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## *Why Pray*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach that prayer nourishes our spirit
- To show the importance of praying in tongues every day



### SCRIPTURE PORTION

1 Corinthians 14:2-4; Romans 8:26



### MEMORY VERSE

**Jude 1:20:** Dear friends, keep building on the foundation of your most holy faith, as the Holy Spirit helps you to pray.

### BIBLE PASSAGE

#### **Romans 7:15-17:**

...I don't understand why I act the way I do. I don't do what I know is right. I do the things I hate. Although I don't do what

I know is right, I agree that the Law is good. So I am not the one doing these evil things. The sin that lives in me is what does them.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**Some people have the ability to pray in tongues. But in spite of this, they live sinful lives. Why do you think their spirits haven't grown stronger?**

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**When praying in tongues, we can't even understand what we are saying. So how can we say that it is useful?**

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**Is it enough if we pray in tongues once a week? How often must we pray? Why?**

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**It is difficult to concentrate when praying because our minds wander off to other subjects. This problem becomes even more prominent when we pray in tongues. Can you think of any ideas that would help us concentrate better?**

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Why Pray

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- 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**APPLICATION**

This week, make a commitment to pray in tongues every day, at least for \_\_\_\_\_ minutes.



**FOLLOW UP**

(To be filled up before the next class)

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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- 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**TAKE HOME ACTIVITY**

*(Created online at <http://gospelhall.org>)*

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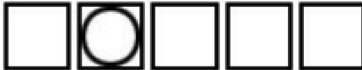
2 - DRESFNI



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6 - LYHO



Copy the circled letters into the blanks below and unsort the final word.



The words above will fit into the following sentence:

**Jude 1:20:** Dear \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 2), keep  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Clue1) on the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clue 7) of your most \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 5) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clue 4), as the \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 6) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Clue 3) helps you to pray.

**DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!**





# Prayer

## *The Lord's Prayer*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To familiarize children with the pattern of the Lord's Prayer
- To teach how to do Spiritual Warfare Prayer



### SCRIPTURE PORTION

Ephesians 6:18; Mark 9:29; John 14:12



### MEMORY VERSE

**Ephesians 6:18:** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Video Presentation

**Video:** Prayer is Spiritual Warfare

**Duration:** 3 minutes and 35 seconds

**What is this video trying to convey? WHO is fighting the actual battle in this video? Jesus or the guy who is praying?**

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**How would I use the three steps of Spiritual Warfare Prayer to “Overcome Temptation?”**

**1. Pray for deliverance/guidance: Ask God to show you what is preventing you from breaking free of the stronghold (Strongholds of violent anger, TV addiction, smoking, etc).**

- Sometimes the Lord may reveal that certain people/things/ places are constantly tempting you and dragging you into the sinful habit. In such a case, it is your responsibility to

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- However, the Lord may also reveal that Satan has gained control over your life due to certain specific acts/events (Eg., anger emerging out of a root of bitterness against somebody; or a specific TV program that allowed satan to gain a firm foothold in your life). In such a case, you must

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**2. Bind Satan's activities:**

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**3. Declare God's Word back to Him:**

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**How would I use the three steps of Spiritual Warfare Prayer to "Overcome Sickness?"**

**1. Pray for deliverance/guidance:**

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**2. Bind satan's activities:**

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**3. Declare God's Word back to Him:**

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**How would I use the three steps of Spiritual Warfare Prayer to deal with "Unanswered Prayers?"**

**1. Pray for deliverance/guidance:**

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**2. Bind satan's activities:**

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**3. Declare God's Word back to Him:**

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**APPLICATION**

**Situations I'm currently facing that require Spiritual Warfare Prayer:**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Spiritual warfare does NOT involve:

- talking to satan/demons,
- cursing them and mocking them,
- or binding them

We simply bind a “specific work” of Satan that we have been given authority over.

Examples:

- Binding an ‘addiction’ (by prayerfully declaring and claiming that Jesus delivered me from the control of every sin on the Cross).
- Binding a high fever/cancer/allergy (by prayerfully declaring and claiming that Jesus already took all my diseases upon Himself on the Cross, to grant me healing from every disease).
- Binding the obstacle that is delaying my prayer (by prayerfully declaring and claiming that Jesus will answer every prayer in His perfect time and perfect way, and nothing has the authority to stop this).
- Casting out a demon that is possessing somebody (so that the person can have the opportunity to commit his life hundred percent to Jesus ... if the person chooses not to do so, the demon has the right to repossess the person).

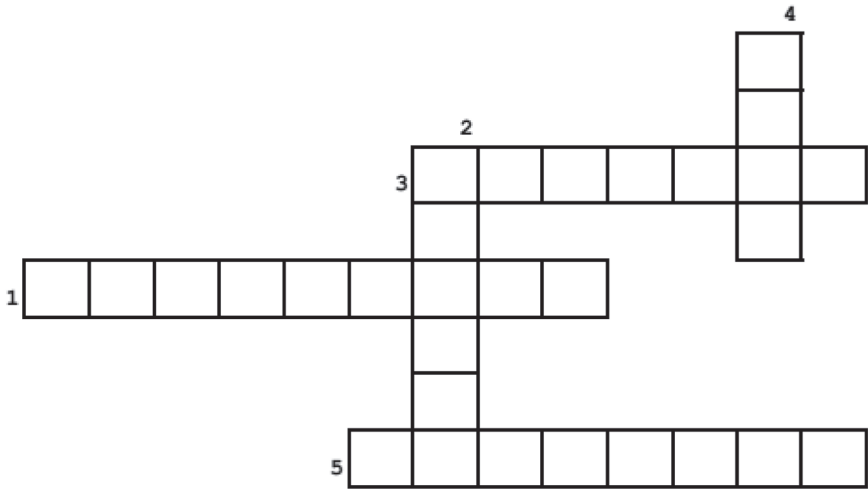


### TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

*(Created by Crossword Puzzle Maker at [www.GospelHall.org](http://www.GospelHall.org))*

### Memory Verse

(This memory verse is taken from the NIV Bible)



**Ephesians 6:18:** And pray in the Spirit on all \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Clue 1) with all kinds of prayers and \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 5).  
 With this in \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 4), be alert and always keep on  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 3) for all the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 2).

**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. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## *How to Pray*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach an attitude of Total Trust when praying to the Heavenly Father.
- To show the importance of submitting to the Lords' will when we pray.



### SCRIPTURE PORTION

Matthew 6:10; 1 John 5:15; 1 Kings 3:5; Matthew 6:25-34



### 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.

## BIBLE PASSAGES

**Job 1:12:** The Lord replied, “All right, satan, do what you want with anything that belongs to him, but don’t harm Job.” Then satan left.

**Job 2:4-7:** Satan answered, “There’s no pain like your own. People will do anything to stay alive. Try striking Job’s own body with pain, and he will curse you to your face.” “All right!” the LORD replied. “Make Job suffer as much as you want, but just don’t kill him.” Satan left and caused painful sores to break out all over Job’s body—from head to toe.

**Genesis 6:5,6:** The Lord saw how bad the people on earth were and that everything they thought and planned was evil. He was very sorry that He had made them...



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Video Presentation

**Video:** Solomon prays according to God’s will

**Duration:** 3 minutes and 16 seconds

**Would you like a Genie to say to you, “I can grant you one wish. Ask anything you want— absolutely anything with no limits?”**

YES / NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**Does God make a similar offer in the Bible? Can you think of any verses that say, “Ask anything you want and it is yours?”**

- Mark\_\_\_\_:24: Everything you ask for in prayer will be yours... .



- **John 14:\_\_\_\_\_**: Ask Me, and I will do whatever you ask ... I will do whatever you ask Me to do.
- **John \_\_\_\_\_:7**: ... pray for whatever you want, and your prayer will be answered.
- **John 15:\_\_\_\_\_**: ... my Father will give you whatever you ask for in My Name.
- **1 John 5:\_\_\_\_\_**: ... if we know that God listens when we pray, we are sure that our prayers have already been answered.

All of these verses say that God will grant all our wishes.

**Don't you think it was risky for God to promise Solomon 'ANYTHING?' What if Solomon had asked for something dangerous or silly?**

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**Today, don't you think it is risky for God to include promises like, "Everything you ask for in prayer will be yours" (Mark 11:24)? What if someone asks for something dangerous or ridiculous?**

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- **Mark 11:24:** \_\_\_\_\_ you ask for in prayer will be yours, if you only have faith.

(We must trust completely in God, that He will give us only the very best.

We must have faith that God will not deprive us of anything good)

- **John 14:13,14:** Ask me, and I will do \_\_\_\_\_ you ask. ***This way the Son will bring honor to the Father.*** I will do whatever you ask Me to do.

(Jesus answers our prayers so that His Father is honored.

So obviously, He will not answer anything that dishonors the Heavenly Father)

- **John 15:7:** Stay \_\_\_\_\_ to Me and let My teachings become part of you. **THEN** you can pray for whatever you want, and your prayer will be answered.

(WHEN we stay joined to the Lord, we will not feel any desire to pray selfishly or greedily)

- **John 15:16:** You did not choose Me. I chose you and sent you out to produce \_\_\_\_\_, the kind of fruit that will last. **THEN** My Father will give you whatever you ask for in My Name.

(WHEN we begin to bear fruit in our lives, THEN the Lord will answer 'all' our prayers—because THEN our priorities will be in the right order)

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

(The Lord promises to answer only those prayers that are according to His perfect will)

**According to this video, what will God do if we pray “according to His will?”**

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

2 Corinthians 1:20 says: \_\_\_\_\_

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**[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

**Prayer needs that I’m worried about:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Stop Worrying! Pray with confidence because your Heavenly Father loves you deeply.

**Some Prayer Requests (that I made in the past) which were Selfish, Greedy, or Wrong:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Three Wishes that I'd very much like God to grant me:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Take a closer look at your three wishes. Are they in line with God's will?



**FOLLOW UP**

(To be filled up before the next class)

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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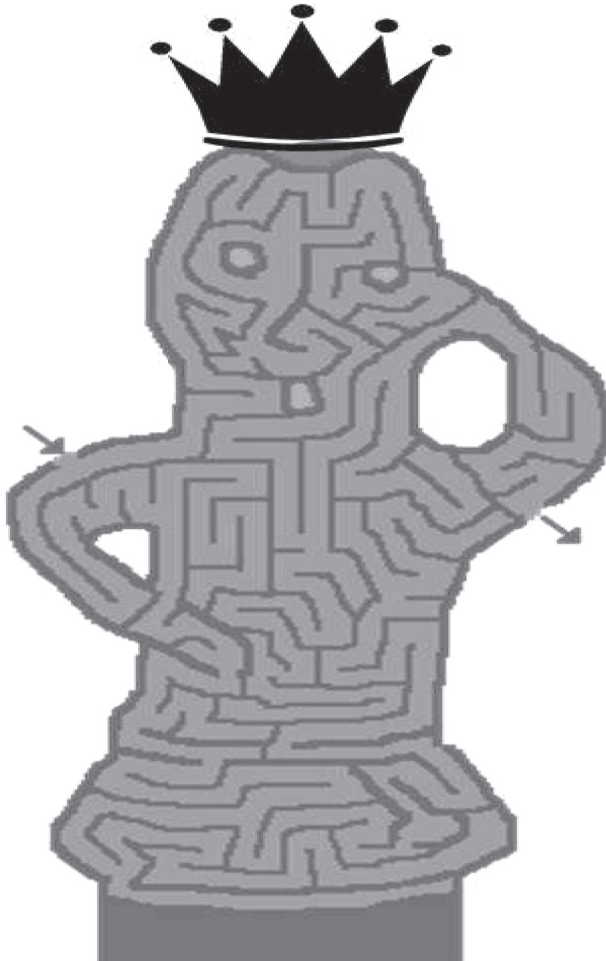


## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

### King Solomon Thinks About What to Ask

(Taken from Maze Box)

Even as King Solomon contemplates what to ask God, see if you can find the pathway leading through him, from one side to the other.





# Prayer

## *What to Pray*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To show children the different aspects of prayer
- To teach the importance of forgiveness during prayer



### SCRIPTURE PORTION

Matthew 6:14,15; Mark 11:25,26; Isaiah 59:1,2



### MEMORY VERSE

**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.

## Bible Passages

### 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?

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### Isaiah 59:1,2:

The LORD hasn't lost His powerful strength; He can still hear and answer prayers. Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why He doesn't answer your prayers or let you see His face.

**Ask:** According to these verses, what blocks our prayers from getting answered?

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**When God says to 'forgive' the wrongs done to us, does He also mean to 'forget' (to stop thinking) about these wrongs? In other words, does true forgiveness involve 'forgetting' the painful incident?**

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### Video Presentation

**Video:** Forgiveness involves Forgetting

**Duration:** Only play the video from “3:00” to “6:09” (approx. 3 minutes)

**According to the video, HOW do we ‘forget’ the wrong done to us? Do we literally wipe the memory out of our minds?**

According to the video, ‘forgetting’ involves three things:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

**In what way is ‘forgetting’ a wrongdoing linked to answered prayers? If you “forgive but not forget” will it block your prayers?**

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**What if something very terrible has been done to me by someone I trusted deeply? How can I forgive or forget such a terrible wrongdoing? WHY must I do so?**

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## APPLICATION

Today, we looked at some of the important aspects of prayer:

1. Begin with \_\_\_\_\_
2. Ask the Lord for \_\_\_\_\_
3. Seek His \_\_\_\_\_
4. Forgive in the same way that \_\_\_\_\_
5. Pray for every single \_\_\_\_\_
6. Pray against \_\_\_\_\_

[PUT a TICK MARK against aspects which are already part of your Personal Prayer Time]

In Future, Include All the Six Aspects in Your Personal Prayers.

**People that I need to forgive:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Make a Commitment to pray for the NEEDS OF THOSE whom you are Trying to Forgive:**

**List of Needs that I can pray for (for their studies, their personal needs, etc.):**

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Pray Sincerely for Those Who Have Wronged You.

The more you pray blessings upon their lives, the more easy it will be for you to ‘forget’ the harm they have caused you.



**FOLLOW UP**

(To be filled up before the next class)

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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- 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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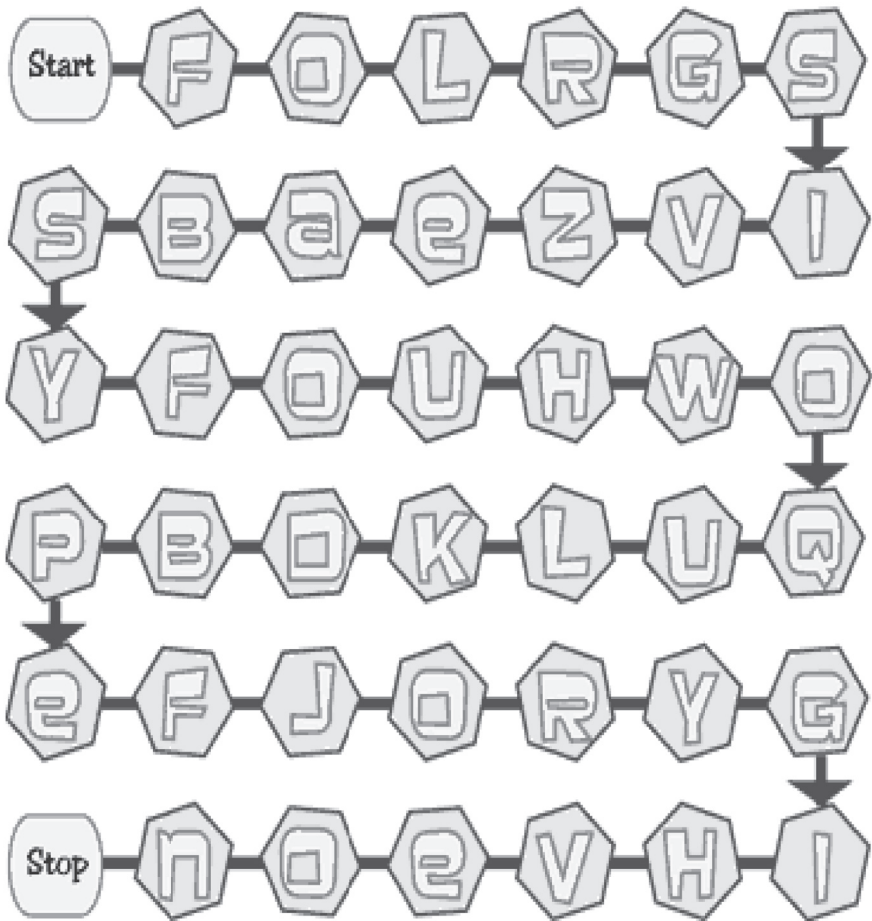


**TAKE HOME ACTIVITY**

**Prayer and Forgiveness**

*(Taken from BibleWise.com)*

Directions: Using the Game Board below, cross out every third letter to reveal a hidden message. Then fill in the letters in the Answer Box at the bottom of the page.



Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_





# Prayer

## *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

Romans 10:1; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; 3 John 1:2; 1 Timothy 2:2



### MEMORY VERSE

**1 Timothy 2:2:** Pray for kings and others in power, so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honor God.

## **BIBLE PASSAGES:**

### **Pray for the Unsaved**

#### **Romans 10:1:**

Dear friends, my greatest wish and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved.

**Ask:** According to this verse, what was Paul praying for?

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#### **1 Timothy 2:1-6:**

First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone ... this kind of prayer is good, and it pleases God our Savior. God wants everyone to be saved and to know the whole truth ...

**Ask:** According to these verses, why should we pray for people's salvation?

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#### **Matthew 9:37,38:**

He said to his disciples, "A large crop is in the fields, but there are only a few workers. Ask the Lord in charge of the harvest to send out workers to bring it in."

**Ask:** According to these verses, what should we pray for?

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#### **Romans 10:14:**

**How can people have faith in the Lord and ask Him to save them, if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear, unless someone tells them?**

**Ask:** According to this verse, what should we do?

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### **Pray for the Sick and Suffering**

#### **3 John 1:2:**

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you...

**Ask:** In this verse, what is John praying for?

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### **Pray for Government and Persecuted Believers**

#### **1 Timothy 2:2:**

Pray for kings and others in power, so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honor God.

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

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**Ephesians 3:16:** God is wonderful and glorious. I pray that His Spirit will make you become strong followers.

**Ask:** In this verse, what did Paul pray for the Ephesian believers?

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Video Presentation

**Video:** Permission Slip to an Angel

**Duration:** 2 minutes and 58 seconds

**What does the video mean by the words “Permission slip to an angel?” What does the angel receive permission to do? Will the angel do whatever I tell him to do?**

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**What about prayers for somebody’s salvation? If I pray for my friend’s salvation, will angels force my friend to get saved?**

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**Is this video teaching us to pray to the angels? Yes or No? Why?**

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## APPLICATION

**This week, make a commitment to pray for other people:  
Pray for three specific people who need salvation**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Pray for three people who are sick or suffering**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Pray for authorities, so that they permit freedom to practice and preach the Gospel**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Pray for believers who are being persecuted for their faith (or for friends who are being persecuted by non-Christian family members)**

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

Also, pray for the person whose name you picked during the ice-breaker: \_\_\_\_\_

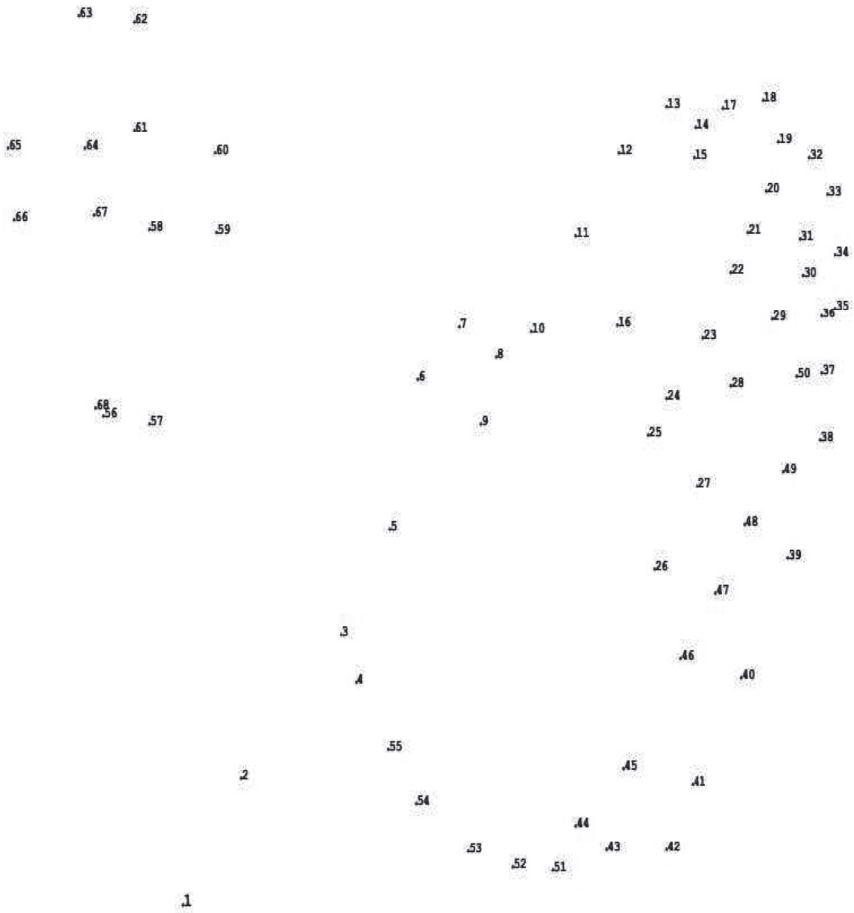


## TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

(Taken from Picturedots.com)

### Praying for Others

Connect the dots to find out what God wants us to do.





**FOLLOW UP**

(To be filled up before the next class)

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Prayer

## *How God Answers Prayer*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To show that God answers prayer with ‘Yes,’ ‘No’ and ‘Wait’
- To explain that God answers with “eternal goals” in mind



### SCRIPTURE PORTION

Genesis 32,33



### MEMORY VERSE

**Isaiah 55:8,9:** The Lord says: “My thoughts and My ways are not like yours. Just as the heavens are higher than the earth, My thoughts and My ways are higher than yours.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**What did Jacob pray to the Lord for, when he heard that Esau was on the way?**

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**Did God answer his prayer with a Yes, No or Not Yet?**

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**When Jacob prayed for protection, what do you think he was hoping for? Was he hoping that a stranger would come and try to beat him up? Or was he hoping that God would give him a rescue plan to escape Esau?**

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**Jacob said to the Lord, “You can’t go until you bless me.” How did the Lord bless him?**

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**What do you think Jacob needed the most at this time of great danger? A New Name or an Army of Angels to help fight Esau?**

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**When Jacob asked God for protection against Esau, the Lord crippled him permanently. Do you think the crippled leg would have helped Jacob win a fight against anyone?**

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**Genesis 33:1-4:**

Later that day Jacob met Esau coming with his four hundred men. So Jacob had his children walk with their mothers ... Jacob himself walked in front of them all, bowing to the ground seven times as he came near his brother. But Esau

ran toward Jacob and hugged and kissed him. Then the two brothers started crying.

**Why do you think God answered Jacob so differently?  
What do you think was God’s purpose in doing this?**

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**Watch the video Clipping “Yes, No, Not Yet” and explain why God answered Jacob so differently (Play the video clipping from “1min:55sec” to the End).**

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### APPLICATION

Some personal prayers for which God said YES, but NOT as Expected

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Praise God for answering differently than expected.  
If You Respond to this in the Right Way, it will shape your character and earn you a reward in heaven.

**Some personal prayers for which God has said “NOT YET:”**

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 blocks your eternal character from blossoming

**Areas of my Life where I have displeased God (e.g., dishonesty, treating people badly, etc.)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

Commit yourself to pleasing God in these areas

Work on your character, and you will see more prayers being answered!

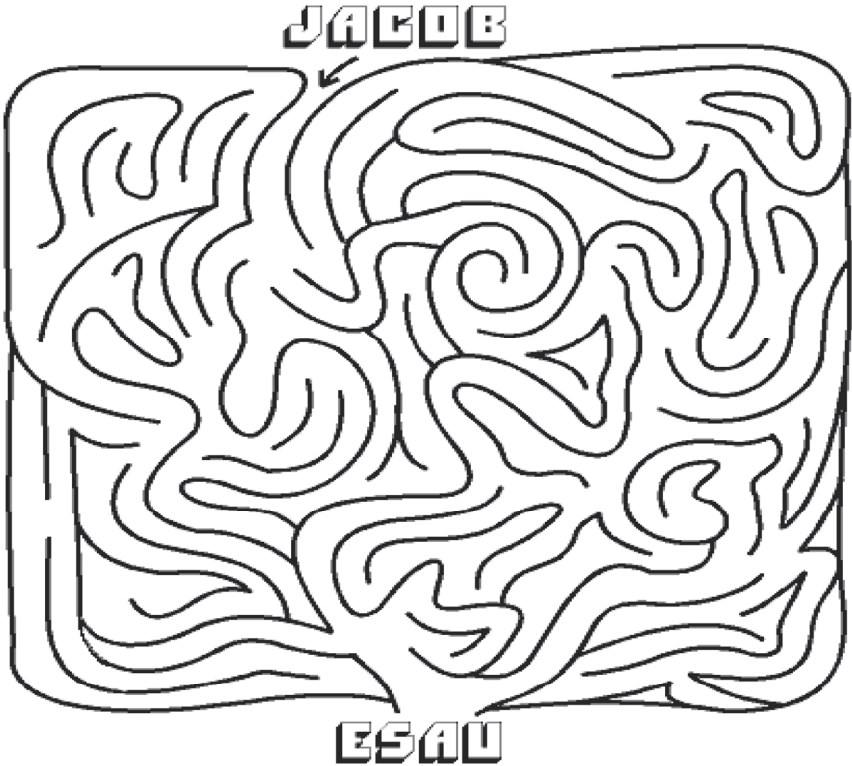


**TAKE HOME ACTIVITY**

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**Jacob Meets Esau**

Lead Jacob through the maze below to his brother Esau.



**This is what happened when Esau met Jacob:**

"Esau ran to meet \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ him and  
threw his arms around his neck and \_\_\_\_\_ him.

(see Genesis 33:4 NIV to fill in the blanks)





**FOLLOW UP**

(To be filled up before the next class)

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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# Prayer

## *What Blocks Prayer*



### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To teach about the three obstacles to prayer
- To expose the dangers of unbelief and unconfessed sin
- To explain the importance of exercising spiritual authority



### SCRIPTURE PORTION

Matthew 17:19-21; Mark 11:22-24; Isaiah 59:1,2



### MEMORY VERSE

Mark 11:24

## **BIBLE PASSAGES:**

### **Blockage 1:Unbelief**

#### **Matthew 15:28:**

Jesus answered, “Dear woman, you really do have a lot of faith, and you will be given what you want.” At that moment her daughter was healed.

**Ask:** According to this verse, why was the woman given what she wanted?

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#### **Matthew 17:19-21:**

Later the disciples went to Jesus in private and asked Him, “Why couldn’t we force out the demon?” Jesus replied: It is because you don’t have enough faith! But I can promise you this. If you had faith no larger than a mustard seed, you could tell this mountain to move from here to there. And it would. Everything would be possible for you.

**Ask:** According to these verses, how much faith is needed to move mountains?

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#### **Romans 12:3:**

... God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

**Ask:** According to this verse, what must we do to get “Faith no larger than a mustard seed?”

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God has given each of us a measure of faith. It is like a small seed of mustard or tamarind. It needs to be nourished and watered, just like an ordinary seed. Otherwise the little seed will shrivel up.

**James 1:6-8:**

But when you ask for something, you must have faith and not doubt. Anyone who doubts is like an ocean wave tossed around in a storm. If you are that kind of person, you can't make up your mind, and you surely can't be trusted. So don't expect the Lord to give you anything at all.

If the seedling of faith is getting bigger and stronger in your heart, You will see many answers to prayer.

But if the weeds of doubt and unbelief are growing bigger and stronger, God Himself promises that He won't answer your prayers!

**Blockage 2: Not Exercising Spiritual Authority**

**Matthew 17:19-21:**

Later the disciples went to Jesus in private and asked Him, "Why couldn't we force out the demon?" Jesus replied: It is because you don't have enough faith! But I can promise you this. If you had faith no larger than a mustard seed, you could tell this mountain to move from here to there. And it would. Everything would be possible for you.

**Ask:** According to these verses, what must we do with our mustard seed of faith?

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**Matthew 21:21,22:**

But Jesus said to them, “If you have faith and don’t doubt, I promise that you can do what I did to this tree. And you will be able to do even more. You can tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it will. If you have faith when you pray, you will be given whatever you ask for.”

**Ask:** According to these verses, what must we do with our mustard seed of faith?

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**Mark 11:22-24:**

Jesus told His disciples: Have faith in God! If you have faith in God and don’t doubt, you can tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it will. Everything you ask for in prayer will be yours, if you only have faith.

**Ask:** According to these verses, what must we do with our mustard seed of faith?

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**Ephesians 6:12:**

We are not fighting against humans. We are fighting against forces and authorities and against rulers of darkness and powers in the spiritual world.”

Sometimes evil spirits directly bring a problem or sickness into our lives.

In such cases we must use the spiritual authority that God has given us, so that our prayer will be answered.

### **Blockage 3: Unconfessed sin**

#### **Isaiah 59:1,2:**

The Lord hasn't lost His powerful strength; He can still hear and answer prayers. Your sins are the road block between you and your God. That's why He doesn't answer your prayers or let you see His face.

**Ask:** According to these verses, what is the roadblock between you and your God?

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#### **1 Peter 3:12:**

The Lord watches over everyone who obeys Him, and He listens to their prayers. But He opposes everyone who does evil."

**Ask:** According to this verse, whose prayers does God ignore?

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If you want God to answer your prayers, do away with sin and ask God for forgiveness.

When sin goes, God will begin to answer you and guide you in all your ways.



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### Blockage 1: Unbelief

#### Video Presentation

**Video:** Faith

**Duration:** 4 minutes and 40 seconds

**According to the video, why is it easier to trust the Mercedes Benz than the Beetle?**

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**If I were driving a Mercedes Benz outside city limits, would I feel worried about a breakdown? Why or Why not?**

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**What if I were a villager who only knows about trucks? Would I feel worried driving the Benz to a far-off place? Why or Why not?**

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### The Benz, the Villager and the Car Enthusiast

- **The Villager** trusts the Benz based on how it looks on the outside.

**The Car Enthusiast** trusts the Benz based on his knowledge of the quality and reliability of the Benz engine and other internal parts.

- **The Villager** trusts the Benz as long as the road is smooth.

**The Car Enthusiast** trusts the Benz even when the road is reduced to a rutted pathway of stone and gravel.

The Difference is that one of them barely knows the Benz, while the other knows it intimately!

### **God, the Immature Christian and the Mature Christian**

- **The Immature Christian** trusts God based on how strongly he can feel God's presence, and on how clearly he can see God answering all his prayers.

**The Mature Christian** trusts God based on his Knowledge of God. He knows about how loving and reliable God is, how powerful He is, and how wise He is.

- **The Immature Christian** trusts God as long as all the circumstances in his life are smooth.

**The Mature Christian** trusts God even in the dark storms of life because he knows how loving, reliable, wise and powerful God is.

The Difference is that one of them barely knows God, while the other knows Him intimately!

### **How to Know the Benz Intimately:**

- Read everything you can about the car, and get to know all about it.
- Spend time driving it and get a personal feel of it.



- The more you drive it, the more you will know how it will respond in different situations.

**How to Know God Intimately:**

- Get to KNOW ABOUT Him: You must read the Bible everyday and get to know all about Him.
- Get to KNOW HIM PERSONALLY: Next, you must get to know Him personally by spending time with Him. Talk to Him informally through prayer, and then wait silently and listen for His voice. Allow Him to start speaking to you in your heart.
- Pray in TONGUES and seek the INTERPRETATION: Make it a point to pray in tongues, so that your spirit is strengthened. Ask the Lord to interpret back to you what you have prayed, so that you may know what the Lord is imparting personally to you.

**Let us assume that I have been praying with active faith for 20 years. But I still have not received an answer to my prayer. Do you think my prayer will ever be answered?**

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Mark 11:24: Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you **receive** them, and **you will have** them.”

- The word, “receive” comes from the Greek word, LAMBANO, which means “to receive now” (**present tense**). Jesus said that “when” you pray, you must believe that you “receive” your answer at that moment.
- He then says we will “have” them. “Have” comes from, ESOMAI, which means “to possess later” (**future tense**).

Sometimes your prayer will take a long time to bear fruit!

### **Blockage 2: Not Exercising Spiritual Authority**

**Jesus says that if I speak to the mountain, it will move. Does this mean I can speak whatever I want and move anything I want?**

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### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

Spiritual warfare does NOT involve:

- talking to satan/demons
- cursing them and mocking them
- or binding them

We simply “speak to the mountain” (to the “specific problem” that sat an has brought upon us)

## Examples:

- Speaking to the ‘addiction’ (and prayerfully declaring and claiming that Jesus delivered me from the control of every sin on the Cross).
- Speaking to the high fever/cancer/allergy (and prayerfully declaring and claiming that Jesus already took all my diseases upon Himself on the Cross, to grant me healing from every disease).
- Speaking to the obstacle that is delaying my prayer (and prayerfully declaring and claiming that Jesus will answer every prayer in His perfect time and perfect way, and nothing has the authority to stop this).

We speak to a demon directly, in Jesus’ Name, only when we are casting it out of a possessed person (so that the person can have the opportunity to commit his life hundred percent to Jesus ... if the person chooses not to do so, the demon has the right to repossess the person).



## APPLICATION

**Today, we have learnt about three things that could block our prayers:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Three things I will do this week to increase my faith:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**Some prayers that have not been answered for a very long time:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

If evil spirits are responsible for your problem or sickness, exercise your spiritual authority In Jesus' Name and command the mountain to leave!

**Unconfessed sins that I need to deal with:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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**FOLLOW UP**

(To be filled up before the next class)

**How I practiced the Scripture Lesson during this week:**

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### TAKE HOME ACTIVITY

(Created online at <http://gospelhall.org>)

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2 - ERAPRY



3 - FI



Copy the circled letters into the blanks below and unsort the final word.

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The words above will fit into the following sentence:

**Mark 11:24:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 1) you ask for in \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 2) will be yours, \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 3) you only have \_\_\_\_\_ (Clue 4).

**DON'T FORGET TO MEMORISE THE MEMORY VERSE!**

