



LIVE IT OUT | WEEK 3 | JULY 20, 2025

Elementary Lesson

Pray for One Another

Monthly Virtue: Live it out: discover how to love like Jesus

Bible Story: Pray for One Another (The Church Prays for Peter) • *1 Timothy 2:1*

Key Question: Why is it important to pray?

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LEADER BIBLE STUDY

Living and loving like Jesus sounds great in theory, but may be a little hard in practice. However, with the help of God's Spirit, we don't have to do it alone. When we follow Jesus, God's Spirit transforms us, shaping us every day into who God has called us to be and how God is calling us to live. Live It Out is not JUST a theme, but a call to action. It encourages kids to actively live out their faith through their words and interactions with others. And the more we become like Jesus, the more we can make a true difference in this world and in the lives of those around us.

Pre-Service Check List

- HUDDLE AS TEAM → • You're in this together! Pray together and talk about the activities for the day.
- PLAY MUSIC
- PUT OUT TOYS → • A welcoming environment is important! We want it to be obvious from the moment kids walk in that they belong HERE!
- PUT ASIDE DISTRACTIONS
- ENGAGE WITH KIDS

Morning Flow

Doors
Open
9:15/11:00

Large Group
Starts
9:35/11:20

Small Group
Starts
10:05/11:50

LARGE GROUP

COUNTDOWN AND WELCOME (3 Minutes)

(VIDEO: COUNTDOWN, SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS)

LGL: “Welcome everyone! I’m so glad you are able to come hang out with us in KidCity today. My name is [INSERT NAME]. We are going to have a lot of fun today, but before we do let’s go over these announcements/KidCity Expectations.

(SLIDE: BAPTISM) *(Said on the fourth weekend of the month only)* “Today are baptisms at Hope. Baptism is a way of telling the world that you love God and have made the decision to follow Him with your life. It’s a big deal! Is there anyone here who is getting baptized today? *(Pause and if someone is, go ahead and give them a high five and get the kids to clap).* Awesome!”

(SLIDE: KIDCITY EXPECTATIONS) “Now, let’s quickly go over our KidCity Expectations (rules) so we can make sure that we make the most of our time today: *(Don’t dwell on these too long, but make sure you review them briefly so we can set everyone up for success.)*

1. Be Kind
2. Be Safe
3. Have Fun

LARGE GROUP GAME (5 Min)

MAIL CALL

(Velcro dots, scrap paper, or floor tape – 1 per kid)

“We are going to have so much fun today! But first, let’s go over our monthly virtue. All summer long we are reminding ourselves of the important of LIVING IT OUT.

(SLIDE: VIRTUE) **Live it out: discover how to love like Jesus**

“For the next couple of months, we’re headed to camp Live It Out. We talk a whole lot about living for Jesus, but we may wonder how we can actually do that. At camp Live It Out, we’ll all get a chance to discover what it means for us to live like Jesus and love the people around us. But first, let’s check out our monthly verse!

(SLIDE: MEMORY VERSE) **Our God is a God who strengthens and encourages you. May he give you the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had. Romans 15:5 (NIRV)**

Take a minute to explain that ‘Romans’ is a book in the New Testament, and that the first number means ‘chapter’ and the second one means ‘verse’. ‘NIRV’ is what translation the Bible is in. The Bible wasn’t originally written in English! There are different translations.

“You’ll have more time to practice this month’s verse, but for now let’s play a game!”

(SLIDE: GAME SLIDE with MUSIC)

HOW TO PLAY

- This game doesn't have a winner. It is simply a movement game. Have everyone sit in a large circle.
 - *Pro tips: If you lead a room with fresh kindergarteners, have them all hold hands to form a circle, squeeze in so their shoulders touch, and then sit down. If you have a room with a lot of kids, have two circles going at once, one with boys and one with girls.*
- Have one kid stand in the middle first. Have the circle shrink a bit so you can't tell that there's a spot missing. Now hand out a Velcro dot or a piece of scrap paper for every kid that is still sitting. They need to sit on that dot.
- The person in the middle will call out (or you will) a descriptor that they think would apply to a lot of people. (For example, 'everyone wearing red' or 'has a cat' or 'was born in North Carolina' or 'brushed their teeth this morning'.)
- If that descriptor applies to someone, they will stand up and run to an open spot - leaving their dot behind so you can tell where the open spots are. The catch is though, the person in the middle is trying to fill an empty spot first. You should be left with one kid standing. That person is now trying to get back to an empty spot.
- Continue for 10-15 rounds or when you reach 3 minutes of play.
- *If you use tape, have the kids help you clean up the tape.*

"That was so fun! Now everyone stand up and let's worship God!"

WORSHIP (6-7 Minutes)

(VIDEO: FULLY ALIVE [Summer Theme Song], RIVER)

BIBLE STORY (12 Minutes)

(No Supplies)

"Today we are going to continue to learn how to LIVE LIKE JESUS. One of the things that Jesus modeled for us is the importance of prayer. Praying is simply talking to God. As we get going, I want you to TURN and TALK with someone next to you. When are you most likely to pray? WHY do you pray? What makes prayer difficult at times? (Pause and give kids about 30 seconds to talk) We probably have lots of questions about prayer, right? Like...how does prayer work? DOES it work? Is prayer meant to fix everything? Does God actually hear my prayers? Our Bible Truth today will help us as we learn what it means to live like Jesus in the way we PRAY for one another. Let's watch..."

(VIDEO: BIBLE STORY 7 MIN)

"If we are learning to live and love like Jesus this summer, there were many times that Jesus prayed for others. He EVEN prayed for His enemies. Peter's friends prayed for him. Paul reminded us to pray for others. It is like prayer is kind of a big deal or something!"

"When you pray, you might feel like you have to use fancy or important words, but prayer is just



opening up your heart to God and telling Him what is going on...which, by the way, He already knows. But like any relationship, your heavenly Father wants you to talk with Him! Maybe He is bringing someone to mind that is going through a hard time. Talk to God about them! Ask God to help them and to be with them. You may not see God unlock prison bars or do something dramatic, but your prayer may bring peace and comfort or wisdom and help. When you see a need, take a moment to pray for one another. That is living and loving like Jesus. Another way to say it is what our Basic Truth today says...

(SLIDE: BASIC TRUTH) I am made by God to reflect His Image (act like Him)

“We are all made in the image of God – not that we physically look like – but in that we are able to love others because God loves others. Everything good about us is because we are made in the Image of a God who is amazing, wonderful, and good!

“As we head to Small Groups, we want you to consider this question:

(SLIDE: KEY QUESTION) Why is it important to pray?

Have kids turn and talk to their shoulder partner for 60 seconds. Your KQ slide on Playlister will keep track of time for you. While kids are talking, walk around and listen in to what they are saying and give prompts if needed. Don't try to resolve anything, kids will have a further discussion within their small group time.

“Ok friends, come back together in 3, 2, 1....

“I heard some great thoughts floating around. You are going to have more of a chance to talk about this in small group time, but for now let's pray.

“God, I pray that these kids come to have a right relationship with you that is growing in your wisdom and knowledge. I pray that they become young men and women who love you and love others and LIVE LIKE YOU. Amen.”

DISMISS TO SMALL GROUPS



SMALL GROUP

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TALK ABOUT IT (K-5th)

There are no right or wrong answers but try to challenge the kids to think deeper.

Key Question: Why is it important to pray?

(Answers will vary. Jesus modeled it for us, prayer is powerful, it's good to talk to people who we want to grow closer to, God give us comfort and wisdom, etc.)

LOOK IT UP (K-5th)

Grab Bibles, look up, and read the following passage.

Look Up: Matthew 6:9-13 (Lord's Prayer)

Say: Matthew, one of Jesus' twelve disciples and a former tax collector, wrote the book of Matthew to show that Jesus is the promised Savior and King. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus teaches us how to talk to God—like a loving Father—asking for help, forgiveness, and to follow His good ways.

Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide children to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to the word Matthew at the top of the page as you say "Matthew" aloud. Then guide children to find the big number 6 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 6 for the little 9; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.

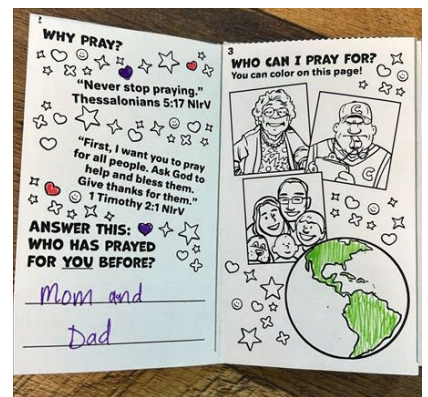
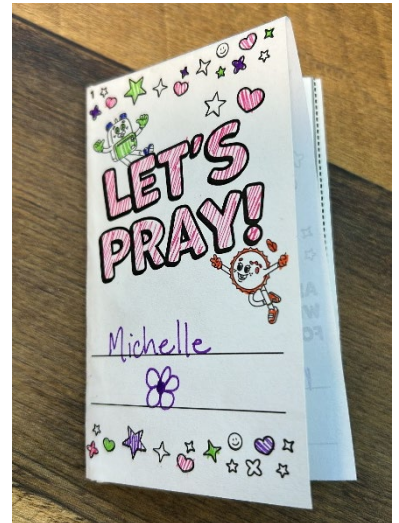
Finding verses with 1st graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Matthew in the list under "New Testament." You can help by telling them that Matthew starts with the letters M-A. When the kids find Matthew, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Matthew. Help the kids find the page. When they find Matthew, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 6. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 9 in chapter 6.

PRACTICE IT (K-5th)

(“Prayer Journal” Activity Page – 1 per kid [prepped for K-1st], “Prayer Journal Steps” Activity Page – 1 per group, Pencils/pens, Scissors [2nd-5th], Coloring supplies)

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “Prayer Journal” Activity Page, a pair of scissors, and a pencil.
- Set the coloring supplies in the center of the circle.
- Share with kids that prayer is a conversation they can have with God anytime, anywhere, about anything! God is always ready to listen to them.
- Tell the kids that the journal is about prayer. It will help them remember why prayer is important and give them space to pray for others!
- Use the “Prayer Journal Steps” Activity Page to walk the kids through the folding steps.
 - **K-1st** – these should be prepared ahead of time. As you go through the activity, allow kids to draw their answers or spell it in a way that they understand. If it works better for you to all work together instead of breaking up into smaller groups, do that! Be sure to read and show every page to them so they know what else they can answer at home.
- Instruct the kids to write their names on the cover page of the journal.
- Divide the kids into groups of two or three.
- Direct the groups to turn to **page “2,”** titled “Why pray?” and read the verses together.
- Instruct the kids to use the coloring supplies to decorate page “2” and answer the question:
- Who has prayed for you before? (Maybe a Small Group Leader, a parent, a friend, or a family member.)
- After a few minutes, instruct the kids to look at **page “3”** titled, “Who can I pray for?”
- Invite the groups to discuss who they can pray for this week.
- Encourage the kids to think about what that person might need prayer for.
- Give the kids a few minutes to decorate page “3.”
- Do the same for **page 6.**
- As time allows, invite the kids to continue decorating and completing their journals.
- Encourage the kids to continue using their prayer journals at home to pray for others!



GET STRONGER (K-5th)

(Supplies Vary)

What You Do:

- Follow the instructions for the “Bible Literacy” activity that is in your bin.

PRAYER

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to open their prayer journal up to page 3.
- Say that you will make a minute to pray for everyone in these categories.

“Dear God, thank you for putting people in my life that love and take care of me. I’m thankful for each person and I pray that they have a good week. I also pray for people in the world that I don’t know. I pray that they come to know you as their Lord and Savior. We pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

Challenge kids to show their prayer journal to their parents at pick up and to pray with them during the week.