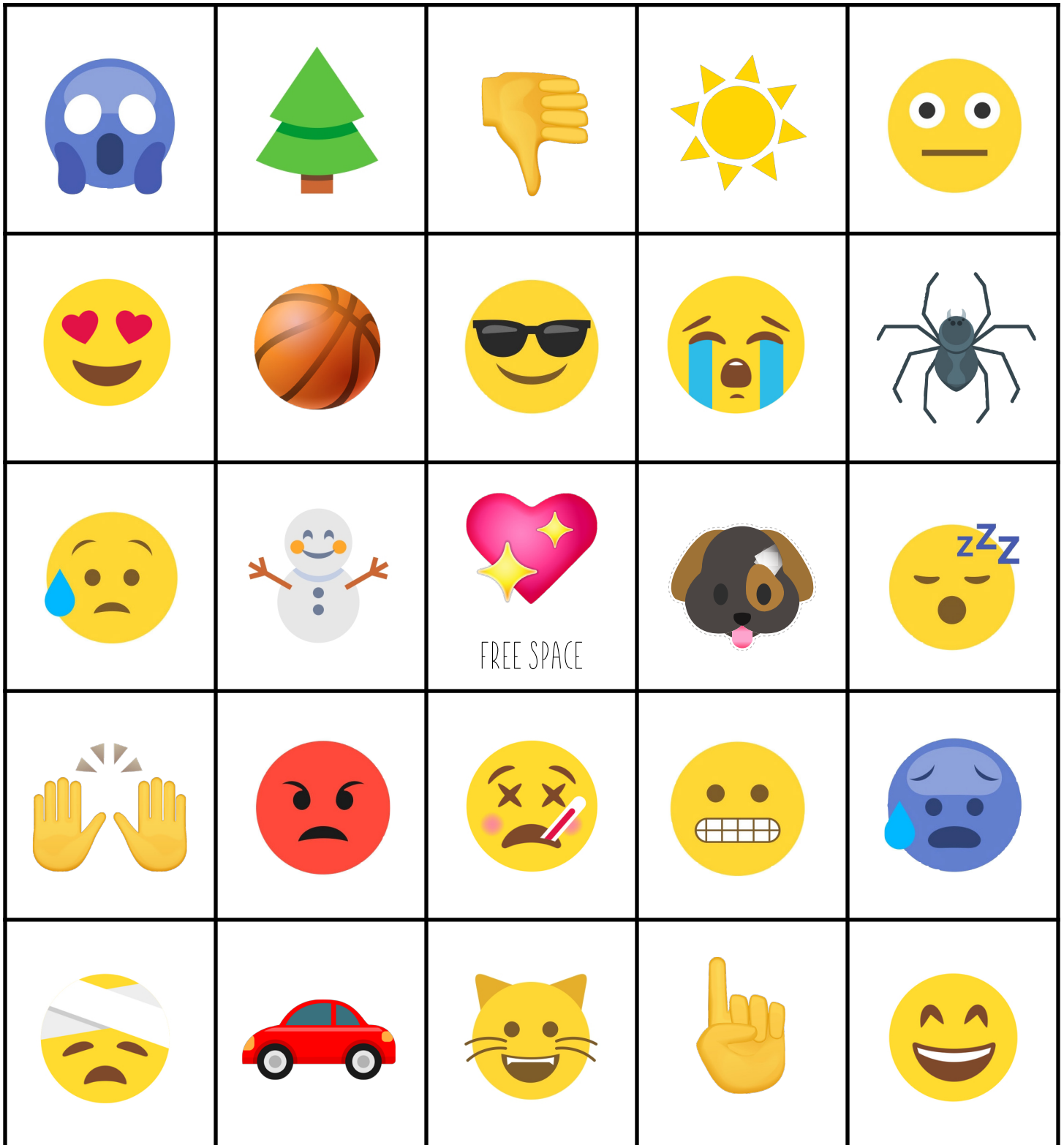
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***What is one thing you can talk to God about in prayer?*** (Allow responses)

***Remember that you can talk to God anytime! He loves to hear you talk to Him.***

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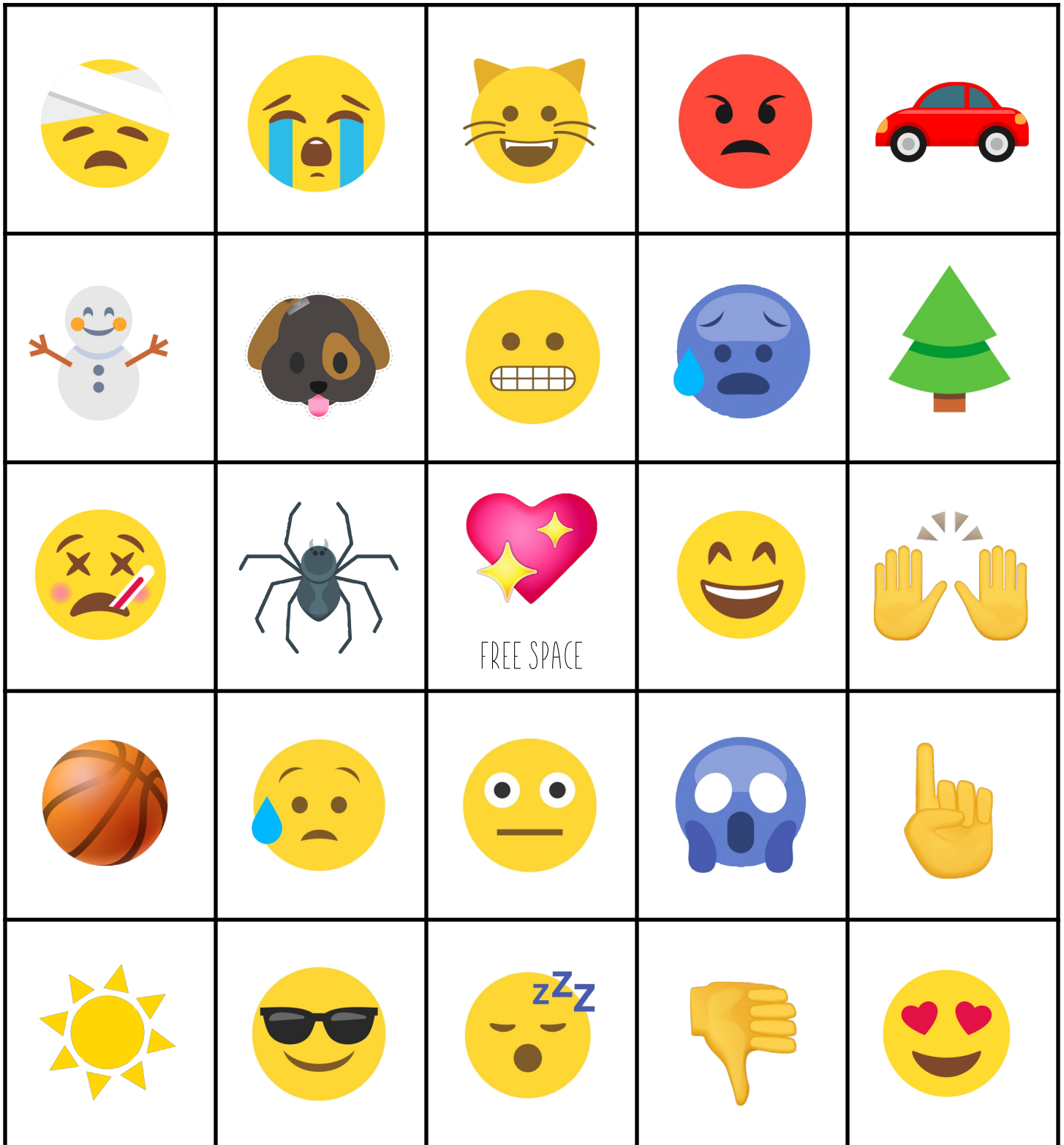
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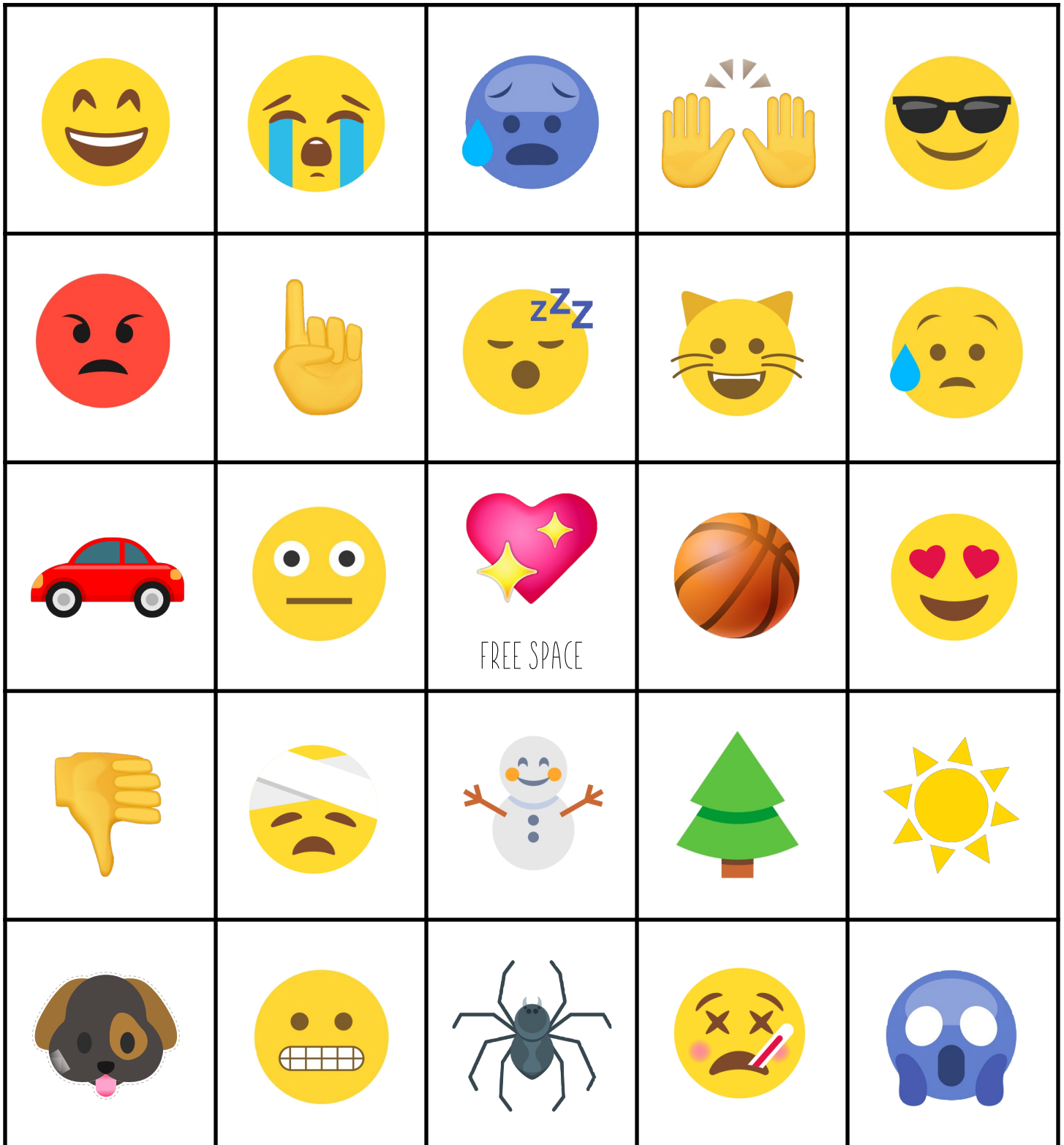
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Fill in the missing words to practice the memory verse!

"\_\_\_\_\_ worry \_\_\_\_\_  
anything. \_\_\_\_\_ matter  
\_\_\_\_\_ happens, \_\_\_\_\_ God  
about \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_, and give  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_."

## Philippians 4:6

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**Today's Bible Story:** When Jesus Prayed (Mark 1:35, Luke 3:21-22, 6:12-16, Matthew 26:36-44)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

# EMOJI PRAYERS

These emojis can help you remember that you can pray anytime!



**Praise God for all the things you see that He has made!  
Praise God for all He has done for you!**



**Thank God for giving you family and friends who love you.**



**Thank God for the people around you who make you laugh.**



**Ask God to forgive you for the wrong things you may have done. Ask God to help you forgive anyone who has made you angry or upset.**



**Ask God to help you with anything that is making you sad or causing you to worry.**



**Ask God to heal anyone that you know is sick or hurting.**



**Tell God how much you love Him! Tell Him you are ready to say, "Yes!" to whatever He has for you!**

**“Don’t worry about anything.**

**No matter what happens,  
tell God about everything.  
Ask and pray, and give  
thanks to Him.”**

**Philippians 4:6**