

STORY BOOK LESSON 6 TEXT

THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Story Lesson 6

Jesus told us to pray and say,

For Yours is the Kingdom,

and the Power,

and the Glory,

Forever.

Amen.

Let's see why Jesus wants us to pray

That the Kingdom, Power and Glory are God's forever!

God, your heavenly Father, lives in a glorious Kingdom in heaven. Father is pure love. He has a royal law in His Kingdom. Father's law is to love. His Kingdom is filled with love, light, and life. The light comes from God. His love lights up all of heaven so there is no need for a sun. His Kingdom is more magnificent than anything you can imagine. Father rules the universe, the stars, the worlds, and all things from His Kingdom. Nothing or no one is more powerful than God, your Father. God is Almighty!

Jesus lives with His Father in heaven. He is making big houses and places for God's children to have fun there. In heaven, God has a River of Life that flows through the streets. There are bright colors and rainbows, gold and jewels, and friendly animals in heaven. Jesus has a horse that He likes to ride. Everything in heaven shows love and is alive. No one is sick. No one dies. There are no demons or devil to hurt anyone.

But on earth, people were sick. People died. And the devil and demons were hurting people. Earth was not like the Kingdom of heaven. Father sent Jesus to change things on earth for good. Anyone who prayed and spoke from their heart that they believed Jesus, God made them His children. Father gave His children on earth the same power that He gave Jesus.

On earth, Jesus obeyed the Words His Father said. So Father called Jesus, The Word! Jesus talked to people and told them about His Father's Kingdom and how much Father loved them.

Jesus healed sick people because no one was sick in heaven. Jesus spoke to dead bodies and told their spirits to come back into their bodies because in heaven everything was alive. Jesus spoke and told the devil and demons to leave and quit hurting people. There were no demons or devil in heaven. As Jesus spoke Father's Words and did the things that Father told Him, Jesus was showing people on earth love, just like Father's Kingdom in heaven. What are some things that Jesus did to show people the Kingdom of heaven?

Jesus told people Father loves them. Jesus healed the sick. He made dead people come back to life. Jesus spoke and told the demons and devil to stop hurting people and to leave.

Why do you think Jesus showed the Kingdom of heaven on earth?

Because Jesus wants you to show people the Kingdom of heaven also! Jesus showed Father's Kingdom on earth and this made Father happy. Therefore, Father put power inside of the name of Jesus!

Listen to what the power in the name of Jesus can do.

The power in Jesus name can make sickness leave.

The power in the spoken name of Jesus can make dead people come back to life. The power in Jesus name can make the demons and devil leave. Jesus said whatever you ask in His name, He will do it and make it happen, so that Father may get glory in Him.

Jesus has chosen you because you believe Him. You are a child of God, a king and ambassador on earth for Jesus. He has given you the right to use His name to heal the sick, raise the dead, and make demons leave when you tell them to go away in Jesus name.

Let's practice showing Father's Kingdom to heal someone. Think of someone who is sick. Ask if you can pray for them. If they say yes, tell them that Jesus loves them, and Jesus does not want them to be sick. Gently touch their body. Think about the power in the name of Jesus, and the super power of Holy Spirit on you and in you. Pray, and speak to the person's body. Say words like, "Be healed in Jesus name!" Then believe it is done, no matter what it looks like. Jesus said He will do it! Trust Jesus! Remember, it's not you healing the person. It is the power in the name of Jesus that heals them.

After you have prayed, always praise Father, and thank Him and Jesus for helping you to do His work! When you praise Father, He gets glory in Jesus. This is a way you can show God's love and work as an ambassador for Jesus.

Why do you think Jesus wants you to pray and say that the Kingdom, Power and Glory is God's forever?

Jesus wants you to say it, because it is true. All the power belongs to Father! The words in this prayer, "For Yours is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen." has a mystery in it for you to solve, but you have to think and listen closely. Do you recall that Father called Jesus The Word? Did you know Father called someone else His Kingdom, Power, and Glory?

Let's find out who Father called His Kingdom, Power and Glory. You will get three clues.

Clue 1: Jesus said the Kingdom of God is inside of you. Who did Father put inside of you when you were born again as His child? Holy Spirit! Father called Holy Spirit His Kingdom. Holy Spirit is on you and inside of you so God's Kingdom is in you.

Clue 2: Jesus told people that Father would send His Power from heaven to live on them and in them. Who did Father send from heaven to live on and inside His children who believe Jesus? Father sent Holy Spirit! Father called Holy Spirit His Power! So the power of God is in you.

Clue 3: Father said that He raised Jesus from the dead by His Glory. Who did Father call His Glory? Holy Spirit! Father called Holy Spirit His Glory. You carry the glory of God inside of you. And whenever you praise God, you give God glory in Jesus.

Do you know why Father put His Kingdom, Power, and Glory of Holy Spirit in you?

Because Father chose YOU to show and tell everyone about His love and His Kingdom, just like Jesus!

PARENT LETTER 6

Dear Parents,

Please review our lesson entitled "The Kingdom of God." The lesson focused on God's kingdom of love. It described heaven and some of the things the bible has said are there. Your child heard how Jesus showed love by healing the sick, raising the dead, making demons leave people, and telling people about his Father's kingdom of love. Your child heard that when they believe Jesus, he gave them the right to use his name to do what he did and greater things. (John 14:12; Mark16:15-18)

We ask that you review the scripture of (John 14:12-14) with your child to help him/her understand that Jesus truly gave them the right to use his name.

Jesus said, "Most assuredly I say to you, he who believes in me, the works that I do he will do also, and greater than these he will do, because I go to my Father. And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in my name, I will do it."

Our story also described how Jesus gave his Father glory and honor. Let your child/ren know that they can also give heavenly Father glory like Jesus when they choose to love others. Please let your child know that when they believed Jesus, the Holy Spirit of love went into their heart and they received God's kingdom of love inside of them to show love to others. (Luke 17:20-21; John 14:16-17) What an awesome thing!

Here's a song to sing with your child to help them remember to trust God and be led by Holy Spirit to love others.

(Sing to the tune of London Bridge is Falling down)

Holy Spirit helps me love, helps me love, helps me love.

Holy Spirit helps me love, Because I obey Je-sus!

Sincerely in Christ,

Your Child's Teacher

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

A SONG ABOUT LOVE!

Objectives to be Understood: You can give Father glory when you sing and declare the truth of His love and show others His love.

Materials: None

Let's sing a song about love.

Point to yourself and say: **I have love inside of me.**

Now hold your hands up: **It's growing BIG just like a tree.**

Frame hands around your eyes: **Watch all the things God does through me,**

Point to yourself and say: **Cause I have love inside of me.**

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

MY BOOK OF LOVE TO GIVE FATHER GLORY!

Objectives to be Understood: You can give Father glory when you think about ways to help others and show them His love.

Materials: Copy of book pattern, markers, crayons, pencils, stapler, scissors, glue

Instructions:

1. Give each child a book pattern and scissors.
2. Help younger children read words and cut out pattern as needed.
3. Cut around the outside of the book pattern first.
4. Next, instruct and show children where to cut along the midline where the picture of the scissors indicates.
5. (Using only a little glue) Glue the connected pages of 2 and 7 to the back of the cover page and 8.
6. Glue the connected pages of 4 and 5 to the back of pages 6 and 3.
7. Fold pages on center line to make a book with all numbers in order.
8. Staple the outer edge with one staple to hold all pages in place.
9. *(For young children that cannot read yet)* instruct them to draw a picture of how they will show love;
10. *(For older children)* encourage them to write or draw a picture of how they will show love.
11. Encourage children to tell about their books.

Parent/Teacher Script:

Draw a picture or write in your book, what you will do to show love, because showing love gives heavenly Father glory, in Jesus.

Scriptures:

John 13:31-35; John 14:13-15; John 17:4-10

I will show Love to a New Student at
School.

8.

My Book of Love!



I will show Love to Someone who was
Mean.

6.

I will show Love to Someone Sick.

3.

I will show Love to someone Hungry.

2.

I will show Love to an Older Person.

7.

I will show Love to My Parents.

4.

**I will show Love to My Brother, Sister or
Friend.**

5.

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY

WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 6

Objectives to be Understood:

- 1) God made you to be like Him;
- 2) God's Word is alive and true;
- 3) God's Word is like a sword;
- 4) God's Word has the power of life in it, and;
- 5) to say what God has said.

ACTIVITY: Children will write in their books the Scriptures/Words God Said.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This activity is included in each of our 6 lessons with a different scripture in each lesson for children to receive into their hearts.

MATERIALS: Pencils; Markers; Stapler; Pre-made book template or purchased notebooks (see Preparation below)

Preparation: To MAKE A BOOK

Pre-make book templates for each child by folding two sheets of paper in half and stapling (two staples on the folded side so pages open like a book); OR purchase lined notebooks.

Write out and post (where children can easily see) the following scripture:

***...HE WHO BELIEVES IN ME, THE WORKS THAT I DO
HE WILL DO ALSO; AND GREATER (WORKS) THAN
THESE HE WILL DO, BECAUSE I GO TO MY FATHER.***

John 14:12

WHAT DID GOD SAY?

REVIEW

PARENT/TEACHER SCRIPT:

Do you know who God made you to be like? *[Listen to responses]*

God made you to be like Him and say good words that give life and to love others.

Why did Father call Jesus The Word? *[Listen to responses]*

Jesus obeyed His Father and always did what His Father said so Father called Jesus The Word.

Different writers wrote what God told them to write in the Bible. What are the words in the Bible called? *[Listen to responses]* The Words in the Bible are called scriptures.

What are the different parts of the Bible called? *[Listen to responses]* The Bible has different parts called books. The scripture that we will learn today can be found in the book of John the fourteenth chapter and the 12th verse. John 14:12

The Bible tells us what Jesus said about the Kingdom of heaven, and the power Jesus has given to you in His name to do good works on earth as it is in heaven.

TO KNOW GOD'S WORD

First, you must LET YOUR EARS HEAR GOD'S WORD AND BELIEVE IT.
Second, LET YOUR MOUTH SAY THE WORDS THAT GOD HAS SAID.
Third, Tell your mind to THINK ABOUT WHAT GOD HAS SAID.
When you think about what God has said, HIS WORD GOES INSIDE YOUR HEART. And your heart will help you love like God.

If you would like God, your heavenly Father to help you to know Him and the Words He has said, you can pray and say these words after me, or you can pray to God in your own words. Ready. Let's pray!

PRAYER

Father,

(Pause for Children to Repeat)

I want to know You

(Pause)

Will you help me?

(Pause)

I want to hear and believe You

(Pause)

Will You teach me to say

(Pause)

what You have said every day?

(Pause)

Thank You Father!

(Pause)

Will you help me

(Pause)

to think about Your Word?

(Pause)

Thank You Father!

(Pause)

Will You let Your Word

(Pause)

change my heart

(Pause)

so I will love like You?

(Pause)

Thank You for hearing me

(Pause)

and answering my prayer!

(Pause)

I love You!

(Pause)

Amen.

WHAT DID GOD SAY? LESSON 6

LEARNING SCRIPTURES FOR OUR BOOKS

INSTRUCTIONS

PARENT/TEACHER SCRIPT:

Does anyone have something good to tell us that God did for you from His Word? *[Listen to the testimonies of the children]*

We are going to add a new scripture to our What Did God Say books?

(Show children the Lesson 6 Scripture and let children know these are some Words God said.)

Our new scripture is: (Jesus said) **He who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also, and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."**

What do you think Jesus meant when He said, **He who believes in Him, the works that Jesus did you will do also, and greater works than these you will do, because He goes to His Father"**? *(Listen to Responses)*

What are some of the good works that Jesus did on earth to show people Father's kingdom of love? *(Listen to Responses)*

Jesus told people about Father's Kingdom of love. Jesus healed the sick. He made dead people's spirit come back into their bodies. Jesus made the devil and demons leave and quit hurting people.

Why do you think Jesus showed God's children on earth what the Kingdom of Heaven is like? *(Listen to Responses)*

In Father's plan, His children were to rule earth the same way that God ruled heaven, in love. But earth was not like heaven anymore, so Jesus showed God's children on earth what love looks like. Love is kind, good and helps others.

This is why Jesus said, "He who believes in Me, the works that I do He will do also, and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

Let's say it boldly together: Jesus said, **He who believes in me (pause) the works that I do (pause) he will do also; (pause) and greater than these (pause) he will do (pause) because I go to My Father.**
Let's say it again. [Repeat]

Repeat after me! **I believe Jesus, [pause] so I can use His name [pause] to show God's Kingdom [pause] on earth [pause] and heal the sick, [pause] raise the dead, [pause] make demons leave, [pause] and tell people that Jesus loves them.**

Ask children to take out their books. [CHILDREN WHO DID NOT BRING THEIR NOTE BOOKS, let them write their scripture on paper. Tell them to put it in their book when they get home.] [Provide notebooks for new children or make new book templates for this lesson.]

Write God's Words in your book.

You can read your book and everyday declare or say God's Words so your ears can Hear His Words!

Every day pay attention and watch God do what He said because you believed Him, and you said what He said.

When you see God do what He said, write or draw a picture in your book about the good things God did for you. And come tell us about it.

Let's Sing these Words God Said: (Sing to the tune of "If you're happy and you know it")

He who believes in Jesus will do the works He did.

He who believes in Jesus will do the works He did.

He who believes in Jesus will do the works He did.

And greater than these he will do.

(Declare) Because Jesus went home to Father!

[Repeat Several Times]

SONG: GOD LOVES ME!

(Sung to the tune of Barney Song) (Do motions to Song)

YOU LOVE ME!

[Point upward, then to self]

I LOVE YOU!

[Point to self and upward]

YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!

[Point up, touch heart, Clap hands as you say pitter-pat]

YOU LOVED ME FIRST

[Point upward, then to self]

AND I LOVE YOU BACK!

[Kiss your hands and blow kisses up to Father]

YOU MAKE MY HEART GO PITTER-PAT!

[Point up, touch your heart, then clap hands as you say pitter-pat]

I LOVE YOU FATHER!

[Lift both hands up and SHOUT]

Scriptures:

John 14:12; Mark 16:15-18; Matthew 10:7-10; Luke 9:1; Matthew 28:18-20

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*