

TOPHER'S WEEKLY LESSON

In the Bible, in the Book of Matthew, Jesus taught His disciples a special prayer called the "Lord's Prayer." Jesus told the disciples that they don't have to pray REALLY LOUDLY or say lots, and lots, and lots of words. "Instead," Jesus said, "this is how you should pray."

The first part of the Lord's Prayer goes like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." That means when we pray, we should remember that God's name is so, so special.

The next part of the Lord's Prayer says, "Your kingdom, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." That means when we pray, we should ask for things that God wants, not just things that we want.

The next part of the Lord's Prayer says, "Give us today our daily bread." That means when we pray, we should ask God to give us our food and anything else we need to live.

The next part of the Lord's Prayer says, "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." That means when we pray, we should say, "I'm sorry" to God for doing bad things. We should also say, "I forgive you" to people who do bad things to us.

The next part of the Lord's Prayer says, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." That means when we pray, we should ask God to help us make good choices.

THE BIG IDEA: GOD HEARS ME WHEN I PRAY.
BIBLE BASIS: MATTHEW 6:5-15

ACTIVITY: MARCH 29, 2020

I LOVE GOD (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw and color a picture of a heart. While they're drawing, ask the children to share what they love most about God.

Question: The first part of the Lord's Prayer reminds us that God's name is so, so special. Why do you think God is so special?

Question: Do you ever pray to God? What kind of things do you say to Him?

Say: Today we learned that **God hears us when we pray**. Let's say a prayer to God right now and tell Him why we love Him so much. He'll hear every word we say!

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by telling God why *you* love Him so much and by thanking Him for listening to our prayers.



WHAT'S THE
BIG IDEA?