



Toddlers & 2s

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We Can Talk to God

For the next four weeks, the toddlers and 2s class will be learning that we can talk to God. The children will use their five senses to discover that we can talk to God anytime, anywhere through prayer and he will hear us. They'll also express thanks to God for prayer.

Tips for Ts & 2s

Your child is learning new words at an incredible rate. Most 2-year-olds have a vocabulary of 250 words, and by your child's fourth birthday, that number will have increased exponentially. As you teach your child new words, encourage him or her to use words such as "Dear God" and "amen." Introducing "prayer words" helps toddlers become familiar with praying and reinforces the concept that we can talk to God. During the next month, have fun helping your child focus on visiting with God through prayer.

Together Time

- Create a unique Prayer Poster by inviting your child to decorate a sheet of poster board with crayons and markers. Then search through photos, newspapers, and magazines for pictures of people to pray for. Help your child tape the pictures to the Prayer Poster, and pray for these people at bedtime. Remind your child that we can talk to God anytime and anywhere and that he hears our prayers.
- Play "time to pray" with your child. Set a kitchen timer or alarm clock to buzz several times throughout the day. Each time the buzzer goes off, cuddle with your child and pray the following simple prayer together:

**Dear God,
We thank you that you're near,
And when we pray you always hear.
We love you. In Jesus' name, amen.**

- Sing this action song from class with your toddler:

We Can Talk to God (adapted from Philippians 4:6-7)

(sung to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me")

We can talk to God each day (*point upward*)
When we fold our hands and pray. (*Fold hands.*)
God will hear each word we say (*cup hands beside ears*),
Ev'ry night and ev'ry day. (*Close eyes and then open them.*)

We talk to God. (*Touch fingers to lips; then point upward.*)
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We talk to God (*touch fingers to lips; then point upward*)
Each time we start to pray. (*Fold hands.*)