

## Pathways to Discipleship – Preschool Children



September – Peace

Week 2 – Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020 – Jesus Teaches About Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15)

### **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.

### **The Bible Story:**

One day, Jesus was sitting on a hill and many people were sitting around him. They had come to hear him talk and teach. Jesus spoke about many things that day. The people wanted to know how they should pray to God. So, Jesus taught them how to pray.

Jesus told the people that praying is a way to talk to God. There are many ways to pray. We can pray in church and with people, or we can pray in our room by ourselves. Where ever we are, God will hear our prayer. God will hear us if we shout our prayers or whisper our prayers.

Jesus went on and told the people to pray from your heart. God will listen to anything we talk about in our prayers. Jesus said to tell God the things that are on your mind and that are important to you. It can be a short prayer or a long prayer. Any prayer you say is a good prayer.

Jesus knew that an example of a prayer would help his friends. So, Jesus gave the people special words to use when praying. Jesus said:

“Pray in this way: 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.”

These words may sound difficult and funny or you may know these words. This is a prayer we use every week in church. When you hear these words, you know that Jesus gave us this prayer to use and we can think of him when we pray. This prayer reminds us that Jesus prays for us too. Jesus prays for us because he loves us and gives us peace.

**Prayer** (*repeat after me*):

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for teaching us to pray. Thank you for hearing our prayers. Thank you for loving us. Amen.**

*As a family, say the Lord's Prayer for your Children so it sounds familiar to them*

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

[CLICK HERE](#)

**\*\*Join us every Sunday Morning at 9:45 AM for Children's Time,  
the weekly Bible story with FPC Staff\*\*\***

<https://tinyurl.com/fpcchildrenstime>

\*This lesson was adapted from Whirl Curriculum published by Sparkhouse