

# MD KIDS CURRICULUM: LUKE

Week 13: Prayer (from Luke 11: 1-13)

## To the Teacher:

*Jesus teaches us a posture of approaching God, the Father. In this famous prayer, we see the Messiah coming to the Father, and he concludes his teaching on prayer with talking about the Spirit being the very gift we are asking for. Do not miss this. Help our kids see that communication with God involves the Father, Son, and Spirit. We can approach God as our Dad because of the perfect Son, and as a good Dad He gives us the good gift of His Spirit!*

**Big Idea and Missio Basic:** God is a good Father we can come to, as children He loves.

**Starter Ideas:** You may choose to set up all or some of these activity centers for the children to play with or do as they arrive. Help children with the activities. Kids can stay in one center or travel to more than one.

1. Coloring Page: Set out the coloring page for the kids to color. These will be prompts they can take home to remember the Lord's prayer.
2. Free Play: Allow the kids to play with the classroom toys. (dolls, basketball, cars, tea party set, dress up, etc)
3. Prayer Hands: Have the kids color the cut out hands provided. Ask the kids who they want to remember to pray for and write one name on each finger. As you do this, remind the kids that is it important we pray for one another!

**Circle Time:** When all the kids have arrived and have had time to participate in at least one center, walk around the room and have each child follow you around the circle until you have a line with everyone in it. Lead them to the circle for prayer time. (Like playing follow the leader.)

**Welcome Song:** (To the tune of "Are You Sleeping?")

**Welcome, [Name]**  
**Welcome, [Name]**  
**Hear God's Word**  
**Hear God's Word**  
**We can trust in Jesus.**  
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**Welcome, friends.**

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Repeat until every kid and adult has been welcomed.

**Jesus taught us to share peace. We share peace in a special way by repeating Jesus' special words. Jesus used these words of peace when the disciples were scared. Jesus said, "Peace be with you." We share the peace of Jesus. During worship we can say, "Peace be with you."**

Make sure kids are sitting in a circle on the floor. Kneel down in front of each person/kid and share God's peace by shaking their hand and saying, "Peace be with you." Remember to honor those kids who do not want to be touched!

**Let's all say Jesus' words of peace. "Peace be with you."** Repeat a few times before moving on to prayer.

### **Prayer Time:**

**Praying for Others:** Ask the kids if they have anything that they would like to have prayed for. Share requests and then have someone pray for them.

Remind the kids to pray for friends throughout the week.

**Praying Together:** *Father, your name is great and you are king over heaven and earth! We can always come to you, everyday. Forgive us when we don't trust you, and help us forgive others when they do wrong to us. Help us not to be tempted to run away from you, but instead make evil run away! Amen.*

**Story:** from Luke 11: 1-13

[READ]

One day Jesus was praying and when he finished one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, like John taught his disciples."

Jesus said, "When you pray, say:

"Our Father in heaven, may your name be great.

May your kingdom come to earth just like it is in heaven.

Give us our daily bread.

Forgive us for our sins, as we forgive everyone who sins against us.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Then Jesus said to them, "Let's say you go to a friend's house at midnight and say, 'Friend, let me have some bread; another friend came to my house after a long trip and I have no food to feed him.' What if your friend said, 'Go away! It's late, my door is locked, and my family and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'

“No way! Even if he wouldn’t want to get up and give you the bread as a friend, he eventually would because you were bold to ask, and he wants people to think he’s a good friend.

*“Let me tell you: God is a much better friend! Ask God and He will give to you; look and you will find Him; knock and He will open the door to you. Everyone who asks receives; the one who looks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

*“What kind of dad, if his son asked for bread would give him a stone, or if he asked for a fish would give him a snake instead? Or if he asked for an egg would give him a scorpion? If human dads, who are selfish and not perfect, know how to give good gifts to their children, don’t you think your Father in heaven will give the gift of the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*

[Reflection]

1. What can we say when we pray to God?
2. Can you thank God for what we have?
3. Can we ask God for things we need?

**Snack Time: Let’s take a big stretch!** Pause for kids to stretch and get the wiggles out. Clean the table for snack time. Help the kids wash hands together before delving into today’s snack. Sing songs while you wash hands. You can give them each a wipe or a squirt of hand sanitizer. Have the children have a seat at the table. Today’s snack is goldfish or veggie straws. Make sure none of the kids have an allergy to them. Begin passing out the napkins, goldfish or veggie straws, and cups of water.

### **BLESS Activity:**

*\*For kids to do during the week\**

Use the prayer card activity to help you **Speak** to your Father, God, each day this week. He wants you to come to him every single day, just like you need to eat every day. That’s what “our daily bread” means! Take time each day to talk and listen to God. Tell your parents about what you hear God saying to you.

Optional playground time: If you have extra time please feel free to take the kids to the playground. Please be mindful that preschool playground time does not start until 5:30PM.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for your word, The Bible.**

**Thank you that we can pray to you and you hear us.**

**Thank you God, Jesus and Holy Spirit.**



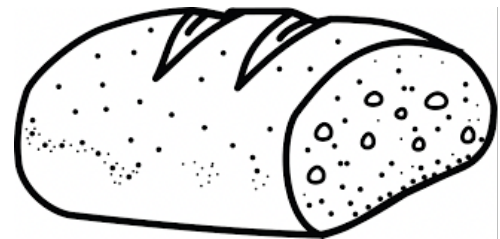
**Jesus, teach us to pray.**



**Father in heaven, You are great!**



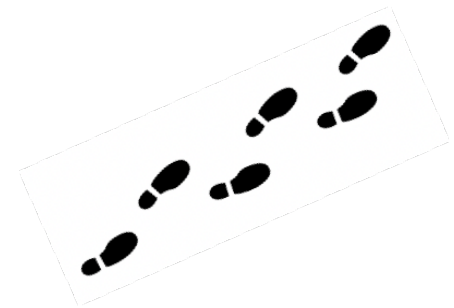
**Bring Your kingdom to earth, like in heaven.**



**Give us what we need today.**



**Forgive us and help us forgive others.**



**Lead us away from bad and to Your good.**

The Lord's Prayer  
Luke 11