



Family
Ministries

Having faith in the family



JUMP In!

Leaping into Faith with Little Ones

WE CAN TALK TO GOD

A four-week series outline for use with pre-school children. Including an option for Father's Day.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES

- *The Play-Along Bible*, Bob Hartman
- *The Lion Easy-Read Bible*, Christina Goodings
- *The Jesus Storybook Bible*, Sally Lloyd-Jones
- Percussion instruments
- Instrument praise songs



We can talk to God...

SESSION ONE: ANYWHERE AND ANY TIME!



BIBLE STORY

Matthew 6

The Jesus Storybook Bible
'How to Pray', Pg. 222

The Lion Easy-Read Bible
'Jesus the teacher', p248

Note

Explain that we can talk to God anywhere and any time and that we call this prayer.



SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. Theme Song
(Tune: 'Row, row, row your boat')

We can talk to God, talk to him each day,
Anywhere or any time, he loves to hear us pray.

2. (Tune: 'Frère Jacques')
We are praying, we are praying,
Talking to God! Talking to God!
God will always hear us, God will always hear us,
We can pray – every day!

3. 'Prayer is like a telephone'
<https://youtu.be/RgEtIlgPGvul>

CRAFT IDEAS

Make a mobile phone or microphone.

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/FamilyMinistriesUKIT/toddler-group-prayer-crafts/>

PRAYER

Thank you, God, that whatever we do,
wherever we are, we can talk to you.

We can talk to you when we're happy (*smile*) or when we're sad (*look sad*).
We can talk to you when we're at home (*house shape hands*) and when we're out in the car or on the bus (*pretend to drive*). We can talk to you when we're excited (*jump about*) or when we're bored (*fold arms*).

Thank you, God, that whatever we do,
wherever we are, we can talk to you in prayer.
Amen.



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SESSION TWO: TO SAY 'THANK YOU'

Father's Day is on the third Sunday in June so ideas for this are also included



BIBLE STORY

Psalm 100
Philippians 4:6

'Don't worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks for what you have.' (ERV)

The Lion Easy-Read Bible

'The Forgiving Father', pp280-283

Note

We are taught to say 'thank you' as very small children and we learn how important it is to say thank you when we are given something or when someone does something for us. Talk about how God loves it when we say thank you to him.

Link this to how important it is to say 'thank you' to the dads, grandads, uncles – all the men who love us – and how we can do this especially on Father's Day.



SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. Theme Song
(Tune: 'Row, row, row your boat')

We can talk to God, talk to him each day,
Anywhere or any time, he loves to hear us pray.

We can talk to God, talk to him each day,
Thank him for the good things he gives us every day.

2. 'Prayer is like a telephone'
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3. (Tune: 'Twinkle, Twinkle')
Dads and grandads, uncles too
Love to help both me and you,
Playing games and having fun,
Trips to the park for everyone.
Dads and grandads, uncles too,
Thank you, God, for all they do.



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CRAFT IDEAS

- Write 'Thank you, God' on a paper plate and then stick on pictures of things cut from magazines to thank God for. Include food, animals, names, toys etc.

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- Find craft ideas on our [Pinterest](#).

PRAYER

If you have made the 'Thank you, God' prayer plates, use these in your prayer time by getting the families to share what they want to thank God for today.

Conclude by saying or singing:

Thank you for the world so sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you, God, for everything.
Amen.

Thank you, God, for dads, grandads and uncles who love us and take care of us. Thank you that they are always great fun to play with and help us do lots of things. Thank you, God, that you are our Heavenly Father and that you love us all very much.
Amen.



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SESSION THREE: TO SAY 'SORRY'



BIBLE STORY

1 John 1:9
Luke 23:26-46

The Play-Along Bible

'The Cross', p90

Note

Use this opportunity to share the story of Easter again as a reminder that Jesus died on the cross so that when we say sorry to God, we are forgiven because he loves us very much.



SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. Theme Song
(Tune: 'Row, row, row your boat')

We can talk to God, talk to him each day,
Anywhere or any time, he loves to hear us pray.
We can talk to God, talk to him each day, Thank
him for the good things he gives us every day.
We can talk to God, talk to him each day,
If we say we're sorry, he'll forgive us when we
pray.

2. 'Prayer is like a telephone'
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3. (Tune: 'Sing a rainbow')
Sometimes it's so hard to be good,
When I feel grumpy or sad.
Then I pray 'I'm sorry,'
Pray 'I'm sorry,'
Pray 'I'm sorry, God.'

CRAFT IDEAS

Make a Sorry Spinner.

See template

Get the children to draw their face in the head shape on one side and to colour in the heart on the other. Fold over and stick to a paper straw. When you twizzle the straw in your hands, the face is seen in the heart. Talk about how God loves us so much that he forgives us when we say sorry.

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PRAYER

Father God,
Touching my head – I remember
you are always with me.
Putting my hand over my heart – I
say that I love you.
'Boing' my head – I say I am sorry
for the wrong things I have done.
Lifting my head – Thank you for
forgiving me.
Putting my hands together – I know
that you hear all my prayers.
Amen.



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SESSION FOUR: TO SAY 'PLEASE'

BIBLE STORY

Hannah prays to God

The Lion Easy-Read Bible

Samuel, pp122-124

Philippians 4:6

Note

Like when saying 'thank you', talk about how important it is to say 'please' when we want something. In the story, Hannah asks God for a son and God hears and answers her prayer. Explain that we can ask God for things we need and for him to help us and people we love.



SONG SUGGESTIONS

1. Theme Song

(Tune: 'Row, row, row your boat')

We can talk to God, talk to him each day,
Anywhere or any time, he loves to hear us pray.
We can talk to God, talk to him each day, Thank
him for the good things he gives us every day.
We can talk to God, talk to him each day,
If we say we're sorry he'll forgive us when we
pray.

We can talk to God, talk to him each day,
We can ask him for his help, he's with us every
day.

2. 'Prayer is like a telephone'

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3. 'I can love God with all of me'

<https://vimeo.com/user108940834/download/637822350/3d75b3e283>

CRAFT IDEAS

- Make a simple prayer book. Decorate the cover with stickers and pictures.
- Make copies of the prayers suggested in this series or others you know and stick them on each page so that they can be said at home. Add some blank pages for children to write or draw their own prayers.

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PRAYER

Dear God,
Please be with me today and help me to be kind to others.
Please be with all my family and friends and keep them safe.
Please be with people I know who aren't very well today.
Please help us all to love each other.
Thank you that we can always talk to you and ask you to help us.
Amen.



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