



Jesus Says, “Pray Like This”

Illustration by Ed

When Jesus lived on earth, he often went off by himself and prayed to his Father in heaven. He got up early in the morning to pray. Sometimes he stayed up late at night. One time, he went out to a mountainside and spent the whole night praying to God!

When the disciples had watched Jesus pray one day, one of them said, “Lord, teach us to pray.” They wanted to know what kinds of things to pray to God, who was their loving heavenly Father, too.

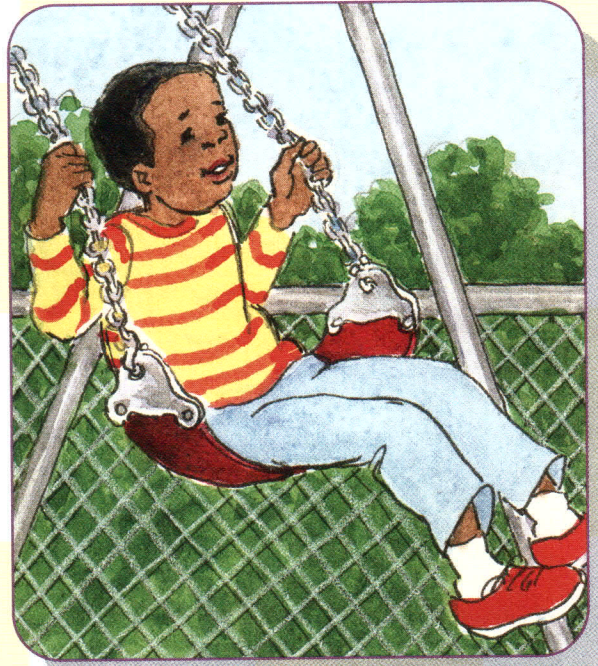
Jesus taught them to pray like this:

*Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen. (KJV)*

*Bible story based on Matthew 6:9–14, Luke 11:1–13
and other Gospel passages.*

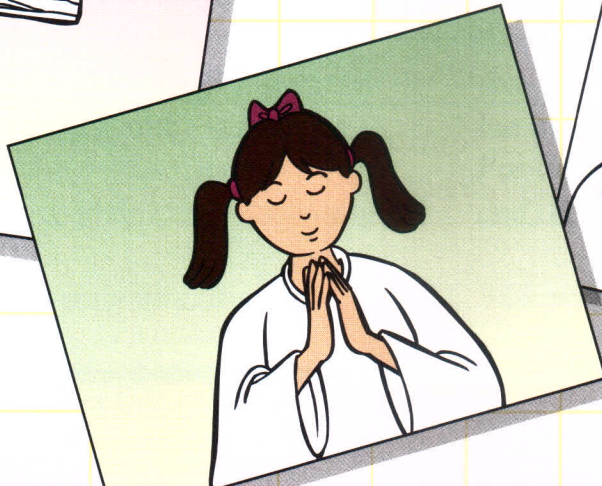
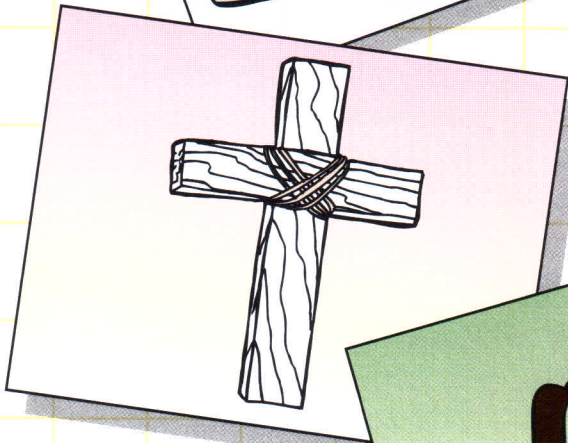
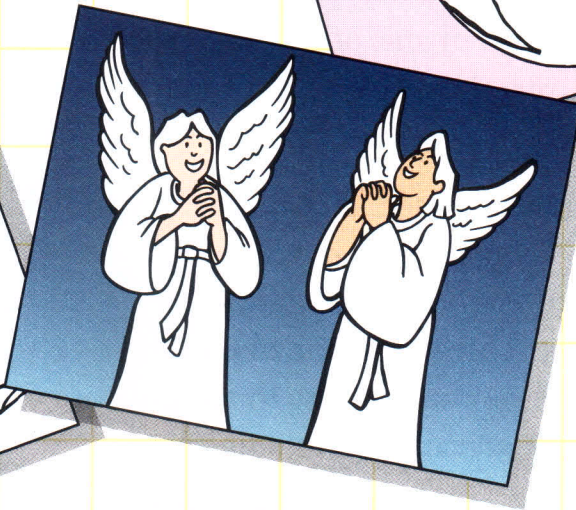
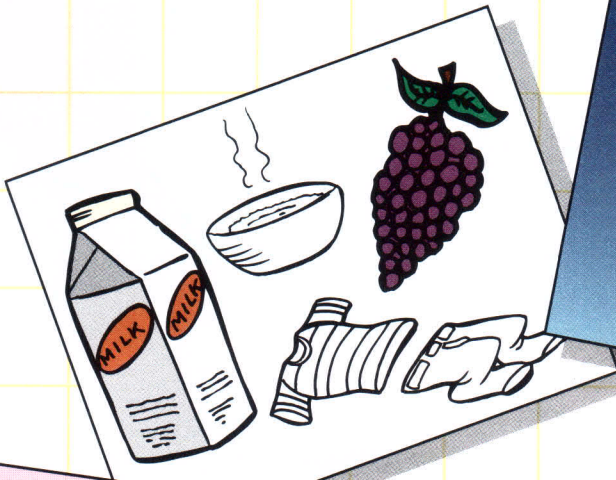
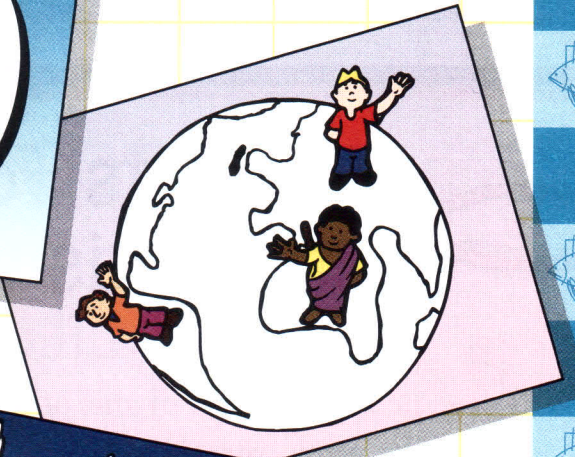
I Can Pray Every Day

Circle  the pictures that show times you can talk to God.



I Can Pray Like This

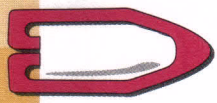
Finish coloring the pictures and tell what each picture says about prayer.





Dear Family,

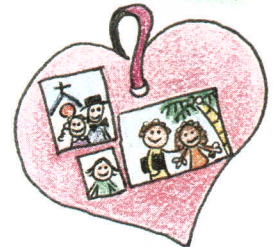
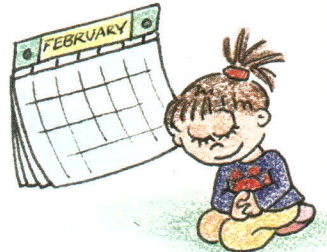
Today your child learned that prayer was an important part in the life of Jesus, and he taught his followers how to pray. Preschoolers learned that through prayer, God's children can praise him, ask for forgiveness, pray for others and ask for the good things they need. They learned that God's children need to pray. Ask God to help you guide your child as he or she learns to put thanks and requests into words, and learns more and more about what it means to talk to our loving heavenly Father, and listen to his voice through his Word.



Projects for you & your child this week . . .



- Make a prayer calendar. Write down the names of missionaries, people who are ill and others with special needs. Each day of the week, pray for the person or family listed, and keep track of your prayers and God's answers.
- Make a prayer collage. Draw a big heart on poster board and cut it out. Glue pictures of relatives, friends, missionaries and church members onto the heart. Punch a hole in the top center of the heart. Thread yarn or ribbon through the hole. Tie it so that the collage can be hung to remind your family to pray for relatives, friends and church members.



Illustrations by Christine Patete



Worship together

Make a list of family needs and pray about them.

Make a list of family blessings and thank God for them.

Using the Lord's Prayer as a model for your own, include prayers of adoration and confession as well as requests for daily needs when you pray together as a family.

Read these verses about prayer:

Philippians 4:6; 1 Kings 8:28; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; James 5:16.