

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.



Spotlight on Prayer 7: *The Lord's Prayer* (Condensed Version)

JESUS TAUGHT US HOW TO PRAY (Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13)

Objectives: To explain that: *The Lord's Prayer is important because Jesus taught it to his disciples as an example of how to pray.

"I Wonder" Questions: Today we are going to learn about the Lord's Prayer. It is an important and powerful prayer that Jesus taught his disciples as an example of how to pray. * I wonder what is hidden under the stickers. Let's find out more in our lesson....

Lesson Props: Post-it notes (cover each poster picture and remove notes one by one through lesson). The Lord's Prayer on page 3

Lesson Summary: (*Remove sticker 1*) Under each sticker is one line of the Lord's Prayer and a picture. Let's read each line and talk about what it means. **Our Father who art in heaven.** 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. Heaven is where God is...His presence, his glory and power. In Heaven there are also angels and saints. The saints are the people who lived before us who followed Jesus. **Hallowed be thy name.** The word "thy" means "your". To "hallow God's name" means that we honour God as holy. We worship him, love and obey him, and love and serve others. **Thy kingdom come.** 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! **Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.** 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. **Give us this day our daily bread.** 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. We need to hear God's Word, the Bible, and receive Holy Communion and be part of a loving church family. **And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.** 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. 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*. **And lead us not into temptation.** 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 bow down to the golden statue, but they remained faithful to God. When we are tempted to sin, we can ask the Holy Spirit to help us overcome temptation and do the right thing. **But deliver us from evil.** Evil entered the world when Satan tempted Adam and Eve to disobey God. 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. In this prayer we ask our Heavenly Father to deliver us from the evil in our own heart and the evil in the world. **For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.** 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! **Amen** means "so be it". That means we agree with the words of the prayer.

Suggested Questions: **What did you learn about prayer today?** (Jesus taught us to how to pray by teaching us The Lord's Prayer) ***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) ***How can we learn The Lord's Prayer by heart?** (Encourage the children to memorize the Lord's Prayer and to pray it daily)

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

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