



COMMITMENT | WEEK 3 | MAY 15-16, 2021

Virtual K-3 Lesson

Livin' On a Prayer

Life App: Commitment—Making a plan and putting it into practice.

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

Bottom Line: Practice praying to God.

Basic Truth: I am loved by God no matter what so I can be confident that God knows who I am.

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

LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Growing in faith is not something that happens by merely cramming more information about the Bible into a child's brain. All of that knowledge in their head means nothing if we don't help kids experience what that knowledge can do in their hearts. To fully experience faith, we want kids to practice their faith. And that takes commitment.

God keeps all His promises and puts His plans into action. Because God has followed through on those plans, we get the chance to be with God forever. We reflect God's commitment to us when we can make a plan and stick to it. This month, we'll help kids discover that one of the best plans they can make is to commit to an ongoing relationship with Jesus. Commit to practicing faith by reading God's Word, praying to Him consistently, talking about Him with friends, and living out that faith every day.

In **Luke 11:1-4**, we find Jesus's disciples asking Him how to pray. Jesus responds with a prayer that serves as the perfect model for how we can talk to God. We can pray with gratitude and honesty, pray for our needs and forgiveness. It's comforting to know that we can pray, knowing that God knows us and wants to hear from us.

Bottom Line: Practice praying to God. We can pray anytime, anywhere because God is always listening. We hope kids will understand more about the faith skill, PRAY, and find that talking to God is an essential part of growing in their faith.

SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY AND DISCUSSION

(Paper, Drawing Supplies, Pencil)

What You Do:

- As kids join the meeting and get settled, engage them in conversation about the past week.

- If you choose, consider doing some ice breaker questions with your group (how was your week, would you rather..., etc.)
- Practice saying the memory verse together.
- If you've chosen to watch the Bible story video presentation as a group (Find video at theparenthub.net), get that started once you've given latecomers a chance to join the meeting, and once the group feels settled.

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to trace their hand on each sheet of paper.
- If possible, let them ask for a family member's help to trace their dominant hand so they have a "set" of hands instead of two of the same hand.
- As they work, read Luke 11:1-4 aloud, to remind kids of today's Scripture and the Lord's prayer.
- When everyone's hands are finished, guide kids to come up with a symbol or a few words to represent each part of the Lord's prayer. (Examples below.)
 - Praise hands: God is a good, good Father to us every day. We should thank Him!
 - Home, people, food: God wants us to ask Him for the things we need each day.
 - I'm Sorry: We can ask God to forgive the things we do wrong.
 - Heart: God can help us forgive other people when they do things to us that aren't kind.
 - Jesus: We can ask God to help us be more like Jesus!
- Ask kids to draw and/or write their symbols and words on the prayer hands they just made.
- Instruct them to keep the hands near their bed to remind them to [Bottom Line] practice praying to God.

What You Say:

"Your prayer hands look awesome! I know these prayer hands will help us remember how to pray. I sure am thankful that Jesus taught us how to pray. He told us to tell God that He's great and thank Him for what He's done for us; ask God for what we need; ask for forgiveness from God and from others; and ask for help to do the right thing. Jesus' prayer will help us **[Bottom Line] practice praying to God**. When we use it as a guide, we'll never run out of things to talk to God about!"

DISCUSSION

Ask the following questions and lead the group to discuss:

- If God knows everything already, why do we need to pray?
- Which part of the Lord's Prayer do you most often pray? (*Praising God for who He is, telling God you want His plans to be true, asking Him for what you need, asking Him for forgiveness*) Which parts do you sometimes forget to pray about?
- Is there a right or wrong way to pray?
- What can you do if you don't feel like praying or if you don't know what to say to God?

Close your group in prayer:

"God, thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, to save us from our sins and build a bridge between You and us. We are so grateful that You've always had a plan to make a way for us to have a relationship with You and experience peace. Help us grow in our relationship with You every day. As we go home and celebrate Easter, remind us that the reason we celebrate is because **[Bottom Line] God made peace with us.**"