

Pathways to Discipleship – Elementary Children



September – Peace

Week 2 – Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020 – Jesus Teaches About Prayer

Weekly Introduction:

This month, our theme for Pathways to Discipleship is Peace. Each week we will learn about a different aspect of God's Peace. Last week, we learned about how peace comes from God. This week's scripture tells us about Jesus teaching his followers how to pray. Prayer is one way we can feel God's peace. Prayer can be especially helpful when we are scared, sad, anxious, or worried. Prayer is a way we can share these feelings with God and ask for help and relief. Think of ways we can include peace in our prayers to God.

Read Aloud:

Prayer is one way we can talk to God. Every time we pray, God is listening to us and hears us. There are many ways that we can pray. The most famous prayer is the Lord's Prayer. All Christians say this prayer. You may recognize it from worship services on Sunday morning. There are many types of prayers. Our prayers do not have to be perfect. God likes any prayers that come from our heart. Prayer can help us understand our feelings. We can pray when we are happy and give thanks to God. We can pray when we are sad or scared and ask God to give us peace. Prayer is an important part of our life with God and we should remember to make it part of our regular routine.

In today's scripture, we will hear Jesus teaching about prayer. This scripture is part of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, Jesus' most famous sermon. This is where the Lord's Prayer comes from. Jesus tells the people that we should not pray to get people's attention. Jesus teaches that God prefers honest prayers over long prayers. Jesus teaches that faith is about connecting with God, who is part of every moment of our lives. At the end of his talk, Jesus offers a guide about how we can pray. As you read the scripture listen for parts that are familiar to you.

Scripture Lesson:

Read Matthew 6:5-15 from your favorite Bible.

Questions for Engagement:

Kindergarteners to 2nd Grade

- When or where do we pray, besides church?
- Who listens to you when you pray?
- What parts of the Lord's prayer do you like? What parts do you remember?
- Who are people we can include in our prayers?

3rd Grade – 5th Grade

- Why do we call this prayer "the Lord's Prayer?"
- Why do we sometimes pray silently by ourselves and sometimes out loud together?
- How do you like to pray? How do you like to talk to God?
- How does prayer show you God's peace?

Prayer (saying this together)

Dear God, Thank you for teaching us to pray. Help us to remember to pray to you each day. We know you hear us share our prayers with you. Thank you for listening to us talk to you. We pray for all the world and all people. Amen

As a family, practice saying the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever.

For more information on how to explain the language of the Lord's Prayer to children

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