

The Lord's Prayer



Family Faith Minute

Use these questions to talk about today's Bible story with your child.

How do you think Jesus' friends felt when Jesus taught them a special prayer?

How do you feel when you pray?

PRAY: Thank you, God, for listening to our prayers. Amen.

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(Hold up the Prayer Bear puppet.)

Hi! Hello! Hey, there! I'm glad to see you!
(Have Prayer Bear greet each child.)

I'm Prayer Bear. I like to pray. That means I talk to God.

I like to talk to God in the morning when I first wake up. I pray, "Good morning, God. Thank you for this brand-new day."

When I have breakfast, I pray, "Thank you, God, for honey."

After breakfast, I play with my friends. I pray, "Thank you, God, for friends, especially *(name each child)*."

At lunchtime, I like to sing my prayer.
(Sing to the tune of "Hot Cross Buns.")

Thank you, God.
Thank you, God.
For this good food I have to eat, I
thank you, God.

After lunch, I rest. Sometimes I talk to God about how I feel. I pray, "Today is a happy day. Thank you, God, for happy feelings." Or I pray, "God, my tummy hurts. Help me feel better soon."

I'm glad I can talk to God anytime, about anything.

The Bible tells us that Jesus talked to God. Jesus thanked God for food. He asked God to help him make sick people well. And Jesus asked God to help him do hard things. Jesus' friends saw Jesus talking to God. They asked Jesus to teach them how to talk to God. They said, "Jesus, teach us to pray."

Jesus taught his friends a special prayer. We call the prayer the Lord's Prayer. Let's pray the Lord's Prayer right now.

(Say the Lord's Prayer that is used in your church or use the prayer printed below.)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and
the glory, forever. Amen.**

[From the Ritual of the Former Methodist Church, #895 in The United Methodist Hymnal.]

Based on Matthew 6:5-15.

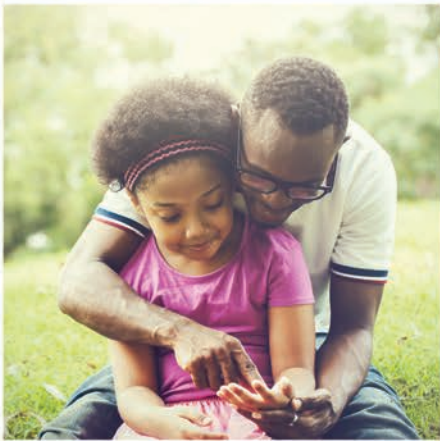


Teach me your way, LORD, so that I can walk in your truth. Psalm 86:11



A Good Time to Pray

Look at the pictures below. Place a praying hands **Sticker** on each picture that shows when it's a good time to pray.



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