



Do you talk to God?



1. Matthew 6:5 tells us where hypocrites prayed to be seen and heard in Jesus' time. What would those places be today?

Standing in the synagogues _____

In the corner of the streets _____

prayer

prayer

2. Since your heavenly Father knows what you need before you even ask (Matthew 6:8), what's the purpose of praying?

prayer

3. What did Jesus mean when he said to pray:

Thy will be done _____

Give us this day our daily bread _____

Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors _____

Deliver us from evil _____

Thine is the kingdom, power, and glory forever _____

prayer

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4. What's the most important thing to ask from God?

- a. A career that will provide you with fame and fortune.
- b. Salvation and eternal life.
- c. Boyfriend / Girlfriend.
- d. A life without any complications or frustrations.

5. Where does the wisdom come from that you need to handle every situation you face in life? (James 1:5)

prayer

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SWORD DRILL

Matthew 6:7

I John 5:14

I Chronicles 16:11

Matthew 26:41

Luke 18:1

I Thessalonians 5:17

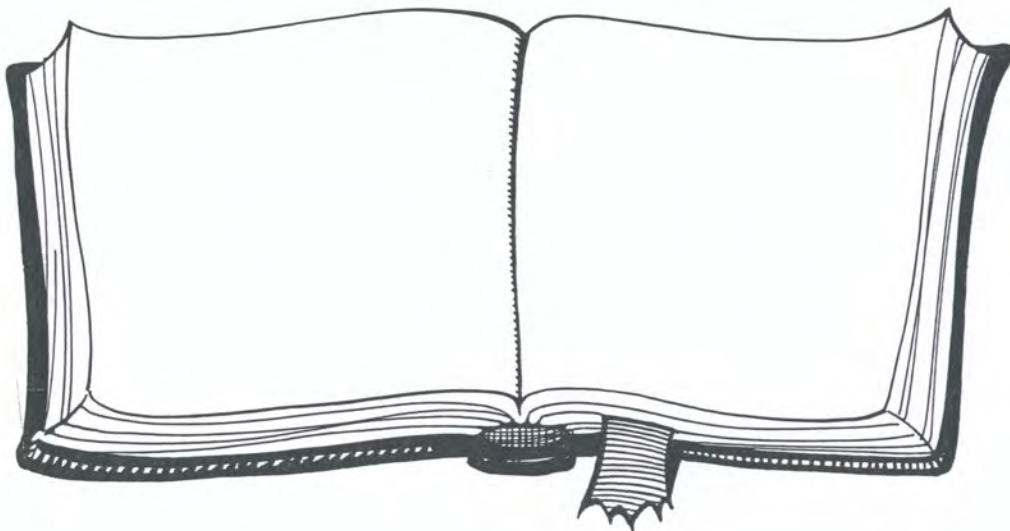
I Samuel 1:27

Psalms 91:15

Zechariah 13:9

John 15:7

I John 3:22



The Lord's Prayer

Read Matthew 6:5 - 15

1. Circle the correct answer
Jesus said we should pray to: angels God the Father saints
2. "Hallowed" means "holy". Write another way to say "Hallowed be thy name."

3. Write the names of your two best friends. Next to each one write how many times a day you talk to them.

_____ _____
_____ _____
4. How often do you think a Christian should talk to God?

5. "Give us this day our daily bread" means for us to thank God everyday for what He provides. Write two things you are thankful for today:

_____ _____
6. "Forgive us our debts . . ." A debt is something you owe and need to pay back. What does Jesus say about forgiving others?



Object lesson:

Needed: Glue stick, labeled PRAYER
Chart paper or posterboard placed so everyone can see.

Have these words written out onto separate pieces of paper and cut into strips:

God loves you
Jesus saved me
Jesus will save you, too

(You can use other phrases to adjust to the level of your class)

Draw a large red or pink heart on chart paper. Pretend that the red heart is a person you're trying to witness to. You could say, "This is my friend Tom. Today I'm hoping that he will listen when I try to tell him about Jesus."

Show the words and say them and then try to stick them onto the heart. (They will flutter to the ground)

Have a glue stick labeled PRAYER. Tell how our own words will not stick in another person's heart without prayer.

Now, pick up the words and as you rub the glue on the back, say a short prayer, asking God to bless what you say and help that person come to Jesus. Then press the words onto the heart and they will stick.

Close by telling that prayer is not just for adults. Prayer is for everyone. *God can use the simplest words that are backed by prayer.* Prayer makes the difference -- it makes our words "stick" because the Spirit of God is behind them.

PRAYER WORKS !



For everyone

A Pattern of Prayer

Read through this list which describes four parts of prayer. Jesus included each of them when he gave us the Lord's Prayer as an example. Do you remember to include each of them when you pray? On the lines below, write a pray that you might pray.

Parts of Prayer

1. Begin by calling on God. Praise Him for His goodness and mercy to you. Consider His power and holiness. Thank Him for the great privilege you have to be able to speak directly to the Creator.
2. Ask God to supply the things you need. Ask Him to keep you from falling into temptation and to keep you safe from the evil that Satan would put in your way.
3. Remember your relationship with others, and tell God that you will forgive others who have done wrong to you, because He forgave you and keeps you by His mercy and grace.
4. Close your prayer by acknowledging God's power and glory and holiness, because He is your King.

A Prayer of Your Own

1. _____
Begin by calling on God and praising Him.
2. _____
Ask God to supply your need.
3. _____
Remember that forgiveness is a necessary thing.
4. _____
Acknowledge God's power as your King.

Teach Me to Pray



Text: Matthew 6:5-15; 1 John 5:14,15

Key Verse: 1 John 5:14

1 In your own words, define *prayer*.

2 When two friends communicate well, what is the result? Tell a spiritual parallel.

3 What relationship do we have with God if we can begin our prayer with, "Our Father. . . "?

4 What does "Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" mean?

5 What does "Lead us not into temptation" mean?

Name: _____