

# For Yours is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory Forever

(Matthew 6:9-13)

## Pre-Session Warm Up

We've been learning the Lord's Prayer, which is a recipe for prayer that Jesus gave His followers as an example to follow. The Lord's Prayer is such an important example, we have wanted you to learn it well so you can keep it in your heart.

Most people finish this prayer by saying, "*For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen*" This isn't included in all Bibles, but it's a tradition most churches use to end the Lord's Prayer, so we'll end ours that way today. Let's begin our time today by saying it all together.

## Opening Prayer

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen

## Memory Verse

*"For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen"*  
(Matthew 6:13c)

## Lesson

Jesus taught his followers the Lord's Prayer as an example to help us know *how* to pray. Jesus wanted us to know that when we talk to God there's much more to talk to Him about than asking Him for things.

The Bible encourages us to pray in lots of different ways. Some of these Bible verses will spark ideas for prayer.

[Teacher, have the children form groups. Assign each group one of the following verses:]

In your groups, read your verse aloud and decide what this verse teaches us about prayer. Then, work together to think of a way to express this verse in a prayer.

- 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- Ephesians 6:4
- Hebrews 13:17a
- Luke 6:28
- James 5:14-15a
- Hebrews 13:3
- Philippians 1:9
- 1 Chronicles 29:11

[Teacher, as the groups share what they have discovered about the verse assigned to them, keep a list on the board of the major topics for prayer: Government officials, parents, etc.]

There's lots of things to pray for! Every day we have experiences that give us ideas for prayer:

- If you see a child crying, what could you pray?
- If you hear an emergency-vehicle siren, what could you pray?
- If someone shares an answer to prayer, what could you pray?

There are many things to talk to God about, aren't there?

One of the best things about having really good friends is being able to tell them anything—not just the great things about your life but the tough things, too. God is that kind of friend. People in the Bible knew that God was their friend, and they talked to God whether they were happy, sad, scared, or confused.

1 Thessalonians 5:17 says that we should "*Never stop praying.*"

Ephesians 6:18

*Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.*

Jesus wants us to talk to God through prayer all the time about anything and everything. We need to make prayer a regular part of our every-day life.

In the first lesson of this series on the Lord's Prayer we learned some things about prayer that Jesus taught His disciples I want to review with you:

Matthew 6:5

*When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.*

God doesn't want us to be hypocrites when we pray. What's a *hypocrite*? (A pretender, a deceiver, or a phony) God doesn't want us to pray just to show off to others; He wants us to pray sincerely from our hearts directly to Him.

Matthew 6:6

*But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.*

God wants us to pray privately where it's just the two of you. He said to pray in your secret place where you can't be distracted.

Matthew 6:7-8

*When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of others religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. (8) Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!*

God wants us to have simple, honest prayers. It's not necessary to repeat the same words over and over. He knows our need before we even ask Him, anyway.

***Close your prayer as you began it, by remembering who it is you've been talking to...***

Matthew 6:13c

*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Think about it. You have been talking to the creator of the whole universe! He's all-knowing and all-wise. Our God rules over all. He alone has the power to help us each day. And He will! He can answer your prayers! Having this in your mind when you pray gives you confidence. Whatever happens, you and I want God to have all the praise and honor.

## Closing Prayer

Let's close by saying the Lord's Prayer again together, using the ending that we learned today.

*Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

## Learning Activities

### Craft Corner

#### Lord's Prayer Plaques

Allow the children to make nice keepsake plaques with the Lord's Prayer on it to hang in their rooms at home.

**Game Center**

Use the following questions in a game of your choice:

**Review questions:**

1. Why do we call the Lord's Prayer a recipe for prayer? (Because it gives us the ingredients for a good prayer.)
2. What is the special ending that most people finish the Lord's prayer with? (*For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*)
3. What are some of the things you can pray to God about? (Government officials, parents, poor people, sick, etc.)
4. How often does God want you to pray? ("*At all times and on every occasion*".)
5. When you pray, what did Jesus say NOT to be like? (Don't be like a hypocrites who love to pray just to show off.)
6. What's a *hypocrite*? (A pretender, a phony)
7. When you pray, where did Jesus say to go to pray? (To a private place; into your prayer "*closet*", the secret place.)
8. Why did Jesus say not to babble on and on when we pray? (He wants us to have simple, honest prayers. It's not necessary to repeat the same words over and over. He knows our needs.)
9. Why did Jesus say to keep on asking and seeking and knocking until you get an answer? (He doesn't ever want you to give up on Him, even when He doesn't answer you right away. He wants you to trust Him.)
10. Can you say the whole Lord's Prayer by heart?

