



TRAINING CAMP

PLAN. PRACTICE. GROW.



WEEK
TWO
MAY 2024

SMALL GROUP
2-3

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share with others and build on their understanding



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Pray for those who might visit your group for the first time. Use the outline of the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13 to guide your prayer time. Ask God to help each kid begin to develop a habit of praying that draws them into deeper conversations and connection with God.

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, NIV

MONTHLY VIRTUE

Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice

BASIC TRUTH

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1. EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, butcher paper, marker, sticky notes, and pens or pencils

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kids who brought an offering to place them in the container.
- As kids arrive, ask them to name things that people practice. Write down a list of their responses along the bottom of a piece of butcher paper.
 - Prompt a variety of specific responses from some of the following categories: sports, dance, instruments, culinary arts, reading, writing, etc.
- Give each kid a few sticky notes.
- Ask them to think about the things on the list that they have practiced lately.
 - If they have practiced that thing, kids can add a sticky note above it.
 - Give kids more sticky notes, as needed.
- When complete, ask kids questions about the graph you've created, for example:
 - Which have most kids in our group practiced?
 - Which have most kids in our group not practiced?
 - Which have none of the kids in our group practiced?
 - Which have only some of the kids in our group practiced?
- Add a category to the end of the butcher paper - "other".
- Ask kids if there is anything else they practice that is not on the list.
- Invite them to illustrate it on a sticky note, share it with the group, and add it to the butcher paper.



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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building, and designing



* 1. PRAYER SHARE

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Prayer Share" Activity Page, "Prayer Share Leader Guide" Activity Page, highlighters, pencils, poster board, markers, and wall tape

WHAT YOU DO:

- Divide the group into five teams.
 - For smaller groups, create 3-4 teams.
- Give each group a "Prayer Share" Activity Page, a highlighter, and a pencil.
 - For smaller groups, give some teams more than one page.
 - Make sure all five pages of the "Prayer Share" Activity Page are given out.
- Instruct each group to work together to read the section of Jesus' prayer listed on their page and highlight words or phrases that stand out to them.
- Direct each group to rewrite their section in kid-friendly language on the lines of the "Prayer Share" Activity Page.
 - To assist, ask: "What does this section mean to you?"
 - Prompt kids with ideas from the "Prayer Share Leader Guide" Activity Page, as needed.
- As groups finish, give each group a poster board.
- Set out the markers for groups to share.
- Instruct the kids to write out on the poster board the kid-friendly language they came up with for the section of their prayer.
- Encourage kids to decorate their poster board prayers with the markers.
- When teams have finished, bring the entire group back together.
- Invite each team to share their prayer!
- Display the poster boards (lean them somewhere in your group space since they will be needed in Prayer Time).
- Use the "Prayer Share Leader Guide" Activity Page to review the Lord's Prayer one more time as a group.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"The Lord's Prayer is an example of how we can **practice praying to God!** Jesus used this prayer to teach His followers how to pray. It helps us know how we can pray too! We can follow this outline, or we can simply talk to God about what's in our heart or on our mind like we're talking to a friend. We can tell God what we need when we're having a tough moment. We can continue to grow in our faith when we practice talking to God. Remember that you can talk to God anytime, anywhere!"

[Make It Personal] (Share when, where, and how you like to talk to God. Maybe you like to talk to God during mealtime and bedtime. Maybe you find quiet moments in the morning when you're making coffee or traveling. Or perhaps you like to talk to God when you're feeling worried or sad, which helps you remember that you're not alone!)



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MADE TO IMAGINE

an activity that promotes empathy and facilitates biblical application through role-play and reenactment



2. FRIEND OF GOD

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Friend of God" Activity Page

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.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"There are so many ways we can talk to God! We can thank God, we can ask for forgiveness, we can praise God, and we can ask for help. We can talk to God anytime, anywhere—it's just like talking with a friend! Just like any friendship, we feel closer to God when we share what's going on in our lives. When are some times of the day you like to talk to God? (*Invite responses.*) Do you like to talk to God when you're feeling a certain way? (*Invite responses.*)"

"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!"

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an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application



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4. PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Poster boards from Prayer Share Activity, and a device for playing calm worship music

WHAT YOU DO:

- Put the poster boards that were created during the Prayer Share Activity at different locations around the room.
- Play calm worship music.
- Invite kids to quietly move about the room.
- Instruct the kids to pray to God at each poster board, using the Lord's Prayer outline.
- Allow kids time to freely talk to God apart from the outline, as well.
- Close your group time in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"I'm so glad we all had time to talk with God today. Remember, we can talk to God anytime and anywhere! Jesus taught His followers how to pray with the Lord's Prayer, and sometimes that can be helpful when we're not sure where to start. But we can always talk to God with any thoughts or feelings we have too! No matter how we talk to God, it's important that we **practice praying to God**. Find some special time this week to make a habit of praying to God! I'm going to close our group time by talking to God right now!"

"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."

As adults arrive to pick up, invite the kids to share one part of the Lord's Prayer and what it means to them in their own words.