

LESSON SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Prayer helps us to learn God's plan for our lives.

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn that prayer helps us put God's way before our own.

KEY PASSAGE:

Matthew 6:10 & Matthew 26:36-46, In the Garden of Gethsemane

MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

In the last hours before His death, we see Jesus' sadness as He prays in the garden. Despite His own desires, Jesus ultimately prays for the Father's will to be done. In our own prayers, we should seek to know and follow God's way with our life.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

May your will be done in our lives!

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

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"Pray like this: Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one." Matthew 6:9-13 (NLT)

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen." Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

Choose four kids who think they know the verse. Line them up on stage. Have the kids recite the memory verse, with each kid saying one word, starting left to right. When you get to the kid on the right, go back to the kid on the far left. Keep going until they get through the whole verse.

SMALL GROUP:

Have the kids collaborate on a musical version of the Lord's Prayer. Can it be sung to a popular tune, or can you invent your own?

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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YOUR WILL, NOT MINE...

ITEMS NEEDED:

Sleeping bags and pajamas

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

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CHARACTERS:

Lily and Alice - Two friends having a sleepover

Lily and Alice enter and kneel down to pray.

LILY: Father? It's me, Lily. This is my first time praying, so, be patient with me, okay?

ALICE: You're doing great, Lily.

LILY: Good. Okay, here goes nothing. God, I want to be able to ride a skateboard. Not just ride one, but I want to do tricks. You know, ollies and stuff? And I should probably ask you for a skateboard, too, since I don't have one. Might need that so I can develop all those skills and become a professional skateboarder.

ALICE: Lily?

LILY: And here's another thing, God. I have this big brother, Jeremy. I'm sure you know him. He's graduating from high school this year, and instead of going away to Michigan like he always said he would, he's decided to stay here and go to community college. Can you like, I don't know, change his mind on that?

ALICE: Lily?

LILY: He's got a bigger room than I do, and if he moves away, I get his room. But if he stays here, Mom says he's going to need that big room.

ALICE: Lily?

SKIT

LILY: It's not that I don't love him, you realize. I want him to get a good education. I just want him to get it some place where he won't need that room any more.

ALICE: Lily?

LILY: I know what would do it! Maybe you could give him a scholarship! He doesn't play any sports, but he does play Fortnite. Are there college teams for Fortnite?

ALICE: Lily!

LILY: What?

ALICE: That's not really what we do when we pray.

LILY: What do you mean?

ALICE: Praying for our will to be done.

LILY: We're supposed to pray for the things we want, right?

ALICE: Well, we can let God know what's on our minds, and yes, we can tell Him the things we hope for, but in the end, it's not about what we want. It's about what He wants.

LILY: What do you mean?

ALICE: Prayer is about getting to know God and finding out His plans for us. It's possible God has plans for you to be a professional skateboarder, and for Jeremy to go away to school.

LILY: Cool!

ALICE: But in the end, God's plans are better than ours, even if it's not what we hoped for.

LILY: So you're telling me God doesn't want me to skateboard because I'm going to be a pop star?

ALICE: No. I'm just saying instead of praying only for what we want, we need to ask God to show us what He wants. Jesus prayed, "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven." That means we want God to show us His plans and how we fit into those plans. God sees a lot more than we do. He knows what's best not just for us, but the whole world. And He has a part for all of us to fit into those plans.

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LILY: Wow, that's kind of awesome. I'd still love to see Jeremy go to Michigan so I can have his room, but if he doesn't go, I guess it's because God has a better plan for both of us.

ALICE: Exactly.

LILY: (*praying*) Okay, God, scratch all that stuff I just said. I mean if you want me to be a pro skateboarder and you want Jeremy to be a Wolverine, that's still totally cool. But it's not what we want. It's whatever you want, because I know it will be awesome!

OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:

A reminder slip from a doctor for an appointment

How many of you have ever said a prayer that your Mom or Dad would forget you had a doctor's appointment? How many of you have said a prayer that a teacher might forget to give you a test? Has anyone ever prayed any prayer like this, that something dreadful, something you really didn't want to do wouldn't happen?

As much as we may want to skip the doctor's office, we know it's for our good that we go. We know that education, hard as it can be, is good for us too. That's how it is with God's plans. It's not always what we hope for, and it's not always what we love, but it is always for the best.

God has given us all gifts. He's allowed us all a chance to dream about the future. In the end what matters isn't that we do everything we dreamed we would do, but that we do all God made us to do. God's plans are greater, and if we follow Him, nothing can stand between us. That's why we pray for His will to be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven, instead of our own.

LARGE GROUP GAME

THE (W)RIGHT BROTHERS

ITEMS NEEDED:

None

INSTRUCTIONS:

Choose two or three people from the audience to play this game. These three people will each have two minutes to build an airplane by pulling other kids from the audience and posing them as different parts of the plane. After two minutes is up, have the rest of the audience vote by applause for the most original, unique, and awesome plane.

VARIATION:

Instead of building planes, the kids can build cars, or motorcycles, or trains, or anything you want to throw at them.

WHAT'S THE POINT?

The airplanes we made were based not on what the parts wanted, but what the creators wanted. We need to seek our Creator's plans so that His will can be done.

LARGE GORUP LESSON

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INTRO:

I wonder if any of you might remember the name Dr. Joseph Donaldson, D.D.S. Last week, when we talked about how Jesus used the name "Our Father" to open the Lord's Prayer, we talked about a made up dentist named Dr. Donaldson and how we would never refer to him as Joe. He might be Joe to his wife, or Dad to his kids, but to his patients, he is Dr. Donaldson.

I'm willing to guess that unless you were Dr. Donaldson's kids or grandkids, it's likely you'd just as soon never visit him, right? How many of you enjoy going to the dentist? How many of you would rather do extra homework than go to the dentist?

As much as we might dislike the dentist and prefer to do anything, including dive into a swimming pool of piranhas than visit him, we still go to the dentist. Why? Because it's what's best for us. The dentist is the guy who makes sure we're not only brushing, but that we have healthy teeth. Dentists can see small problems before they become big problems. They not only clean our teeth, they help us to keep our mouths as healthy as can be. A healthy mouth is key to a healthy body, and the dentist is a big part of staying healthy as a whole.

One of the hardest things for a Christian to learn is that once we commit our lives to Christ, our life is no longer about us. It's about God. It's about finding God's will and doing our part so that His will be done. That is why Jesus prayed:

READ MATTHEW 6:10

Sometimes God's will lines up with ours. God gives us talents, and He gives us dreams, and sometimes it's His plan for those dreams to come true. Other times, like a trip to the dentist, God wants us to do things we'd rather not do.

LARGE GORUP LESSON

We may not like the plan, but we need to trust God like we trust our parents on those dentist visits. God sees the big picture, and God will work everything out for our good if we trust Him. No one understood this better than Jesus Himself.

READ MATTHEW 26:36-46

MAIN POINT:

Jesus prayed this prayer the night He was betrayed and arrested. The following day, He would be put on trial, whipped with 39 lashes, pierced by a crown of thorns, and nailed to a cross to die a horrible, painful death.

Jesus knew what was coming. He was God, but He was also human, and He knew the pain that lay ahead would be excruciating. That's why he prayed over and over, "If it's possible, please, take this cup from me." Jesus actually prayed, "Don't make me do this!" But Jesus also prayed, "Not my will, but Your will be done."

Jesus didn't want to suffer and die, but He was willing to do what God sent Him to do. God saw the big picture, and there was no other way to save us from sin. Because Jesus sought God's will, we can have a relationship with Him. We can pray, "Your will be done," and we can be a part of God's plan today.

DRIVE IT HOME:

We all grow up with dreams of who we will be and what we will accomplish in life. I'm sure in this room we have people who have, at one time or another, aspired to be ballerinas, astronauts, football players, Olympic champions, basketball players, and more.

Some of you are very gifted in the things you need to fulfill those dreams. Some of you may very well go on to pursue those dreams to the fullest. But some of you will see twists and turns in the road. Things will happen that you do not expect that take you down another road. Even those of you who pursue your childhood dreams to the fullest will face twists and turns down the road, and even if you don't - we will all have to make those regular visits to the dentists and our physicians from time to time!

Prayer can help us through those twists and turns. Prayer helps us remember it's not our will, but God's will that matters. God sees the big picture. God may see a better purpose for you in a job or a career or even a different sport than you see right now. God created you for a purpose, and when we surrender ourselves to God's will, He can use us to the fullest to share His love in this world.

It's okay to have dreams, and it's absolutely okay for us to pray about those dreams. But we should always remember to pray, "Your kingdom come, your will be done."

LARGE GROUP LESSON

If we try to go out on our own, we may fall flat on our face, but if we follow God's plan, we will not fail!

Prayer helps us see things through God's eyes. It helps us to see our part in His plans. It helps us to get on track so that we can serve God. Let's ask God to show us His will so that in everything we do, His will may be done!

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

May your will be done in our lives!

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

What is one thing you had to do that you really didn't want to do this week?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Matthew 6:9-13

Have the kids collaborate on a musical version of the Lord's Prayer. Can it be sung to a popular tune, or can you invent your own?

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play a game of Mother May I? with the kids.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Matthew 6:10 & Matthew 26:36-46

What did Jesus mean when He prayed for God's will to be done?

What was Jesus praying about in the Garden of Gethsemane?

Did Jesus want to suffer and die?

Why did Jesus do it anyway?

Can prayer help us to learn God's plans for us?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

May your kingdom come and your will be done, just as Jesus prayed.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (3-5TH)

ICEBREAKER:

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MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Matthew 6:10 & Matthew 26:36-46

What did Jesus mean when He prayed for God's will to be done?

Why did Jesus pray that God would not make him suffer on the cross?

Why did Jesus do it anyway?

How can prayer help us to learn God's plans for us?

Why is it important we choose God's plans over our own?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

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May your kingdom come and your will be done, just as Jesus prayed.

In Jesus' name,

Amen

POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

MULTIPLE CHOICE

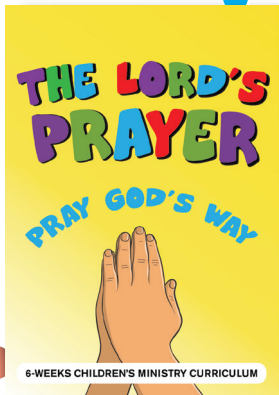
1. Jesus prayed for _____.
A. His own will to be done
B. God's will to be done*
C. Our will to be done

2. What was the name of the garden where Jesus prayed?
A. Gethsemane*
B. Golgotha
C. Galilee

3. Jesus prayed that God would _____.
A. not make Him suffer and die*
B. let Him suffer and die
C. make the religious leaders suffer instead

4. At the end of His prayer, Jesus said _____.
A. "My will be done"
B. "Your will be done"*
C. "Please do not make me do this"

5. Prayer can help us _____.
A. get our way
B. show God we are right
C. show us how to fulfill God's will*



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

The Lord's Prayer Lesson 3

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: YOUR KINGDOM COME



IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

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HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

How many appointments, practices, and meetings do you have to do this week that you'd rather not do? Tell your kids why you plan to do these things instead of skipping them. What would be the consequences for a missed appointment, a skipped sports practice, or a missed meeting?



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- Why did Jesus pray for God's will to be done?
- How did Jesus pray for God's will to be done in the Garden of Gethsemane?
- Why is it important to seek God's will and not our own?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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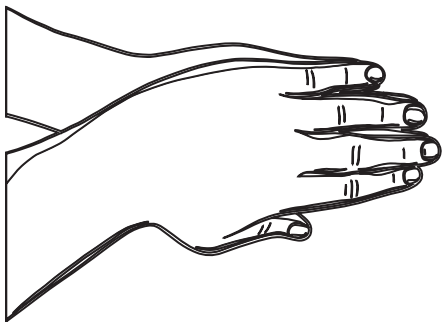


PARENT TIME: What you need to know:

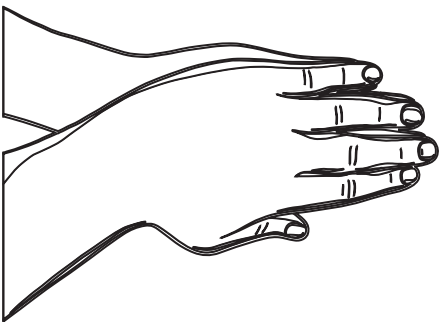
Just as a parent knows what's best for a child, God knows what's best for all of us. This week, pray with your kids to have willing hearts to listen to and obey God. Ask God that His will might be done in your family, as it is in Heaven.

CRAFT ACTIVITY

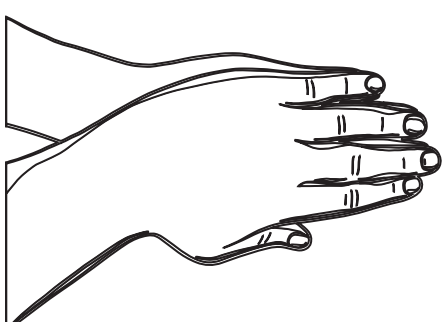
Have the kids create “ONE WAY” signs, like the street signs, but with the words “GOD’S WAY” written on them. They can use a pre-made coloring sheet, or cut out a white arrow to paste on black construction paper and use a black marker to write on the arrow.



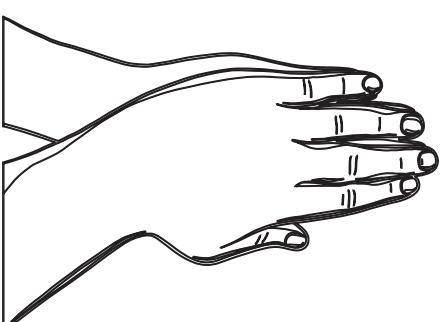
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