



# FAMILY WORSHIP

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:5-15

10<sup>th</sup> January 2021



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For today's Bible reading, Matthew 6:5-15, [please click here](#)

<sup>5</sup> 'And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> 'This, then, is how you should pray:

'''Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
<sup>10</sup> your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,<sup>[a]</sup>  
but deliver us from the evil one.<sup>[b]</sup>'''

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Do you like to talk on the phone, Skype, Zoom, text or WhatsApp?

Who do you like to talk to and what about? How many of us get upset when there's no mobile or internet signal?

Talking with people is important to us! We make sure that we can call others whenever we want. We also make sure people can reach us wherever we are.

So, if talking to people is easy and we do it all the time, why is it so hard to spend time talking to God? Spend some time talking about this, some reasons may include being busy, not seeing Him all the time so we forget, we don't know how, we might question whether God is really listening, or we might think our problems are too small.

What is praying? It's talking to God, why is it important to talk with God?

1. God wants us to know Him.
2. God really does answer prayer.
3. God loves us through prayer.
4. We love God through prayer.

Today we're going to learn how to pray. Remember that it's as simple as talking to someone you love.

Write TALK as an acrostic as follows:

**T: Take the time** (point to a pretend watch on your wrist)

Find time in your day to talk to God. Pray at the same time each day. Make it a habit, like brushing your teeth

**A: AHHHHHH... Quiet** (take a deep breath together)

Find a quiet place in your home. Turn the TV off, your music off and find a way to escape from your brothers and/or sisters. Sit under a table, make a fort, whatever!

**L: Learn from God's Word** (place hands palm side up as if holding a Bible)

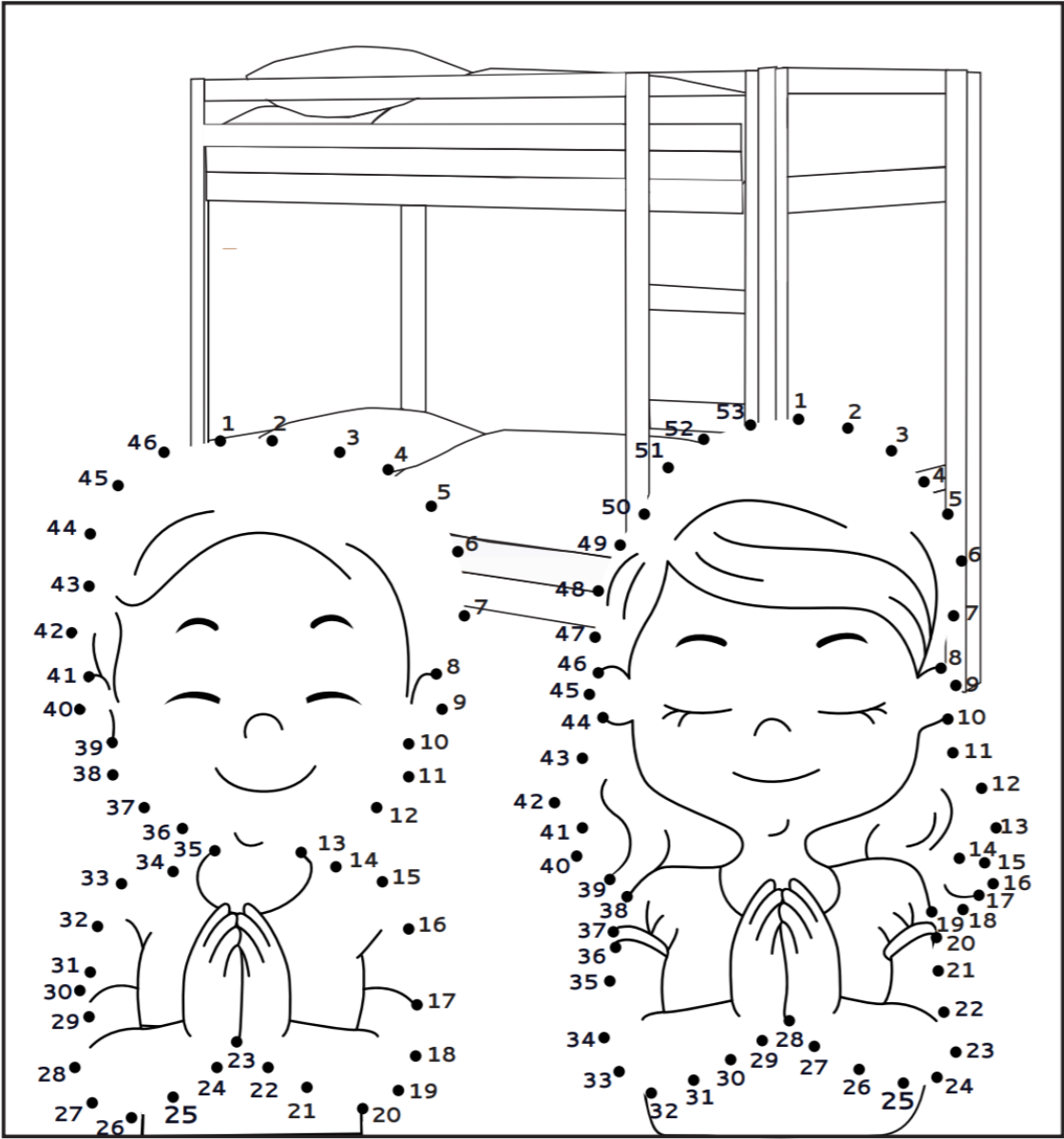
Read one verse a day. If you are up for the challenge, read one chapter a day. Try to understand what God is saying to you. Ask a grown-up who knows Jesus for help if you need it

**K: Keep a Prayer Plan** (pretend to write)

Write down how to pray. Pray that way. Write down praises, prayer requests and verses that mean a lot to you. Keep it simple or else you won't keep doing it.

Michael and Sarah are following Jesus' instructions on how to pray: "But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:6 CEB).

Connect the dots to complete the drawings of Michael and Sarah; then color the picture.



# Unscramble — Pray in Secret

The Bible verses below are from Matthew 6:5-8 (CEB) and share Jesus' message about how to pray. Unscramble the words in red to complete the verses.

“When you yapr, don't be like eiphocyrts. They love to pray standing in the ungsyegsoa and on the etrest corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get. But when you pray, go to your room, shut the odro, and pray to your traFhe who is present in that cteres place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will wadrer you. When you pray, don't pour out a flood of empty words, as the

lenGitse do. They think that by saying many words they'll be heard. Don't be like them, because your Father okwsn what you dene before you ksa.”



# How to Pray

In Matthew 6:5-8 (CEB), Jesus gives us instructions how to pray. He tells us what not to do and what to do as we turn to God in prayer. On the lines next to each section, write down a few examples of what TO DO and of what NOT TO DO, based on Jesus' instructions.

We given an example for each section.

"When you pray, don't be like hypocrites. They love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners so that people will see them. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get."



Don't shout out your prayers

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Quietly turn to God in prayer

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"But when you pray, go to your room, shut the door, and pray to your Father who is present in that secret place. Your Father who sees what you do in secret will reward you."

"When you pray, don't pour out a flood of empty words, as the Gentiles do. They think that by saying many words they'll be heard. Don't be like them, because your Father knows what you need before you ask."



Give God thanks and praise

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**Draw pictures** to represent different parts of the Lords Prayer (for example loaf of bread, clouds, earth, someone helping another etc.)

Describe different simple situations and take turns to pick the correct picture.

Our Father

Who art in heaven

Hallowed by Thy name

Thy kingdom come

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread

Forgive us our sins

As we forgive those who sin against us

Lead us not into temptation

But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever.

Amen.