

## WEEK 4 | K-3 | 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 the **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.)*
  - *Are there only certain times when God hears our prayers? (No) No! God never sleeps, and He's always listening whenever we're ready to pray and talk to Him.*

### LET'S PRAY

- SAY**
- *One time we can pray is when we are together! 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 the person on your right)*

### LET'S PRACTICE

- DO**
1. Give each kid a **Bingo Card** and a **coloring utensil**.
  2. Have kids draw an X over the "Free Space" as you 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 playing as time allows.
  6. Collect the coloring utensils and have kids repeat the Need to Know after you:  
**I Can** (thumbs to chest)  
**Talk to God** (make praying hands)  
**Anytime** (tap wrist)

## 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.*** (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)

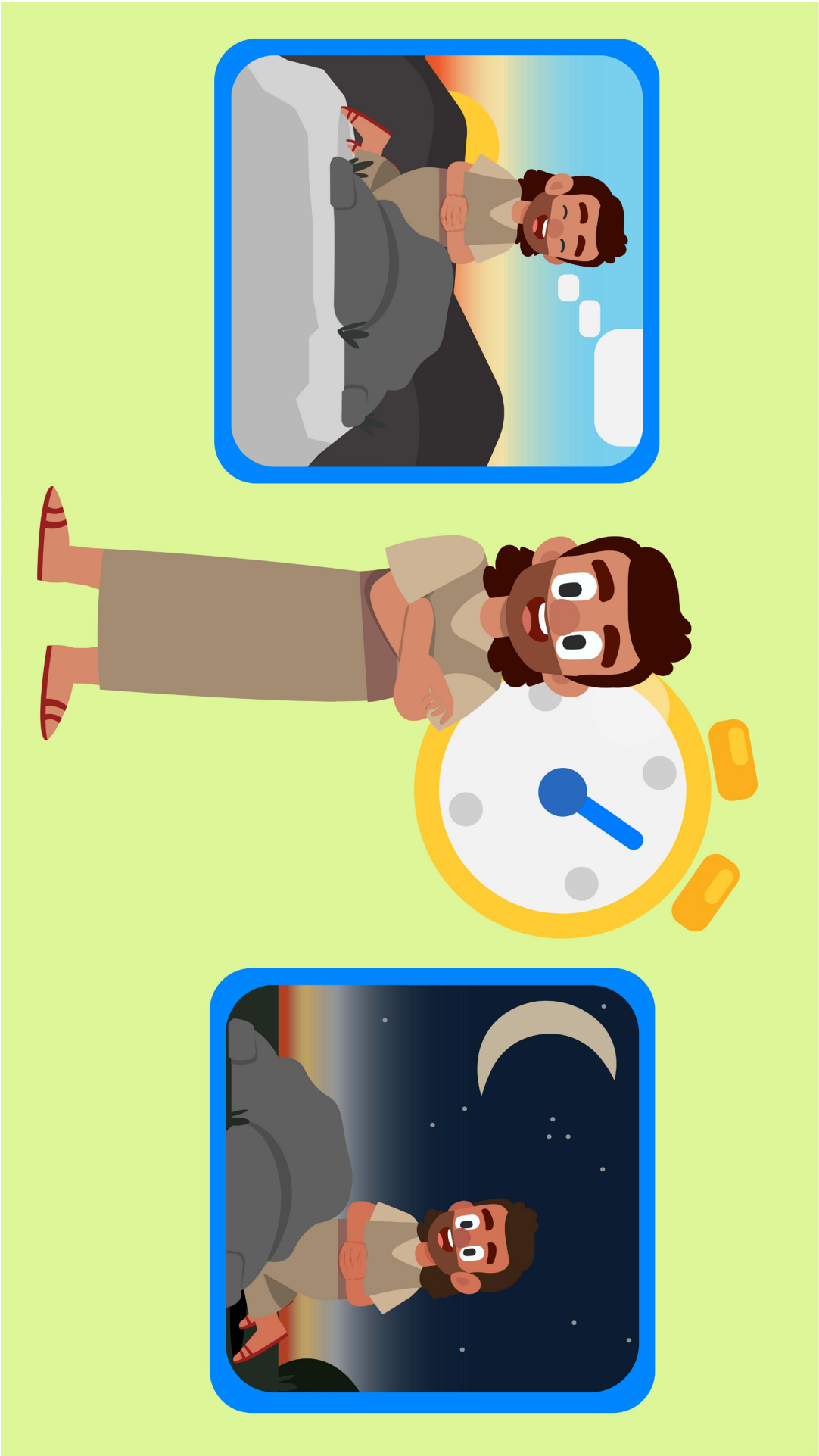
***Ask and pray,*** (make praying hands)

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

***Philippians 4:6*** (make book with hands)

### DO

Place the **coloring utensils** in the center of the group. Give each child a **Memory Verse Coloring Sheet** to color. Take time to read the Emoji Prayers on the back of the Coloring Sheet.



# When Jesus Prayed

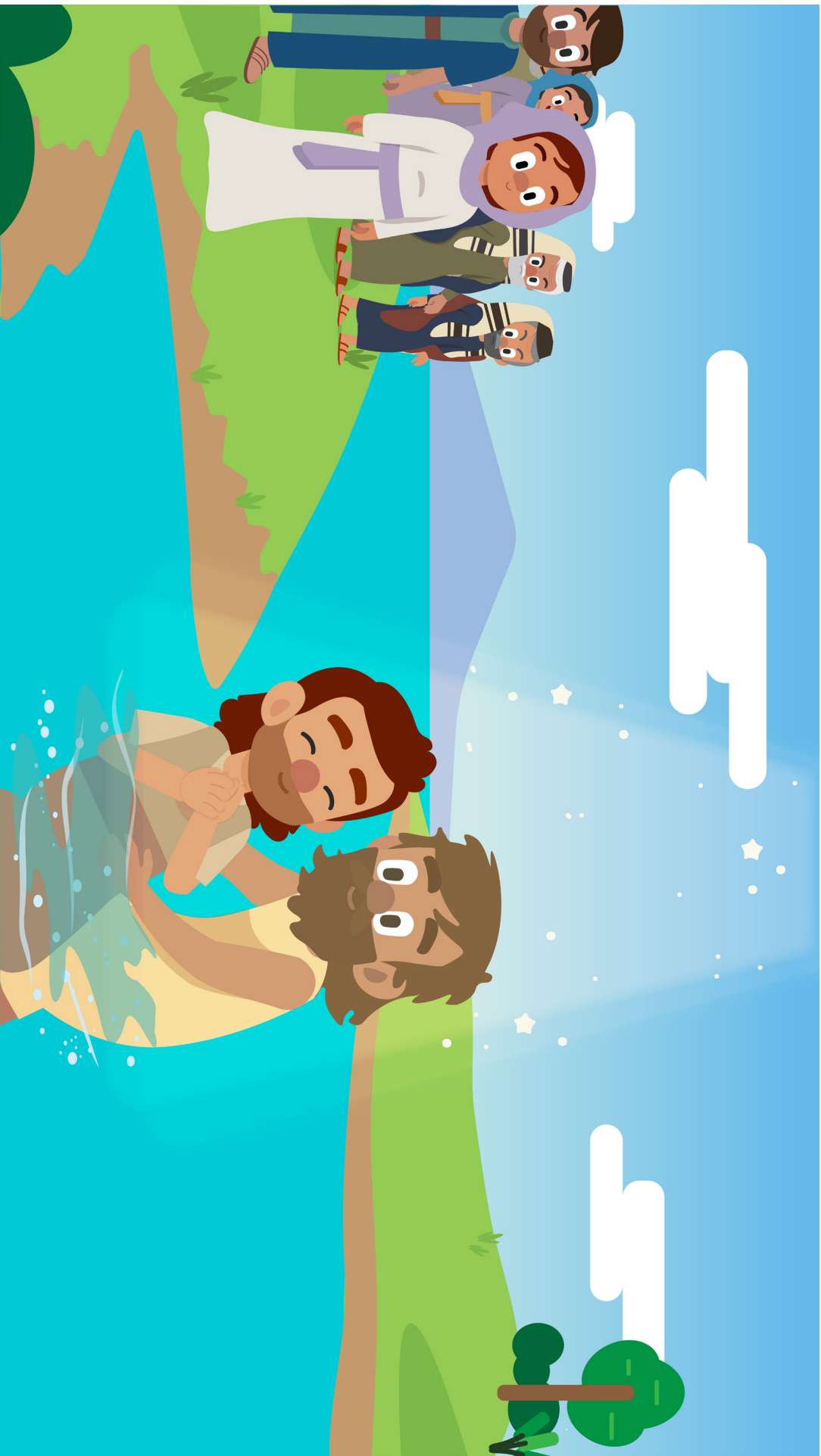
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***In the Bible, there are lots of things said about prayer. And there's one person in particular who set an example for how and when we can pray — Jesus! When Jesus was on Earth, He talked to God about everything. Jesus knew that if He was talking,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

***What's one time of day that you have talked 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.***



***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."***

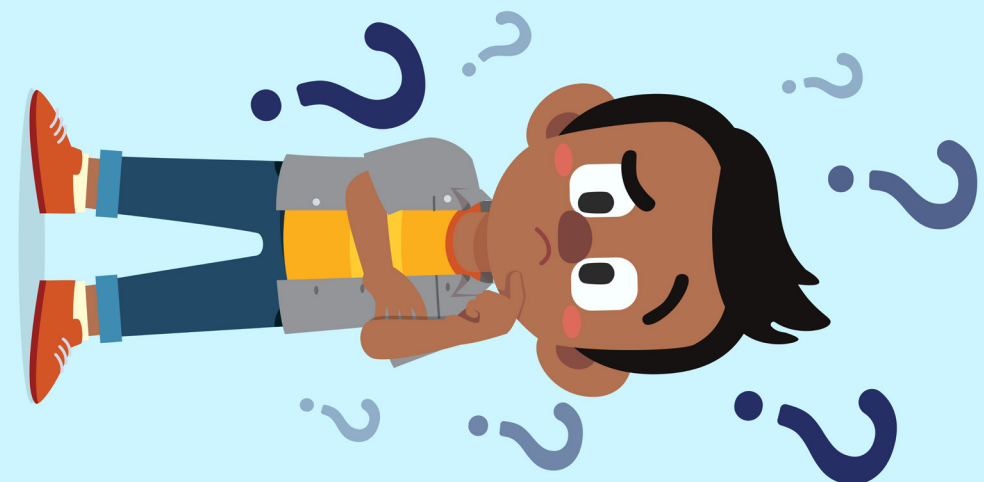
***When we take time to talk to God and pray, we should also take time to listen to what He has to say. God can speak to us in so many ways!***





***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.***



***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 you. If you're talking, God is listening. He loves you and 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 after me:*** (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

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

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

***Anytime*** (tap wrist)



**When you are having a not-so-great day, can you tell God about it? (Yes)**

**Yes! You can tell Him how you feel, whether you're happy or not-so-happy. God loves for us to talk to Him anytime.**

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

**Does this face look scared or sleepy? (Scared)**

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

Wk 4 - K-3 - 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 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

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

**You can talk to God, and ask Him to help that person feel loved, too!**

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

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

**Not everyone can play sports. The next time you are playing your favorite sport, you can tell God, "Thank You," that you can play. And you can ask Him to encourage others who cannot do those same things.**

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

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

**When you are at either place, you can pray and tell God, "Thank You," for these places you love.**

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards



**Can you pray when you aren't sure what to do? (Yes)**

**Yes! You can say, "Hey God, should I do this or do that?"**

**Then listen for Him to give you an idea or tell your heart what the right thing is to do.**

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

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

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

Wk 4 - K-3 - 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 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

**Your friend is sad because kids were making fun of her.**

**Could you pray with your friend or ignore your friend? (Pray with your friend)**

**Yes! We can talk to God anytime, but especially when our friends are sad or hurting.**

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

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

**Before going to bed is not the only time to pray, but it is a great time to talk to God about all the great and not so great things in your day.**

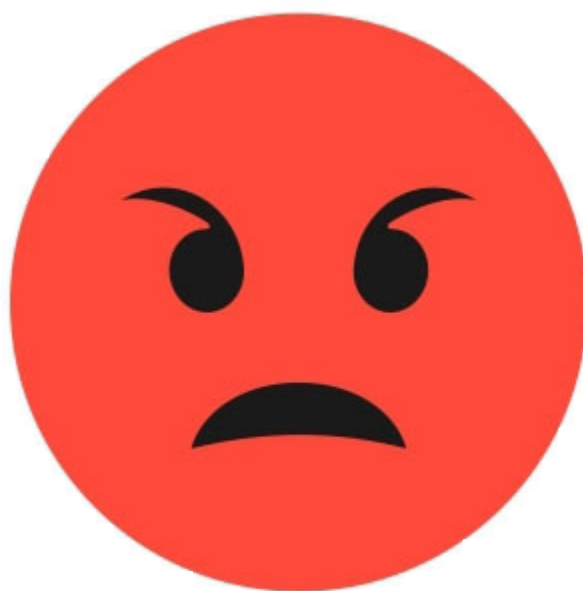
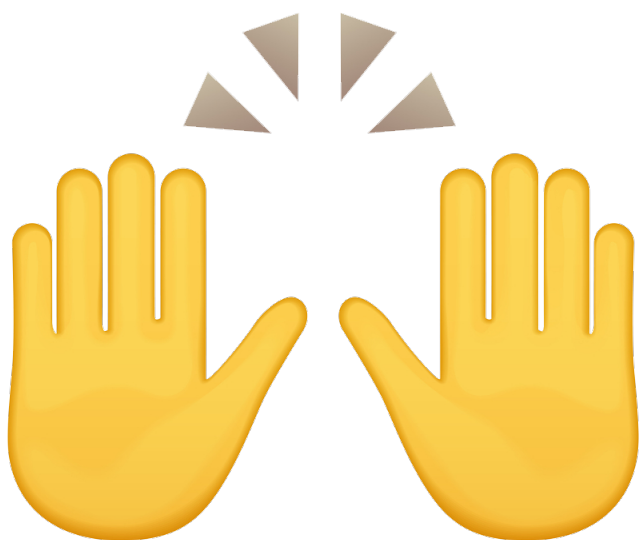
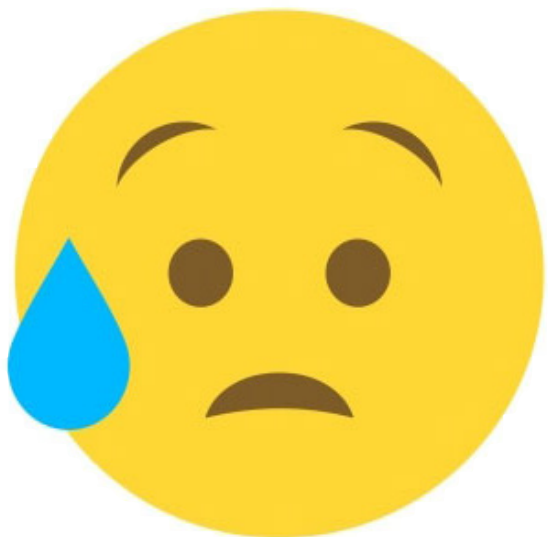
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**What kind of pets do you have or wish you had? (Allow responses)**

**God loves seeing us happy and enjoying things He made. You can talk to God while you are hanging out with your pets, and you can ask Him for one if that's something you want!**

Wk 4 - K-3 - 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 snow!**

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

**On the first day of school, do you feel nervous or excited?** (Allow responses)

**If you feel nervous, you could pray, "Hey God! Will you please help me have fun at school?" And if you're excited, you could say, "Hey God, thank you so much that I get to go to school!"**

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

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

**False! When you are mad, it's a great time to pray. You can say, "Hey God! I need your help! Please help me do what's right."**

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

**When we are happy, it's a great time to pray and 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 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

**Can you pray while you are in the car or only at home?** (In the car)

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

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

**When we know someone is 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 - K-3 - Emoji Cards



***If you tell a lie to your mom or dad and you feel bad about it, can you talk to God about it — yes or no?***  
(Yes)

***God knows that we will sin and 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 and will never stop loving us!***

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

***When you are feeling sick, can you pray and ask God to help you?*** (Yes)

***Yes! 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 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

***Is there anything 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. Remind kids that they don't have to have fear or worry because God is with them.

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

***What is your favorite animal?***  
(Allow responses)

***God has made some pretty incredible animals and creatures! When you see one, you can tell God how much you like it and what a great job He did making it.***

Wk 4 - K-3 - Emoji Cards

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

***Let's take a moment and tell God, “Thank You,” for these great things!***  
(Say a short prayer thanking God for all the things that make kids happy)

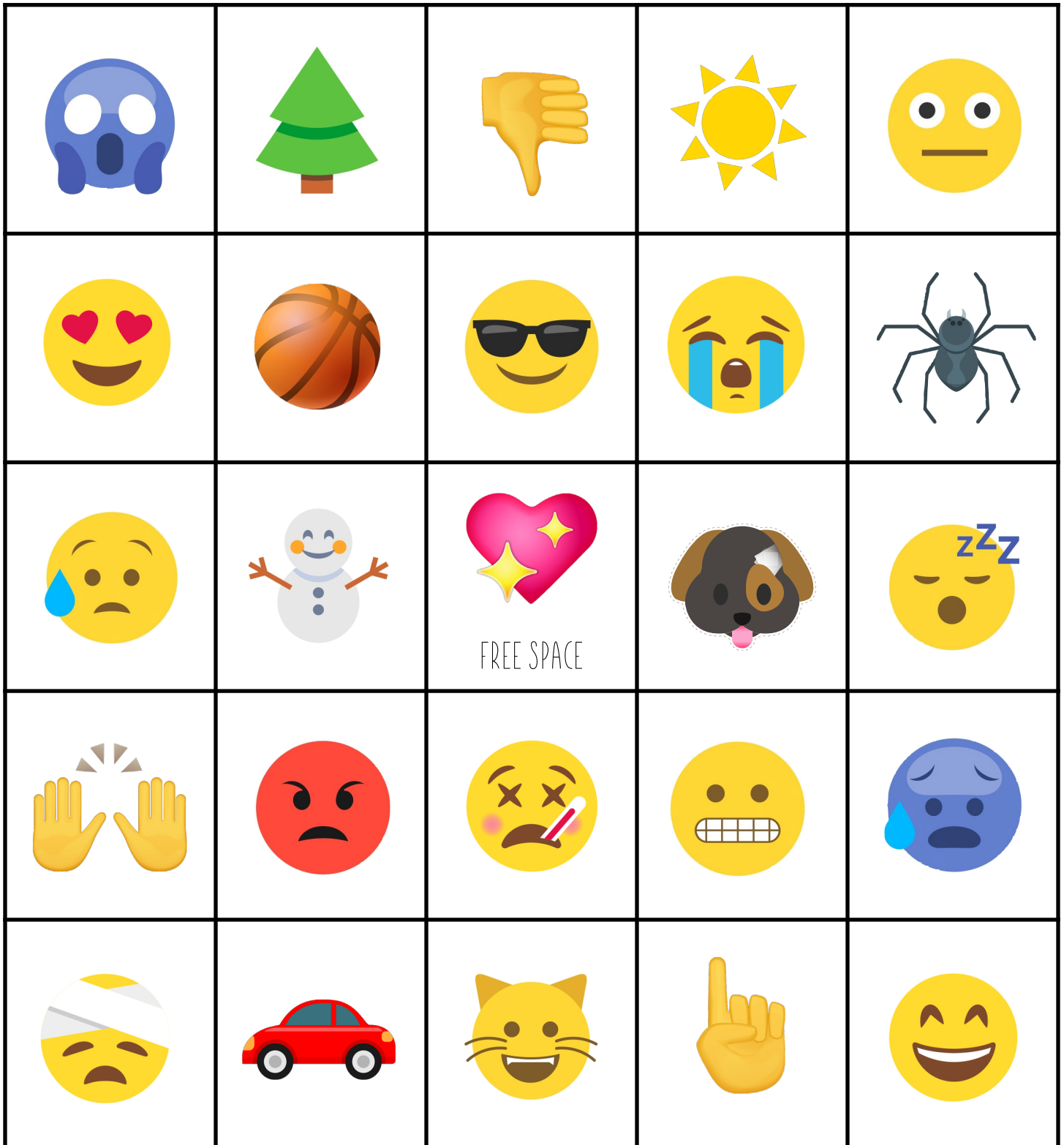
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***What is one thing you can talk to God about in prayer?*** (Allow responses)

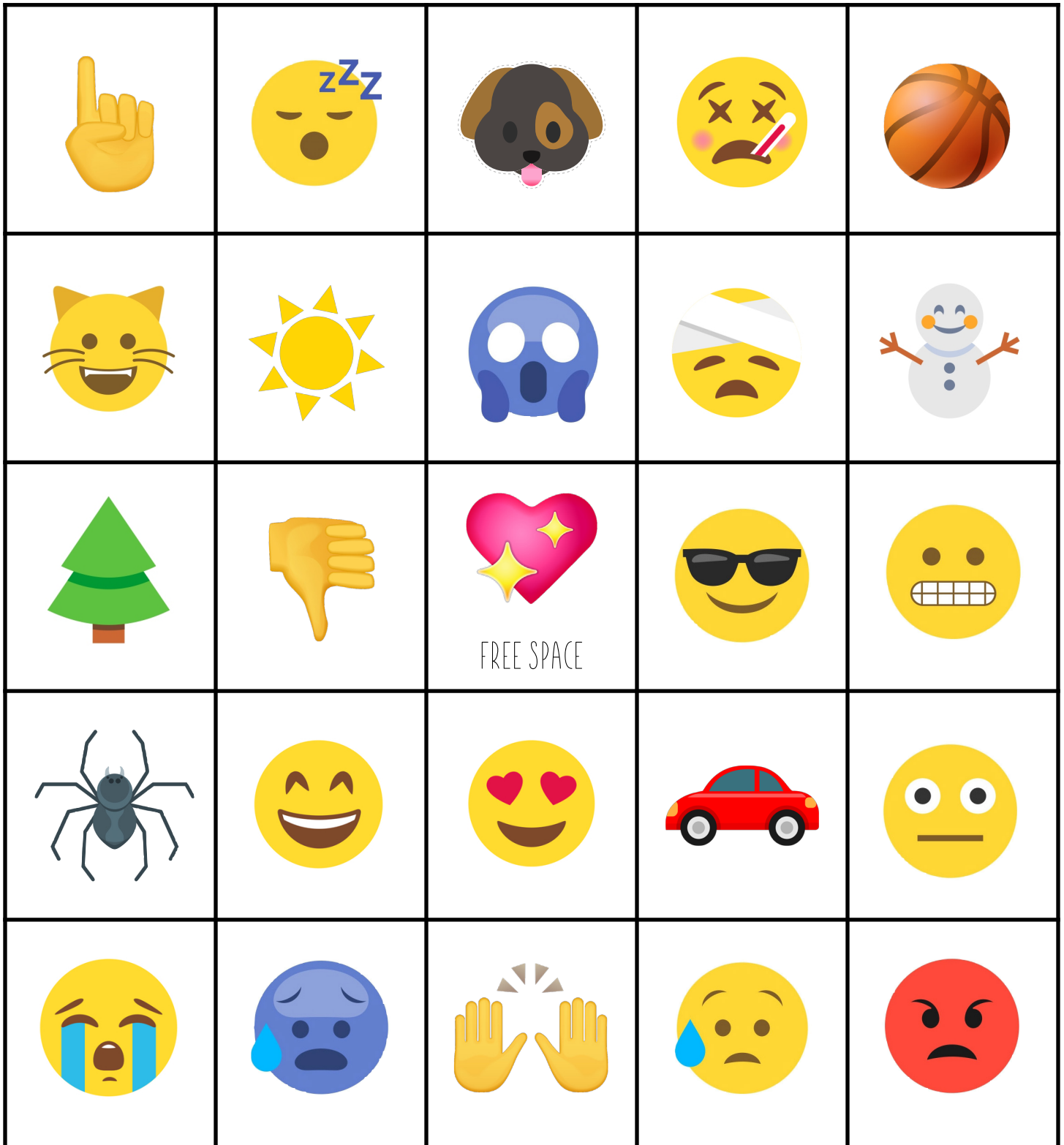
***Remember that you can talk to God anytime and about anything! He loves to hear you talk to Him.***

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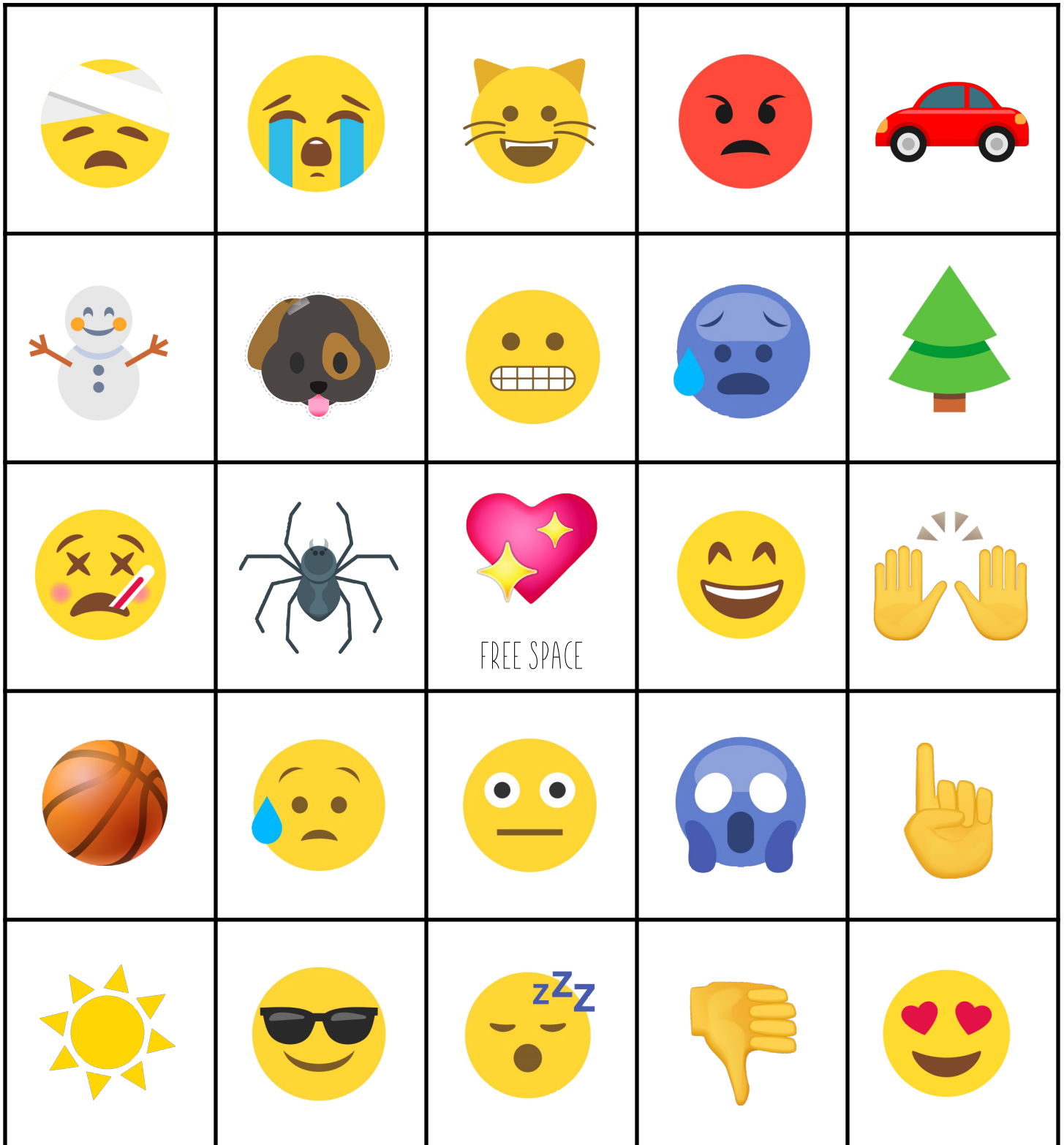
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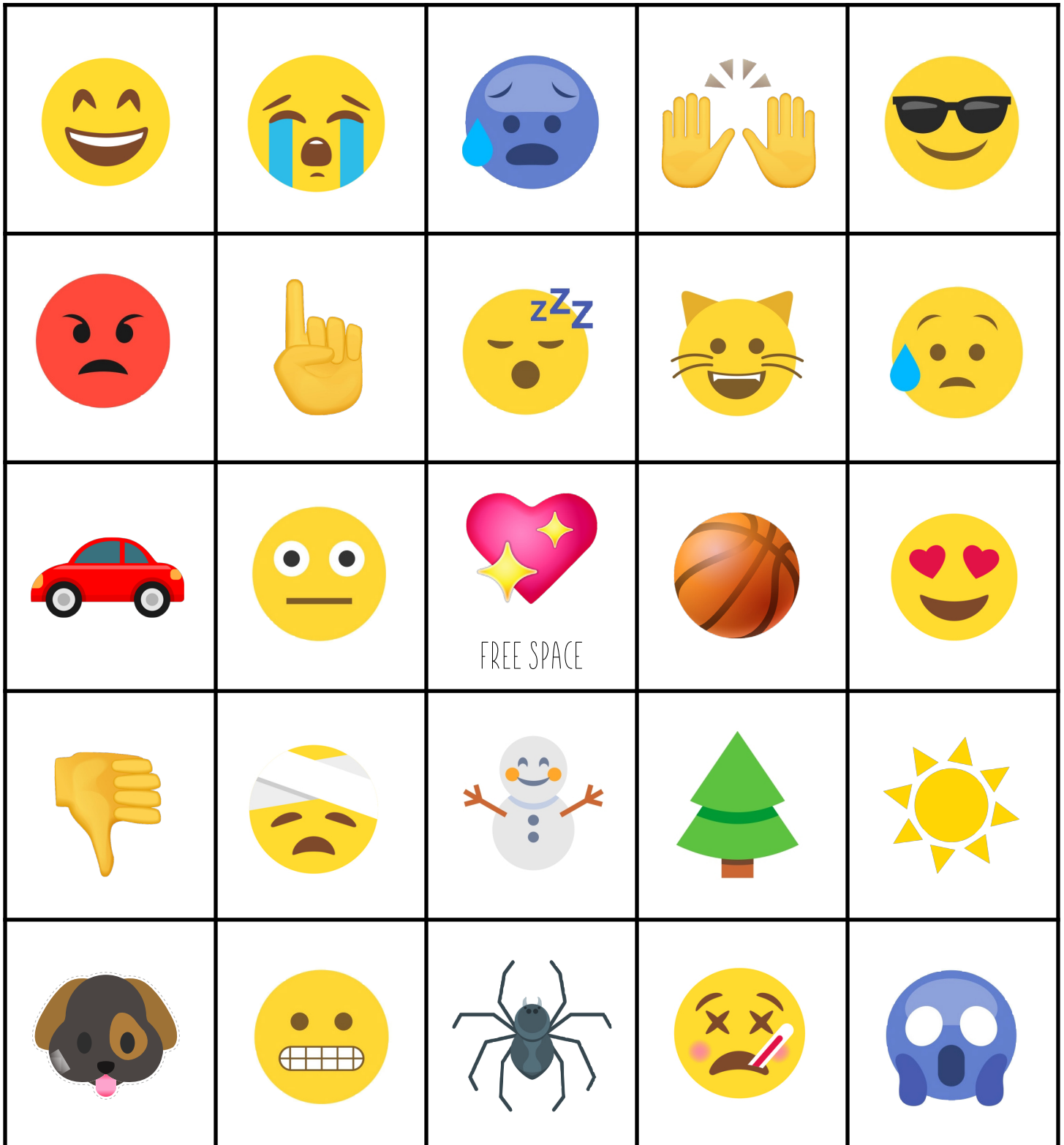
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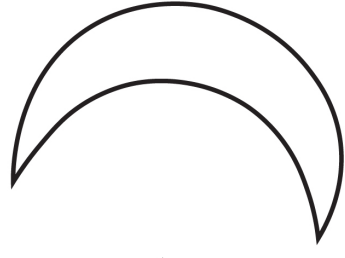
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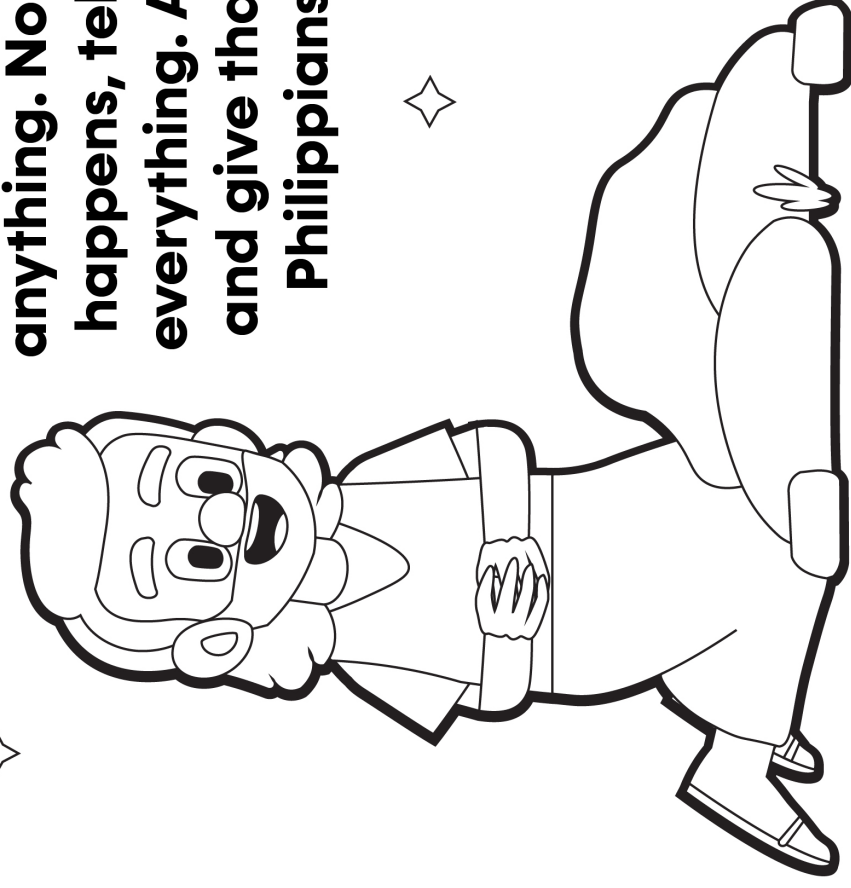
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**"Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to Him."  
Philippians 4:6 (NIRV)**



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**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!**