

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITY

PRAYING TO FATHER

Objectives to be Understood:

- 1] For children to know why it is important to choose to listen and obey God;
- 2] to pray in their own words to Father, and;
- 3] that God has told us to pray for certain things.

Materials: None

Parent/Teacher Script: Your Father in heaven loves you! God's kingdom is full of love. In God's kingdom He thinks about you and has made good plans for you. The devil's kingdom is full of hate. The devil wants to hurt you.

Father told Jesus to tell you to pray for certain things. One thing Father told you to pray and ask Him is for His kingdom to come to earth. Why do you think Father wants His kingdom on earth, instead of the devil's kingdom? [Listen to Answers] Father wants everyone to have His love. Father does not want anyone to be hurt by listening to the devil. So God, your heavenly Father wants you to pray and ask Him for His Kingdom to come to earth. When you choose to obey Father and pray for what He told you, then He can show you His good Kingdom of love.

The good angels in heaven chose to believe and obey Father because they knew God is good and He loves them. Everything that God tells you to do is always for your good. Father also asked you to pray that His will be done on earth, just like it is in heaven. Can you think of any good thing that God may want you to do on earth, like it is in heaven? (*Listen to Answers*)

In heaven, God's Kingdom is full of love! Everyone loves heavenly Father and all the other people in heaven. Your Father wants you to also love Him and other people on earth. But sometimes a person might act mean and NOT show love like in God's Kingdom. That's why Father told you to pray. God wants you to pray and ask Him to help the person to know His love.

When you pray and ask Father for His kingdom to come and for His will to be done on earth just like it is in heaven, **YOU ARE OBEYING HIM!**

Why do you think it is important to listen and obey God? (*Listen to Answers*) When you listen and obey God, it shows Him that you love Him.

Think of someone who needs God's Kingdom of love and let's pray for them. You can use your own words and pray it your own way. Father will hear you and understand you no matter how you say it. You can talk to Father about everything. You can pray now and anytime you choose. Remember to always thank Him! God loves you and will hear your prayer. Let's pray softly.

Scriptures:

Jeremiah 29:11-13; Matthew 6:10; Matthew 5:43-45; John 14:15; I Thessalonians 5:16-18; I John 5:14-15