

City LG—May 15th-17th, 2021

Today's Bible Story: Livin' on a Prayer (Model Prayer) • *Luke 11:1-4*

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

Pre-Service Activity: Duck Race Video (VIDEO on Computer)

Supplies Needed: Blue, Yellow, Pink Sticky Notes

Give each kid a sticky note. That is the Duck they will cheer for. Encourage the Kids to Cheer on their Duck throughout the video.

NOTE: Begin this Activity 5 minutes before your Start Time.

WORSHIP: Undefeated and Give My All

SUPPLIES NEEDED: Superhero Cards

CG: *Superhero Images FRONT and BACK*

(Read the Cards BACK and let the Kids know that they will be getting their Superhero Cards today)

Supplies Needed: Flip Chart Pad/Marker or Room White Board/Marker

BEFORE START: Write these 4 Words: HEAR, PRAY, TALK AND LIVE.

“Hi, everyone! We’re talking this month about how we can live with commitment and grow in our relationship with God. First, we need to know the training plan. Then we need to put that plan into practice! Our training plan is simple.

Reference the easel pad which says HEAR, PRAY, TALK, LIVE.

“HEAR, PRAY, TALK, and LIVE.

“We can HEAR from God when we take time to read the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) We talked about that last week. Today, we’ll talk about this one: PRAY.

“When we pray, that means we talk to God.

Fold your hands and close your eyes for a second.

“Maybe some of you are used to praying with your family before you start the school day.

Maybe you say a blessing before you eat a meal. Maybe you say prayers before you go to sleep at night. Or maybe prayer is something you haven't really done before. Maybe you're not really sure HOW to pray—especially if you're talking to God when you're by yourself. What are you supposed to say?

“Well, Jesus actually gave us a perfect example of how we can talk to God. Jesus loved to go off on His own just to spend time with His Father. Jesus made a habit of praying—and we can, too!

“One day, Jesus was taking time out to pray. When He was done, one of His disciples said . . .

Open the Bible to Luke 11:1 (NIRV) and read.

“Lord . . . teach us to pray.

“Jesus gave a simple example for His disciples that will also help us today!”

“This is what Jesus said to the disciples.

Open the Bible to Luke 11:2-4 (NIRV) and read.

“When you pray, this is what you should say. ‘Father, may your name be honored. May your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we also forgive everyone who sins against us. Keep us from falling into sin when we are tempted.’

“Have any of you heard that prayer before? Maybe you've heard it just like that, or maybe the words were just a little different. It's a pretty famous prayer that many people call the Lord's Prayer.

“It's great to say exactly what Jesus said when we pray to God. After all, He gave this prayer to His disciples as an example, to help them. We can also follow the WAY Jesus prayed while we use our own words. We can talk to God about the things happening in our lives.”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 10:00)

“Prayer is an important part of our relationship with God, because it's a way we can connect with Him. We can tell Him how we feel. We can talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything!

“Let's do this . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Practice praying to God.

“In fact, why don't we pray and talk to Him right now?”

PRAY: “God, You are so amazing! Thank You for this example Jesus gave of how we can talk to You. We know that prayer is an important way that we can stay connected to You. Help us pray the way Jesus showed us—to honor You and ask for Your kingdom to come . . . ask You

for the things we need . . . and tell You we're sorry when we've messed up. Thank You for loving us and ALWAYS hearing our prayers. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"It's so good to know that God is with me all the time and that I can talk to Him about what's going in my life. That's really amazing, if you think about it! I can talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything—and you can, too!

"Jesus' prayer gave us the perfect example of the way we can pray to God. We don't have to just pray about the things we want or need. We can take time to honor God and praise Him. We can ask God to show us how we can be a part of what He's doing in the world.

"Prayer is such a huge part of our training plan. It helps us grow stronger in our relationship with God.

"Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Practice praying to God.

"If praying is new for you, you don't have to feel nervous. You don't have to worry about saying just the right things when you talk to God. Remember, He LOVES you! He is your perfect Father, and He loves to hear from you. You can ask someone else to help you pray, or you can try it on your own. Just speak to God right from your heart!

"If you're someone who HAS prayed to God before or if praying is something you do every day, this is a great reminder about why it's so important. We can be honest with God. We can talk to Him about the things going on in our lives, and we can know that He cares about them all. Praying helps us connect with God and reminds us that **we can trust Him no matter what.**

"Before we head to Small Groups, it's time for another Superhero Race! If you brought an Offering today you can bring it up at any time during this video. Here we go!"

It's time for Week 3 of our Superhero Races. This week's race pits Gabby from the Dominican Republic vs. Allen from Taiwan! Who do you think will win? Let's find out!

CG: Superhero Race 3

NOTE: Be sure to hand out this week's trading cards to your kids at a time that seems appropriate to you.

Dismiss kids to their small groups.