

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

MY PRAYER BAG!

Objectives to be Understood: To pray for things important to God, and when you pray with a friend who agrees with you, it is powerful.

MATERIALS: Paper bags (enough for each child to have one); crayons; markers; pencils; stickers, paper, etc.

Parent/Teacher Script:

These are things Father told us to pray to Him about.

1. Pray for other people. Who are some other people you could pray for? *(Listen to Responses)*
2. Pray and thank God for others. Can you think of someone who has done something nice for you that you could thank God for? *(Listen to Responses)*
3. Pray for yourself and that you want to obey Father. Do you want to obey Father? *(Listen to Responses)*
4. Pray and give Father all of your cares and anything that makes you angry or afraid. Have you ever been afraid of anything? *(Listen to Responses)* Father wants you to ask Him to remove the fear so you will not be afraid. If you are angry about anything you can pray and give it to Him.
5. Pray for your leaders and those in charge of things. *(Talk about the names of some leaders)*
6. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem, God's holy city on earth. The Jewish people told the world about God. God loves them and wants us to pray for the Jewish people.
7. Pray for people who are mean or who have hurt you or someone else. Can you think of someone who is mean? *(Listen to Responses)* Jesus said to pray for them.
8. Pray that Father's children go and tell others about Jesus and show others what God's Kingdom of love is like. Do you know who Father's child is? *(Listen to Responses)* If you said that you believe Jesus, then you are Father's child! And Jesus wants you to show people Father's Kingdom of love. Father wants you to pray that you obey Him and show others His love.

Did you know that Jesus said, if two of you on earth agree on anything you pray for, that Father in heaven will do what you ask? *(Listen to Responses)* This is also a way that you can pray --- with a friend, who agrees with you about what you are asking of Father. .

We are going to make a Prayer Bag and put in it something God told us to pray for. Then we will pray with a friend who agrees with our prayer.

Making Prayer Bags:

- 1) Give each child a paper bag to decorate as their PRAYER BAG. (make available paper, markers, stickers, crayons, pencils, etc)
- 2) Tell the children to write or draw a picture of the things God wants us to pray for on paper and place inside of their Prayer Bag.
- 3) Tell children, whenever they think of other things or people to pray for they can add it to their Prayer Bag and pray to Father about it by themselves or with a friend.

Prayer Activity of Praying with a Friend:

- 1) Remind children that Jesus said if two of you on earth agree on anything you pray for, that Father in heaven will do what you ask. *So we are going to pray with a friend for things that Father wants us to pray for.*
- 2) Pair children in twos to pray together.
- 3) Encourage the children to pray together and talk to Father about what they put in their Prayer Bag.
- 4) Tell children they must let Father know they both agree about what they have prayed.
- 5) Remind the children to always thank Father because He will answer their prayers.
- 6) Thank children for obeying Father and praying in agreement for the things God said.

Scriptures:

*I Timothy 2:1-2; I Peter 5:7; Psalm 122:6; Matthew 5:44; Luke 23:34; Luke 22:41-43;
Matthew 9:36-38; Matthew 18:19*