

## FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Objectives to be Understood:** For children to know that God is their Father in heaven who hears their prayers and will talk with them, and; for children to practice talking to Father on a pretend cell phone.

**MATERIALS:** Run a copy for each child of:

- 1) The Lord's Prayer (see template entitled The Lord's Prayer), and
- 2) Cell Phone (see template entitled Cell Phone). Other Materials include: Poster board- enough poster board for each child to glue one cell phone cut-out upon (see size of Cell Phone on template), scissors, crayons, markers, glue.

**Parent/Teacher Script:** Did you know that prayer is talking with God? (Listen to Responses) To pray and talk with God means that when you believe Him, you can talk to Him and say words from your heart to Him, and He hears you. Do you understand? (Listen to Responses) God hears your prayer and speaks to you in your heart which is inside of you. You can talk to God, your heavenly Father about anything. When He talks to you, it's your turn to listen and hear Him. When you want to pray, go to your room or to a place by yourself and close the door to pray to your heavenly Father in secret. Father will see you and reward you.

When God's Son, Jesus was on the earth, he would go to a secret place away from everyone to pray to Father in heaven. He would talk and listen to Father about things that God told him to do. Jesus talked to his Father about how he felt and Father always helped him. Jesus would thank his Father for the power to do good things. One day Jesus was praying and talking with God. When Jesus finished praying, one of his friends asked him to teach them how to pray. So you will get a copy of what Jesus taught his friends. Some people call this the Lord's Prayer. (Distribute copies of "The Lord's Prayer")

Let's read it together.

*(Read "The Lord's Prayer" together BEFORE continuing with the Parent/Teacher Script)*

(After Reading Lord's Prayer Continue) **Parent/Teacher Script:** When Jesus said to pray and say, Our Father in heaven, who was Jesus telling you to pray to? (Listen to Responses) Jesus was telling you to pray and speak words from your heart to God your Father who lives in heaven! Jesus wants you to pray always and talk to Father like He did.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER *continued***

Have you ever talked to someone on the telephone? When you talk on the telephone the person who you are talking to is sometimes far away and you can't see them. But you can hear their voice and they can hear your voice. Talking to God your heavenly Father is like talking to someone on a telephone, but God is close when you call Him. You do NOT need a telephone to pray and talk with your heavenly Father. You can simply talk with Him any time you choose. Do you think you have to scream or talk loud for Father to hear you? No, you do not have to talk loud or scream. Father can hear you when you whisper or speak softly to Him. He can even hear you when you pray in your heart.

We are going to make a pretend cell phone to practice praying and talking with Father on it. Do you think you need a cell phone to talk with God in heaven? (Listen to Responses)

No, you DO NOT need a cell phone to pray and talk with God. Remember, all you need is your words that come from your heart. You can talk with God, your Father, any place and any time you choose! But the best place is alone with Him.

When you pray to God your Father, like Jesus said, will God hear you?

Yes, Father will hear you when you believe Him and talk to Him from your heart! Let's practice talking with God and calling Him Father. Think about what you will say to God, your heavenly Father on your pretend cell phone.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** (To make a pretend cell phone)

- ❖ Give each child a copy of the cell phone from the template entitled Cell Phone.
- ❖ Child to cut out their cell phone picture. Help as needed.
- ❖ Give each child one cut-out cell phone shape from the poster board.
- ❖ Child to glue their cell phone picture onto the poster board cut-out.
- ❖ Child can color the back of their cell phone [poster board].
- ❖ Parent/Teacher instructs the children that finish making their cell phones to find a place in the room to begin to talk to Father.
- ❖ Ask: Does anyone want to share what you talked to your heavenly Father about?

*Scriptures:*

*Psalm 3:4; 4:3-4; 91:14-16; John 10:27; Deuteronomy 6:6; Matthew 6:6-13; 1 John 5:13-15; Luke 6:12;  
John 17:1-26; Mark 8:6; Luke 11:1-4*

## The Lord's Prayer

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*Our Father in heaven,*

*We pray that Your Name will always be kept holy.*

*We pray that Your kingdom will come,*

*That what You want will be done,*

*Here on earth, the same as in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*Forgive our sins, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong  
to us.*

*Lead us not into temptation,*

*But deliver us from the evil one.*

*For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever.*

*Amen.*

*Luke 11:2-4; Matthew 6:9-13*

## Cell Phone

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