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Prayer

Why Pray



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To briefly explain the main reasons why we pray
- To show how we can partner with God in establishing His Kingdom
- To teach the importance of prayer in Overcoming Temptation



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Luke 22:31-62; 1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:18



MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 26:41: Stay awake and pray that you won't be tested. You want to do what is right, but you are weak.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

We Pray to Establish God's Kingdom

Can the prayers of a third standard child really bring change in an entire neighborhood? Can one person's prayers establish God's kingdom in an entire school? Is this realistic?

We Pray to Avoid/Overcome Temptation

After a long tiring day of travel and celebration of the Passover, the disciples were very tired. Why did Jesus ask Peter, James and John to pray when they needed rest so badly?

If I want to overcome temptation, what exactly should I pray?



APPLICATION

Temptations that trouble me the most:

Pray for strength to overcome these temptations.



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class)

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- 2. _____

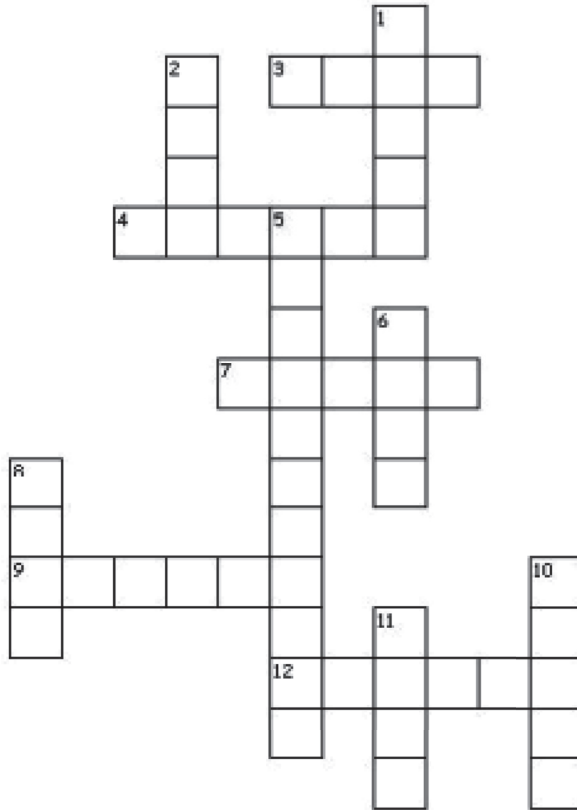
- 3. _____



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Peter Denies Jesus

(Taken from kidsclubs4jesus).



Across

- 3. what a rooster does
- 4. three times

- 7. disciple who denied Jesus
- 9. a clergy man
- 12. saw

Down

- 1. another name for a home
- 2. not low
- 8. Cried
- 10. in the center of

- 5. now, instantly
- 6. to forbid
- 11. another name for Saviour





The Lord's Prayer



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To familiarize children with the pattern of the Lord's Prayer
- To teach the importance of establishing God's Kingdom through Prayer and Action



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Matthew 6:9,10



MEMORY VERSE

Luke 11:11: As bad as you are, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. But your heavenly Father is even more ready to give good things to people who ask.

BIBLE PASSAGE

Luke 11:8-11

Everyone who asks will receive. Everyone who searches will find. And the door will be opened for everyone who knocks. Would any of you give your hungry child a stone, if the child asked for some bread? Would you give your child a snake if the child asked for a fish? As bad as you are, you still know how to give good gifts to your children. But your heavenly Father is even more ready to give good things to people who ask.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Come and Set Up Your Kingdom

What do we mean when we pray, “Thy kingdom come?” Are we saying “Let your Second Coming happen soon?” Or are we saying something more?

If I pray every day for God’s Kingdom to be established in India, will the whole country submit to Jesus?

May Everyone on Earth Obey You, As You Are Obeyed in Heaven

If we are Christians, does this mean God's Kingdom is established in our hearts?

Why should I ask God to establish His Kingdom in my heart?

How can I make sure that God's Kingdom is established in my heart?



APPLICATION

Some of my urgent "prayer requests:"

Pray with the confidence that your "Perfect Heavenly Father" will not throw a snake at you when you request Him for a fish to satisfy your hunger.

(God will never cheat you, when you pray to Him for your deep-felt needs)

Some things I want to praise God for:

Always begin your prayer with an attitude of praise and worship, wanting to honor the Lord in your prayer, as well as your life.

I am making a commitment to pray for the Establishment of God's Kingdom in the following places (e.g., neighborhood, family, etc).

Back up your prayer with practical witnessing.

Areas of my life where I have not been very obedient (e.g., in studies, in obeying parents, etc.).

Submit each area of your life to the Lord, doing what pleases him (not what pleases you alone).



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

(Taken from Calvary Kids Pages).

Connect the dots to find out what the child is doing.



CLUE: The child is praying for the Establishment of God's Kingdom in her School!

You must do the same!



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class)

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1. _____

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How to Pray



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach the right balance between aggressiveness and humility in prayer
- To show the importance of praying “others-centered” prayers



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Genesis 18:17-33; James 4:3



MEMORY VERSE

Psalms 8:4,5: And I wonder, “Why are people so important to you? Why do you even think about them... .”But you made them almost like gods and crowned them with glory and honor.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Attitude of Humility

People say we must demand our 'rights' from God. (Example: "Lord it is my birthright to have enough money. So you better give me the money I need") Is this the correct way to pray? Why or Why Not?

Attitude of Selflessness

Abraham poured out his heart in prayer for Lot. What attitude of prayer does this verse teach?



APPLICATION

This week, I commit to pray for the following people:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____



TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

God Answered Abraham's Bold and Humble Prayer

Help Lot and his daughters escape the evil city Sodom and reach the safety of the small town called Zoar.
Genesis 19:18-22

Zoar

The image features a large maze with a black background. At the top left, there is an illustration of a city with towers and flames, representing Sodom. At the top right, there is an illustration of a man (Lot) holding a woman (his daughter) and a staff. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of a small town with a church spire, labeled 'Zoar'. The maze starts at the top left and ends at the bottom right.



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

- 1. _____

- 2. _____

- 3. _____





Prayer

What to Pray



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To show children the different aspects of prayer
- To teach the importance of praising God during our Prayer Time



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Matthew 6:9-15



MEMORY VERSE

Words scrabble on Page 21 contains the Memory Verse.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What are some of the special qualities of God that we can praise Him for?

1. _____

2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

Praise God for these qualities, personalizing them.

(Eg., I praise You Lord for Your holiness. Because there is absolutely nothing unclean in You, You will never ever fail me or betray me. Thank You for being my God).

**What if I don't feel like praising God on a really bad day?
Does God expect me to praise Him even then?**

**Some people say that we should pray only for our basic needs.
We must not pray for luxuries. Is this true? Why or Why Not?**



APPLICATION

This week, some things that I want to praise God for:

1. _____
2. _____
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4. _____
5. _____

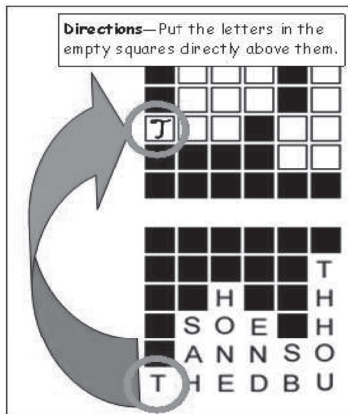
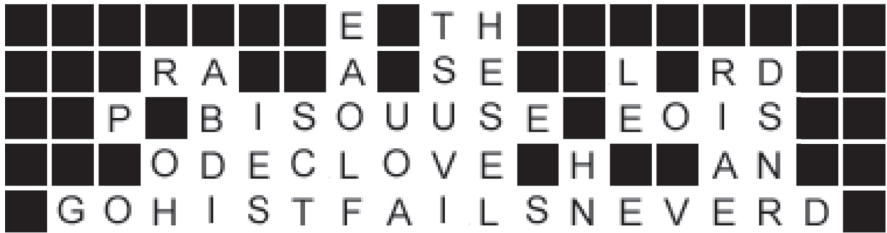
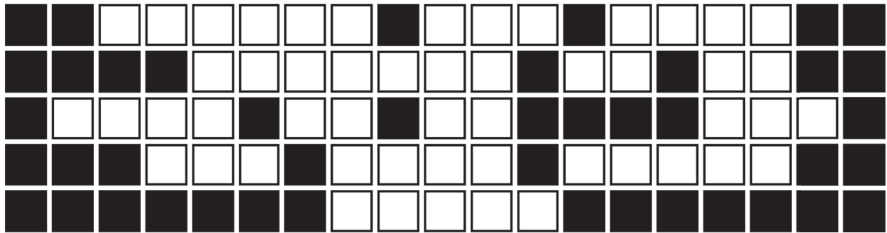


TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Memory Verse

(Created online at www.GospelHall.org)

The following puzzle is a “Dropped Verse.” All of the letters in the white squares have fallen to the ground. Raise them back up into their places to see what the Memory Verse says.



Write down the Memory Verse:

1 Chronicles 16:34: _____

DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!



FOLLOW UP

(To be filled up before the next class)

How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____





Pray for Others



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach children whom to pray for.
- To encourage a commitment to regularly pray for at least some specific people.



SCRIPTURE PORTION

2 Corinthians 1:11; Ephesians 6:18-20; Matthew 19:13; Luke 6:28



MEMORY VERSE

1 Timothy 2:1: First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. Ask God to help and bless them all, and tell God how thankful you are for each of them.

BIBLE PASSAGES

Ephesians 6:18: Never stop praying, especially for others. Always pray by the power of the Spirit. Stay alert and keep praying **for God's people**.

Ask: According to this verse, whom should we pray for?

Matthew 19:13: Some people **brought their children** to Jesus, so that He could place His hands on them and pray for them.

Ask: According to this verse, whom should we pray for?

Ephesians 6:19,20: Pray that I will be given the message to speak and that I may fearlessly explain the mystery about the good news. I was **sent to do this work**, and that is the reason I am in jail. So pray that I will be brave and will speak as I should.

Ask: According to this verse, whom should we pray for?

Luke 6:28: Ask God to bless anyone who curses you and pray for **everyone who is cruel to you**.

Ask: According to this verse, whom should we pray for?

**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Do I have to pray for others even if I don't have any special gift of intercession? Why?

The Bible says that a righteous person’s prayer is powerful. But what if I’m not very righteous and my faith is limited? Will my prayers be useful to anyone? Why or Why Not?

Our parents pray for our protection every day. In spite of this, we have accidents sometimes. Does this mean God doesn’t answer our prayers for the protection of others?



APPLICATION

This week, make sure that you pray for other people:

Pray God’s blessings on three people who have hurt you (or whom you dislike):

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Pray for three specific people who are doing God’s work:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Pray for three believers outside your family and friends circle:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Pray for your family members and relatives:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The NAME I picked up from the bowl:

Don't forget to pray for these people EVERYDAY!



FOLLOW UP

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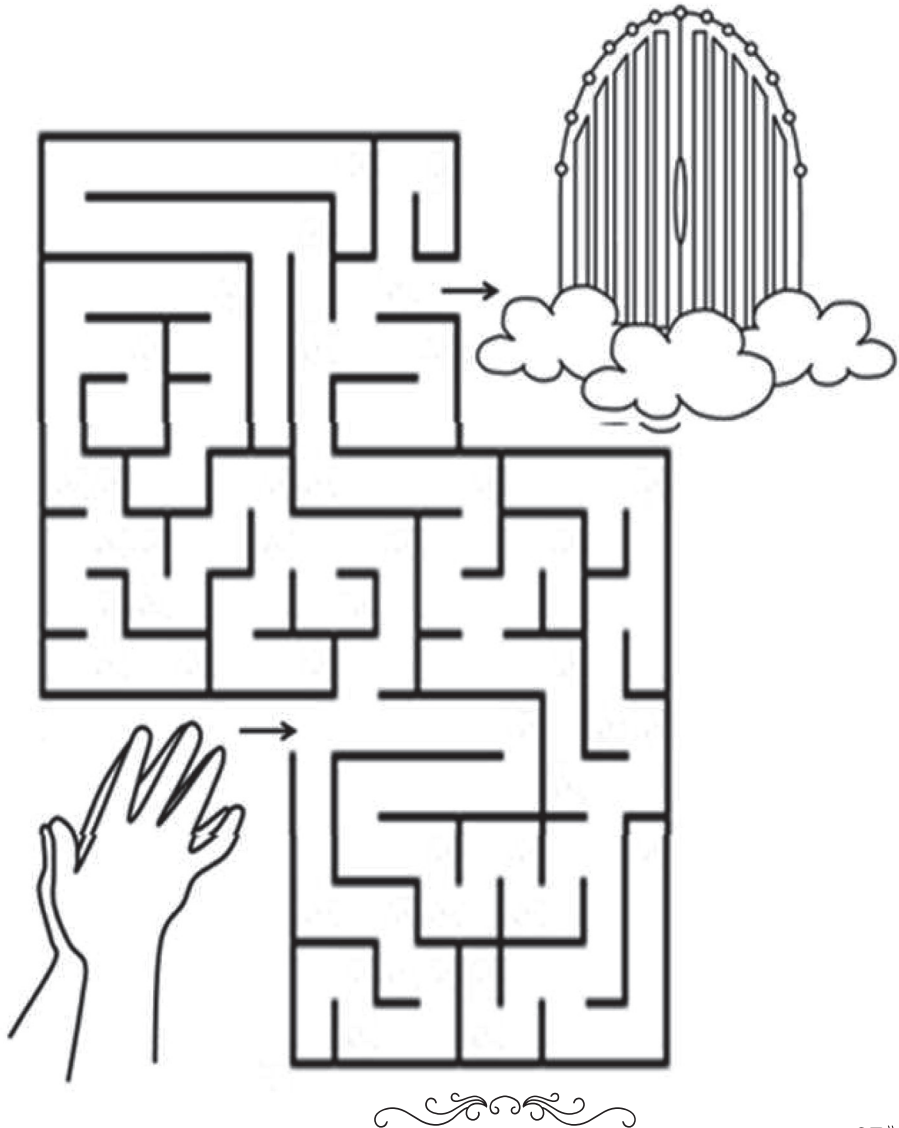
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TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Praying for Others

(Taken from DLTK's Growing Together)





How God Answers Prayer



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To show that God answers prayer with 'Yes,' 'No' and 'Wait'
- To teach the importance of trusting God when the answer is 'No' or 'Wait'



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Habakkuk 1-3; 1 John 5:14,15; Genesis 19:27-29



MEMORY VERSE

1 John 5:14,15: We are certain that God will hear our prayers when we ask for what pleases him. And if we know that God listens when we pray, we are sure that our prayers have already been answered.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Habakkuk was not upset with God even when the Lord refused to answer his prayer immediately. Is it possible for us to be as cheerful as Habakkuk? Isn't this a very difficult thing for ordinary Christians like us?

Will God say 'No' to our prayers most of the time? Should this be our expectation from Him when we pray?

Sometimes God says 'Yes,' but not in the way we expected. What should be our response when the Lord does this?



APPLICATION

Some personal prayers for which God has said "WAIT":

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Ask God for the strength to wait patiently for these prayer requests without growing bitter.

Some personal prayers for which God said “NO”:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Thank God for these Rejected Prayers.

God rejects every prayer that spoils the Complete Picture of your Life.

Areas of my Life where I have displeased God (eg., dishonesty, treating people badly, etc.):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Commit yourself to pleasing God in these areas.

Then, you will discover most of your prayers being answered!



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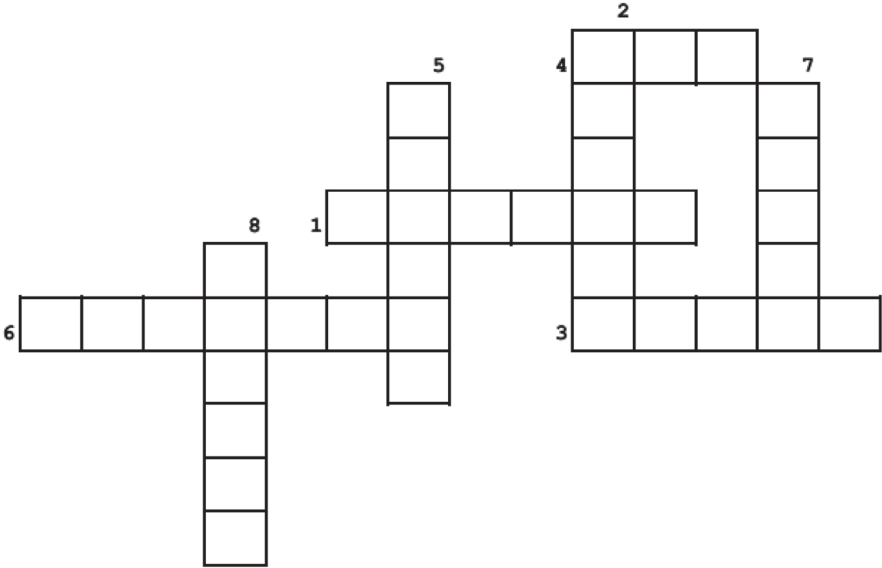
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TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

Habakkuk's Attitude to Unanswered Prayer

(Created by Crossword Puzzle Maker at www.GospelHall.org)



Refer to “Habakkuk 3:17,18” in the NIV Version, for the Clues:

Though the _____ (Clue 4) tree does not bud and there are no _____ (Clue 5) on the vines, though the _____ (Clue 7) crop fails and the _____ (Clue 2) produce no food, though there are no _____ (Clue 3) in the pen and no _____ (Clue 1) in the stalls, yet I will _____ (Clue 6) in the Lord, I will be _____ (Clue 8) in God my Savior.





What Blocks Prayer



LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach about the three obstacles to prayer
- To reveal the dangers of Ingratitude and Unforgiveness



SCRIPTURE PORTION

Philippians 4:6; Mark 11:25,26; 1 John 5 :14



MEMORY VERSE

Mark 11:25,26

BIBLE PASSAGES

Blockage 1: Ingratitude

Philippians 4:6: With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.

Ask: In this verse, prayer is linked with what other thing?

Colossians 4:2: Never give up praying. And when you pray, keep alert and be thankful.

Ask: In this verse, prayer is linked with what other thing?

1 Thessalonians 5:17,18: ... never stop praying. Whatever happens, keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do.

Ask: In this verse, prayer is linked with what other thing?

Prayer and thankfulness are linked together. We must get rid of the Blockage of Ingratitude and Bitterness towards God, if we want to see powerful answers to our prayers.

Blockage 2: Unforgiveness

Mark 11:25,26: Whenever you stand up to pray, you must forgive what others have done to you. Then your Father in heaven will forgive your sins.

Ask: In this verse, what does Jesus specifically teach us to do while praying?

Prayer and Forgiveness are linked together We must get rid of the Blockage of Unforgiveness to see powerful answers to our prayers.

Blockage 3: Self-Will

1 John 5:14: We are certain that God will hear our prayers when we ask for what pleases Him.

Ask: According to this verse, when can we be hundred percent sure that God will answer our prayers?

The purpose of prayer is not to just give us whatever we want. It is to make us the kind of people God wants us to be.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Blockage 1: Ingratitude

When the Israelites expressed a desire for meat, the Lord provided them with quails (Numbers 11). But after supplying them, He also killed many of them with a plague. Why did God do this? Does it irritate Him, when we ask Him for our material needs?

Blockage 2: Unforgiveness

If I don't forgive someone, will God automatically stop answering my prayers? What is the connection between unforgiveness and answer to prayer?

Blockage 3: Self-Will

How can I know whether my prayer is according to God's will or not?

2 Corinthians 1:20 says, _____

So, if my prayer is directly related to a promise in the Bible, then I can confidently expect a 'yes' from God.

- God will say 'Yes' if I ask for victory over temptation (1 Corinthians 15:57,58).
- God will say 'Yes' if I pray for the salvation of family members (1 Corinthians 7:14).
- God will say 'Yes' if I pray for healing (Isaiah 53:4-6).
- God will say 'Yes' if I pray for safety in times of danger (Matthew 10:29-31).
- God will say 'Yes' if I pray for basic needs like food, money for school fees, good friends, etc. (Philippians 4:19).
- God will say 'Yes' if I pray for a good future (Jeremiah 29:11).
- God will say 'Yes' if I pray for wisdom (James 1:5).
- God will say 'Yes' if I pray for unity (John 17:23).
- God will say 'Yes' if I pray for spiritual growth (Matthew 5:6).

- God will say ‘Yes’ if I pray for forgiveness for my sins (1 John 1:9).

God’s stand on prayers for material things: _____

[CLUE: Matthew 6:31-34 says, “So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’... For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself... .”]



APPLICATION

Some of my unanswered prayers:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Some things that I’m grateful to God for:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What Blocks Prayer

6. _____

7. _____

Even as you pray for Unanswered Prayers, keep in mind the things that you are Grateful for.

This will help you to Pray with Gratitude, rather than Grumbling.

Some people that I need to forgive:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

**FOLLOW UP**

(To be filled up before the next class)

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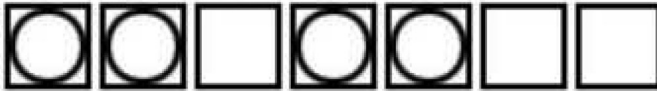
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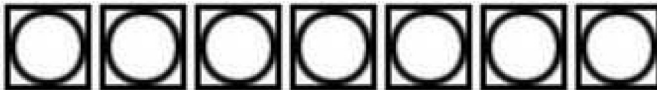
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The words above will fit into the following sentence:

Mark 11:25,26: _____ (Clue 1)
 you stand up to pray, you must _____ (Clue 2)
 what others have done to you. Then your Father in heaven
 will _____ (Clue 3) your sins.

DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!

