

Spotlight on Prayer 7

THE LORD'S PRAYER



Jesus taught us how to pray

YEAR 2 – KINGDOM LIFE

UNIT: TALKING WITH GOD

1 | Teacher's Notes (This lesson can be taught as part of Unit 8.)

Scripture Matthew 6:9 – 13; Luke 11:2-4

Objectives To explain that

- Today's lesson is about talking with God, using the Lord's Prayer.
- The Lord's Prayer is important because Jesus taught it to his disciples as an example of how to pray.
- The Lord's Prayer teaches us much about God, his Kingdom and God's family, the Church.
- Just like in the Ten Commandments, loving and honouring God comes first in the Lord's Prayer, before petitions for our own needs.

Memory Verse The Lord's Prayer (Book of Common Prayer version)

ACNA Catechism Connections Today's lesson of The Lord's Prayer is connected to the following Catechism questions:

Q161 Why should you learn the Lord's Prayer? I should learn the Lord's Prayer because Jesus taught it to his disciples as both a practice and a pattern for prayer to God the Father.

Q165 Why do we call God "Father"? We call God "Father" because Jesus teaches his disciples that we are God's children and should call God "our Father."

Q166 Who are God's children? All who come to God through faith and Baptism in Christ are adopted as children of God the Father.

Q170 What is heaven? Heaven is the realm of God's presence, power, and glory, which exists invisibly alongside this visible realm, and from which God hears the prayers of his children.

Q175 What does "hallowed" mean? "Hallowed" means to be treated as holy - set apart, sacred, and glorified.

Q177 How can you hallow God's Name? I can honor God's Name as holy by worshiping him, serving others, and living in loving obedience as his child and a citizen of his kingdom.

Q179 What is God's kingdom? The kingdom of God is the just and peaceful reign of Jesus Christ over all the world, especially in the lives of his faithful people, through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit.

Q180 When you pray for God's kingdom to come, what are you asking? I pray that the whole creation may be renewed and restored under its rightful Lord, now in part and fully in the age to come.

Q186 How can you do God's will? I can walk in God's will by loving him and my neighbor, and by taking my part in the Church's mission to extend his kingdom in the world.

Q187 Why do you pray, "on earth as it is in heaven"? In heaven, God's Name is perfectly hallowed, and his will is perfectly obeyed and fulfilled. I pray for his kingdom to be established fully and his will to be accomplished on earth, that his Name may be perfectly hallowed in all creation.

Q190 What does "our daily bread" mean? Daily bread includes all that we need each day for our bodily provision and spiritual nourishment.

Q197 On what basis do you ask forgiveness? I ask God our loving Father to forgive me through his Son, Jesus Christ, who bore my sins upon the Cross, so that through faith and Baptism I can receive his righteousness.

Q198 Does God forgive your sins? Yes. In Christ, God freely forgives the sins of all, including me, who sincerely repent and in true faith turn to him.

Q199 Why should you forgive others? I should forgive others because, while I was still a sinner, God forgave me through Jesus Christ. Failing to forgive impedes God's work in my life and gives opportunity to the evil one.

Q206 Does God lead you into temptation? No. God never tempts anyone, nor is he the cause of any sin; but he does allow me to be tested so that I may grow in faith and obedience.

Q210 What is evil? Evil is the willful perversion of God's will. Evil defies God's holiness, violates his Law, enslaves us to sin, and mars his good creation.

Q220 How does God deliver you from evil? Jesus has conquered the dominion of darkness and now grants me victory over sin and evil through the Holy Spirit. He transforms my mind and heart to see and oppose evil, and gives me the power to overcome it. He gives me strength to endure my trials gracefully and may even remove them from me.

**Suggested
Materials,
Props, and
Costumes**

Big story props:

- Large Bible
- Kingdom Life storyboard is not used for this lesson.

Lesson Props: (see Props Document for instructions on how to make these)

- The Lord's Prayer poster
- Picture posters as outlined in the lesson (found in props document)
- Bible and chalice
- Optional: Post-it notes to cover words as we memorize the prayer

Memory Verse: The Lord's Prayer

(Found on the last page of this lesson plan) Print out and place in large Bible.

2 | Lesson Outline:

Welcome	As the children arrive ensure each one is personally welcomed and everyone knows each other's name.
Greeting & Collect for Purity	Light the candles Say the Greeting and Collect for Purity (<i>see Resource Section</i>)
Prayer of Confession	Say the Prayer of Confession (<i>see Resource Section</i>) Extinguish the candles
Music	Jesus Taught Us How to Pray (DLTK's Bible Songs for Kids) Please check internet for lyrics and music.
Review of foundations	Choose from the following as appropriate: The Lord's Prayer, The Apostles Creed, The Ten Commandments or The Greatest Commandment. For more information on how to teach these, see Resource Section
Reading	Memory verse (Printed out and placed in large Bible – invite older child to read)
Story Board Review	Ask review questions relating to props from previous lessons on story board. Story board review is found in Section
Props/Costumes	Take a few moments to arrange the narrator and actors. (Props should already be set up prior to the start of the class.) Big story props: Large Bible, Kingdom Life storyboard
Bible Story	Proceed with story and prayer found in Section 4.
Related activities	After the story, proceed with related activities found in Section 5.
Preparation for Communion & leaving class	Gather the children together for the Preparation for Communion prayer before exiting the classroom. See Resource Section.

3 | Storyboard Progression

The storyboard is not used for this lesson.

The focus for the lesson is on these 9 poster pictures. The condensed poster can also be used (pictured here).

The Lord's Prayer

<p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">Our Father who art in heaven</p> 	<p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">Hallowed be thy name</p> 	<p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">Thy kingdom come</p>  <p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">FOREVER KING LORD OF ALL</p>
<p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven</p> 	<p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">Give us this day our daily bread</p> 	<p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us</p> 
<p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">And lead us not into temptation</p> 	<p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">But deliver us from evil</p> 	<p style="background-color: yellow; padding: 2px;">For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.</p> 

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4 | Story and Prayer

SETUP: *Ensure the whole Lord's Prayer is prayed before the lesson starts. Have the nine picture posters ready to show. Optional: If you have the space, we recommend you set up the picture posters at different stations around the room, and move from station to station through the lesson.*

BIBLE: *Hold up the Bible and say: 'Today's lesson is from the Bible, and it is about talking with God in prayer.'*

STORY:

TEACHER: Today we are going to learn about the Lord's Prayer. It is an important and powerful prayer that Jesus taught his disciples. This prayer is a pattern for how the disciples could turn their hearts to God and talk with him.

Let's look at each part of the Lord's Prayer and what it means. At the end, we are going to play a game where I'm going to ask you questions about the lesson, so you need to listen carefully to what I say.

ACTION: *Show the **first** poster and invite a child to read the words.*

STUDENT: OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN.

TEACHER: What do you see in this picture? (*Trinity, angels, saints*) God the Father is the 1st person of the Trinity and he loves us. We who believe in Jesus and follow him are God's children. Our heavenly Father's love is wonderful and always perfect! He never makes a mistake.

TEACHER: The second part of this prayer is: **WHO ART IN HEAVEN.** "Art" is an old-fashioned word that means "is" - who *is* in Heaven.

The Bible tells us that Heaven is where God is...His presence, his glory and power. In Heaven there are also angels and saints. (*Point to angels and saints.*)

The saints are the people who lived before us who followed Jesus. They have died and are now in Heaven with God.

Heaven is invisible to us. However, God is everywhere and knows all things, and he hears the prayers of his children.

ACTION: Show the **second** poster and invite a child to read the words.

STUDENT: HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

TEACHER: The word “hallowed” means HOLY, and “thy” means “your” ... “Holy is your name.”

To “hallow God’s name” means that we honour God as holy. We talk about God, Jesus, and the Bible, with love and respect. That means we don’t swear or say bad words about God. His name is holy. God’s name is **hallowed** when we worship him, love and obey him, and love and serve others.

ACTION: Show the **third** poster and invite a child to read the words.

STUDENT: THY KINGDOM COME.

TEACHER: Here we are asking that Jesus will reign as King right now in our hearts AND more fully when Jesus one day returns to the earth.

At that time, his Kingdom will come in all its fullness, and all creation will be renewed and restored. It will be beautiful!

ACTION: Show the **fourth** poster and invite a child to read the words.

STUDENT: THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

TEACHER: What do you see in this picture? (*Heavenly worship.*) In Heaven the angels and the saints do God’s good and perfect will. Jesus is teaching us to pray that God's will be done here on earth, just like it is done in Heaven.

God’s will is that we love, worship and obey him, and that we love and serve our neighbour as ourselves. God’s will is that we become more and more like Jesus, our King, and that we tell others about him.

TEACHER: So far in the Lord’s Prayer we have prayed for God’s glory, his kingdom and will. Jesus has taught us to honour and worship God **first**, and **now** we can pray for our own needs.

ACTION: Show the **fifth** poster and invite a child to read the words.

STUDENT: GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.

TEACHER: Our daily bread is the different things that we need for our life, like food and clothing. What other things do we need in our life? (home, family, etc.) Those are our physical needs.

We also have spiritual needs. *(Hold up Bible and chalice)* We need to hear God's Word, the Bible, and receive Holy Communion and be part of a loving church family.

ACTION: Show the *sixth* poster and invite a child to read the words.

STUDENT: AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US.

TEACHER: Trespass is another word for sin. Sin is thoughts, words and actions that disobey God's good will.

TEACHER: We can ask God to forgive us, because Jesus paid for our sin through his death on the cross. God forgives everyone who sincerely repents and in faith turns to him.

Baptism is a one-time event where The Holy Spirit gives us new life in Christ, but we can repent of our sin daily. When we sin, we ask God's forgiveness, and turn to him in faith that he will forgive us and help us become more like Jesus.

TEACHER: The second part of this prayer talks about us forgiving others when they sin against us. We may not feel like forgiving those who hurt us, but we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us to forgive others in the same way that God has forgiven **us**.

ACTION: Show the *seventh* poster and invite a child to read the words.

STUDENT: AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION.

TEACHER: What does "temptation" mean? "Temptation" is to think about or want to do something that is wrong, even though we know it's wrong.

In this picture Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were tempted to sin by bowing down to the golden statue. But they were strong and faithful to God and refused to bow down even though everyone else did.

Temptation could be wanting to disobey your parents or thinking about being mean to your brother or sister. When we are tempted to sin, we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us overcome temptation and do the right thing.

God never tempts us to sin, but he **allows** us to be tempted so that we can develop self-control and overcome that temptation and grow strong in our obedience to him.

ACTION: Show the *eight* poster and invite a child to read the words.

STUDENT: BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

TEACHER: Evil is anything that is against God's good and holy will. Evil injures or destroys God's good creation. It causes harm and suffering.

Evil entered the world when Satan tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God. Satan, the devil, is a fallen angel who rebelled against God. There are also other fallen angels that followed Satan in his rebellion. They are called demons.

The good news is that Jesus won the victory over **all** the powers of evil through his life, his death and resurrection.

In this prayer we ask our Heavenly Father to deliver us from the evil in our own heart and the evil in the world. We also ask him to protect us from evil **or** give us strength to endure our sufferings with patience.

ACTION: Show the *ninth* poster and invite a child to read the words.

STUDENT: FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.

TEACHER: For **Yours** is the KINGDOM! **Yours** is the POWER! **Yours** is the GLORY! FOREVER AND EVER!

The whole Church rejoices that God is already reigning over creation and working out his holy will on earth. His name is being hallowed on earth and in heaven.

We end the Lord's Prayer in the same way that we started it, by proclaiming God's Kingdom, power and glory. Jesus is the Forever King and Lord of all creation in heaven and on earth!

TEACHER: The last little word of the prayer is: **AMEN**.

Even though it is a small word, it has a BIG meaning.

Amen means "so be it", that is, we agree with the words of the prayer. We unite with all the other Christians who pray this prayer, and we trust that God will answer our prayer.

Let's pray the whole Lord's Prayer again together.

ACTION: Finish by praying the whole Lord's Prayer together.

Life Application:

If time allows, play the game below and have the children memorize the Lord's Prayer by covering up a few words at a time.

Suggested Game:

Divide the children into teams with mixed ages in each team. Have the oldest kids be the leaders of the teams. Ask the questions on page 11, and after each question have the children discuss in their teams and come up with one answer. Each team shares their answer, and all the children take one step forward. Repeat the process for each question. Optional: Give the children a treat at the end.

Suggested Questions for the game:

1. **What is our Heavenly Father's love like?** *(His love is wonderful and always perfect.)*
2. **Describe Heaven.** *(Heaven is where God is...His presence, his glory and power. In Heaven there are also angels and saints.)*
3. **Name a few ways in which we can hallow God's name.** *(Honour God as holy. Talk about God, Jesus, and the Bible, with love and respect. Worship God, love and obey him, and love and serve others.)*
4. **When we pray "Thy Kingdom come", what are we asking?** *(We are asking that Jesus will reign as King right now AND more fully when Jesus returns to the earth.)*
5. **When Jesus returns, what will happen to creation?** *(It will be renewed and restored.)*
6. **What does it mean to do God's will?** *(God's will is that we love, worship and obey him, and that we love and serve our neighbour as ourselves. God's will is that we become more and more like Jesus, our King, and that we tell others about him.)*
7. **Name one daily bread item for the body and one for the spirit.** *(For the body: food, drink, clothing, home, family etc. For the spirit: God's Word, the Bible, Holy Communion, church family.)*
8. **Why should we forgive others?** *(Because God has forgiven us.)*
9. **Why does God allow us to be tempted?** *(To help us grow in self-control so we can overcome that temptation and grow strong in our obedience to God.)*
10. **How does God deliver us from evil?** *(Through Jesus who won the victory over all the powers of evil through his life, his death and resurrection. God protects us from evil or gives us strength to endure our sufferings with patience.)*
11. **Will God's Kingdom ever end?** *(No. It will last forever.)*
12. **Part of the Lord's Prayer is about honouring and loving God and part of it is about praying for our own needs. Which comes first?** *(Honouring and loving God comes first, just like it did in the Ten Commandments.)*

5 | Response Activities

Kingdom News handout and colouring supplement

- Have the children complete the activities in the Kingdom News handout and colouring supplement.

Optional activities

- Different learning stations, such as: a book table, modelling clay, colouring papers
- Play the questions game described on page 10

The Lord's Prayer

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 and ever.

Amen