

WEEK 5 | PRESCHOOL | PARENT LESSON GUIDE

Need to Know: I Can Talk to God Anywhere

Bible Story: Where Jesus Prayed

Bible Reference: Matthew 14:23, 19:13-15, 6:6



READ THE BIBLE

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

- SAY**
- *Did Jesus only pray when He was inside? (No) No way! Jesus prayed outside, inside, when He was in big crowds, and when He was alone.*
 - *Do you think you can talk to God in your bed at nap time or when you go to sleep at night? (Yes) You sure can! You can talk to God anywhere!*

LET'S PRAY

- PRAY**
- Allow kids to take turns praying, "Hey God! I love you! Amen."
 - Then pray out loud: *Hey God, thank You for hearing us when we pray, no matter where we are. Help us listen to You! We love You! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen!*

LET'S PRACTICE

- DO**
1. Give each child a **Look and Find Sheet** and have them look at the image.
 2. Show each **Hidden Image Card** and have kids locate the image on their Sheet.
 3. Once everyone has found the image you called out, read the back of the Hidden Image Card. Allow kids to respond.
 4. Continue until all Hidden Image Cards have been found and discussed.
 5. Have kids say the Need to Know after you: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)
I Can (thumbs to chest)
Talk to God (make praying hands)
Anywhere (spin around)

MEMORIZE IT

SAY

We've been learning a verse in the Bible that tells us we can pray and talk to God about everything! 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 pop up and squat down as you say each phrase of the memory verse. For example, kids would pop up for "No matter," squat down for "what happens," etc.

Place **crayons** in the center of the group. Allow kids to color their **Look and Find Sheet** and **Bible Story/Memory Verse Coloring Page**.

As kids color, allow each child a turn to say the memory verse aloud to you, assisting them as needed.



Where Jesus Prayed

Matthew 14:23, 19:13-15, 6:6

Jesus knew that we can pray and talk to God anywhere. Let's look at some of the places Jesus prayed.

(Say to the rhythm of, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?")

Jesus,

Jesus,

Where did you pray?

I prayed with many people all around me!

(In normal speaking rhythm)

Sometimes Jesus prayed when he was in a crowd of people, like the time He told God "Thank You" for the food a little boy was sharing with everybody. And the time He was with a bunch of boys and girls!

Let's ask Jesus where else He prays!



(Say to the rhythm of, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?")

Jesus,

Jesus,

Where did you pray?

I prayed all by Myself, away from others.

(In normal speaking rhythm)

Many times, Jesus would pray in a place where He was all alone. He would talk to God all by Himself.

Let's ask Jesus where else He prayed!



(Say to the rhythm of, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?")

Jesus,

Jesus,

Where did you pray?

I prayed while I was sitting outside.

(In normal speaking rhythm)

Jesus prayed outside, and you can, too! You can talk to God and tell Him about your day while you're playing outside with your dog. Or when you're climbing a tree, you can tell God, "Thank You," for all you see!

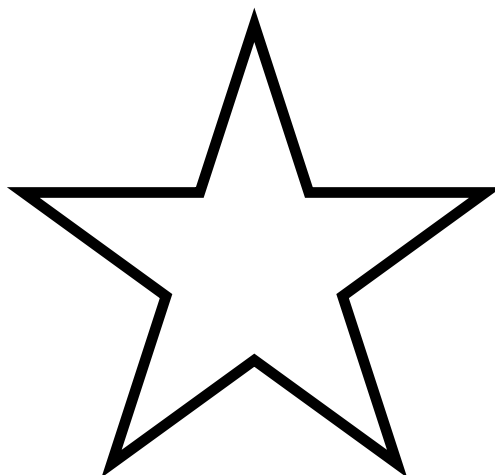
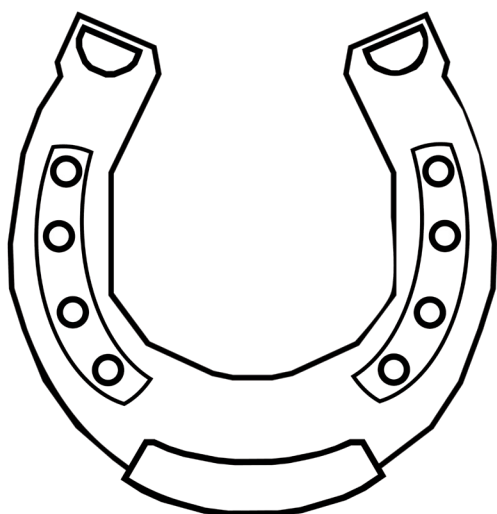
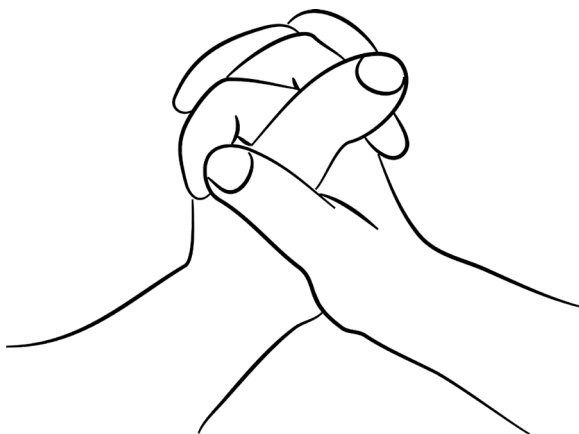
Whether you're outside, inside, up a tree, or laying in your bed, God is listening when you talk to Him. You can talk to God anywhere!

Let me hear you say this after me: (Pause to allow kids to repeat)

I Can (thumbs to chest)

Talk to God (make praying hands)

Anywhere (spin around)



Praying Hands

Can you find the praying hands on your Sheet? (Kids will locate praying hands)

Can you talk to God when you are riding in a car or on a bus? (Yes)

Yes! You can talk to God anywhere!

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Toy Basket

Can you find the basket of toys on your Sheet? (Kids will locate the toy basket)

How could you talk to God while you are cleaning up your toys? (Allow responses. If kids are struggling, suggest: sing a song of praise, be quiet and listen to God, tell God, "Thank You," for the toys, etc.)

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Star

How many stars do you see on your Sheet? (Kids will locate four stars)

Let me see you reach up and touch the stars! (Kids will reach hands high)

If you are sitting by a campfire at night with your family, can you talk to God? (Yes)

You got it! You can talk to God anywhere you are!

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Paw Print

Everyone look and find the paw print on your Sheet. (Kids will locate the paw print on the monkey's shirt)

Can you talk to God when you are at the zoo? (Yes)

You got it! You can tell God, "Thank You," for the animals you see at the zoo or the pets you have at home!

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Horseshoe

Everyone look and find the horseshoe hiding on your Sheet. (Kids will locate the horseshoe on the front tire)

What sound does a horse make? (Kids will make sounds)

Pretend you are visiting a farm, and you see a horse. You feel nervous because it is so big. Can you pray and ask God to help you? (Yes)

You got it! You can pray anywhere!

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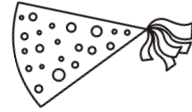
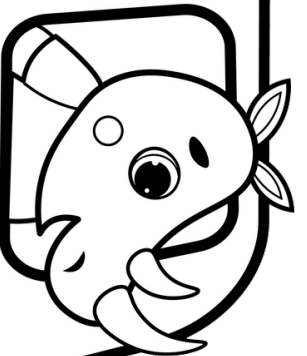
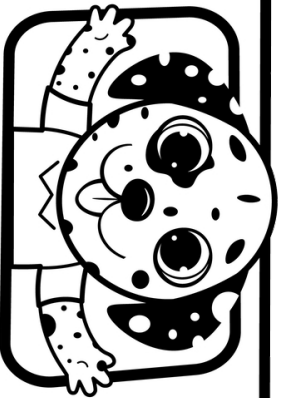
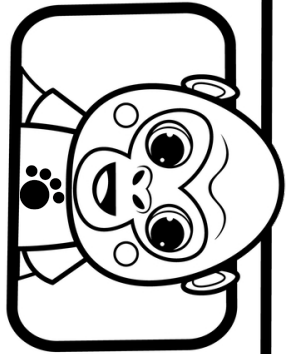
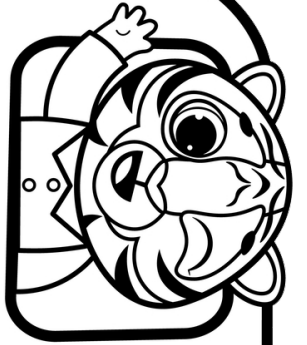
Party Hat

Look and find the party hat hiding on your Sheet! (Kids will locate the party hat)

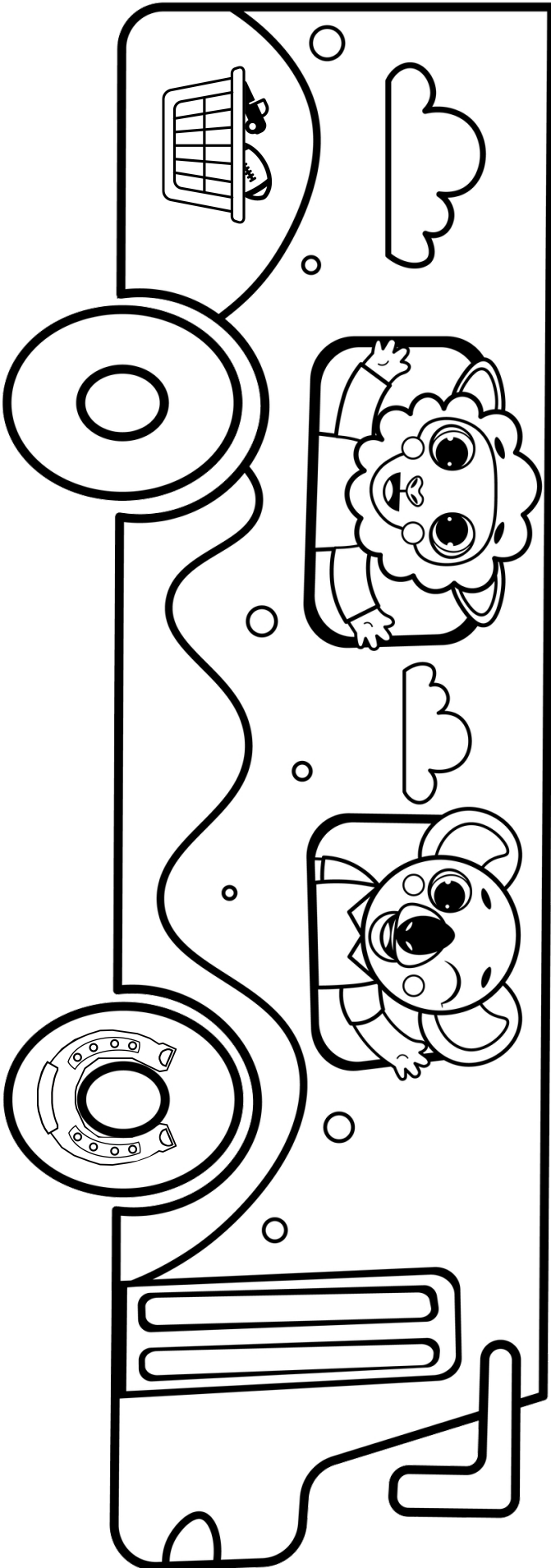
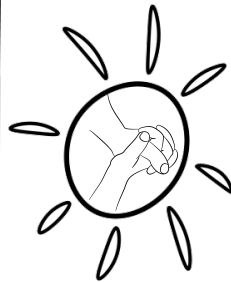
If you like to go to birthday parties, clap your hands! (Allow responses)

When you are at a birthday party, you can talk to God! You can talk to God anywhere!

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I Can Talk to God Anywhere



Name _____



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Today's Bible Story: Where Jesus Prayed (Matthew 14:23, 19:13-15, 6:6)

Series Memory Verse: "No matter what happens, tell God about everything." Philippians 4:6 (NIRV)