

# CITY SG- May 11-12, 2024

**Today's Bible Story:** You Say (The Lord's Prayer) • *Matthew 6:9-13*

**Today's Bottom Line:** Practice praying to God.

**Monthly Memory Verse:** *Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come. 1 Timothy 4:8 (NIRV)*

**Monthly Virtue:** Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice

## 1. Phone a Friend

*Bible Story Review*

**What You Need:** "Prayer Share Leader Guide" (1 per group)

### What You Do:

- Instruct the group to join you in a seated circle.
- Say: "We're going to play a game where we whisper phrases from the Lord's Prayer that Jesus taught His disciples and see if we can get them correctly around the circle!"
- One phrase at a time, whisper a phrase from the Lord's Prayer (below) to the kid sitting on your right.
- Instruct that kid to whisper the phrase to the kid beside them and so on until the phrase travels around the circle.
  - Direct kids to wait quietly as the phrases are whispered so everyone can hear and share.
- Invite the last kid to share the phrase they heard with the group.
- Correct each phrase as needed.
- Allow kids to change spots in the circle after each phrase so different kids get to start/end each round.
  - Our Father in heaven, may your name be honored.
  - May your kingdom come.
  - May what you want to happen be done on earth as it is done in heaven.
  - Give us today our daily bread.
  - And forgive us our sins, just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.
  - Keep us from sinning when we are tempted.
  - Save us from the evil one.
- Take out the "Prayer/Share Leader Guide."
- Read each phrase from the verse and ask: "What does this section mean to you?" (*Use the leader guide to put each section in kid-friendly words to help them understand each section's meaning*)
- Say, "When we pray, we can tell God what we're thinking, feeling, or even what we need. Jesus' example of prayer can help us keep that conversation with God going anytime, anywhere, and that will help our faith grow!"

## 2. Friend of God

*Application Activity*

**What You Need:** "Friend of God" Activity Page (1 per group)

### What You Do:

- Instruct the kids to sit in a circle.
- One at a time, read a scenario that kids might encounter from the "Friend of God" Activity Page.
- Give kids a few moments to think quietly about that scenario.
- Ask:
  - What could you thank God for in this situation?
  - What could you ask God for in this situation?
  - What is something true about God that might be helpful for you to remember in this situation?
- Invite kids to share ideas of how they can talk to God in that moment.
- Repeat for each scenario.
- Ask, "When are some times of the day you like to talk to God?"

- Ask, “Do you like to talk to God when you’re feeling a certain way?”
- Say, “There are so many ways we can **practice praying to God**, and the more we talk to God, the more we can grow in our faith!”

### 3. Verse Training

#### Memory Verse Activity

**What You Need:** Bibles, and ball

#### What You Do:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle with you.
- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
  - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
  - Read the memory verse to the group.
  - “Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come.” 1 Timothy 4:8 (NIV)
- Repeat the Bible verse several times together.
- Say one part of 1 Timothy 4:8, then toss the ball to a kid.
- Ask that kid to repeat the part of the verse, then toss the ball back to you.
- Repeat the first part several times with different kids, then move on to the next part of the verse, and so on.
- Continue until all kids have had several chances and made progress towards memorizing the verse.

## AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL:

### PRAY

- Ask, “Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? *(Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises)*”
- Take some time to pray for these things as a group, then finish with the prayer below...

*“God, thank You for teaching us how to pray and then listening to every prayer we pray. We are so grateful that You listen to us and that You value what we have to say. Remind us to talk to You continually, like we talk to a friend. We want to be close to You. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”*

- If there is still time, pass out the Parent Discussion Guides to the kids and begin to read through them together. Remind them they can do the activity at home to bring back next week for a prize.

**PARENT PICK UP POINT:** As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to share one part of the Lord’s prayer and what it means.