

Jesus Teaches about Prayer

MATTHEW 6:5-15

This week's theme is PRAYER. Prayer is how we talk to God. Jesus taught his followers how to pray using the words of the Lord's Prayer. God listens to our prayers no matter what words we use.

ON THE MOVE

Prayers can be long with lots of words or short and easy to memorize. Brainstorm together one-sentence prayers you can say when washing your hands, riding in the car, getting dressed, etc. Say these short prayers throughout your day.

TALKING TO GOD

Find the online video "The Lord's Prayer: Featuring Tot" and watch it together. Tot has a hard time figuring out the words to the Lord's Prayer. What words does your church say during the Lord's Prayer? What other words can you use to pray to God?

PRAYER PLACES

Fold a few sheets of white paper in half and staple them together to make a book. On the front page, write "I Can Pray Anywhere!" Cut out pictures of many different places from magazines or newspapers and glue them on each page. Share your book with a friend.

PRETZEL PRAYERS

Make chocolate-covered pretzel snacks by dipping pretzels in melted chocolate and adding sprinkles. Allow to cool, then put them in small bags tied with ribbon. Attach a note to each bag that says, "We're praying for you." Give them to friends and neighbors.

THANK YOU, GOD

Find the lyrics to the first verse of "This Is the Day" and sing it together. Raise your hands in the air and shout out a thank you to God for something each time you finish singing the verse together. Repeat until everyone has a turn.

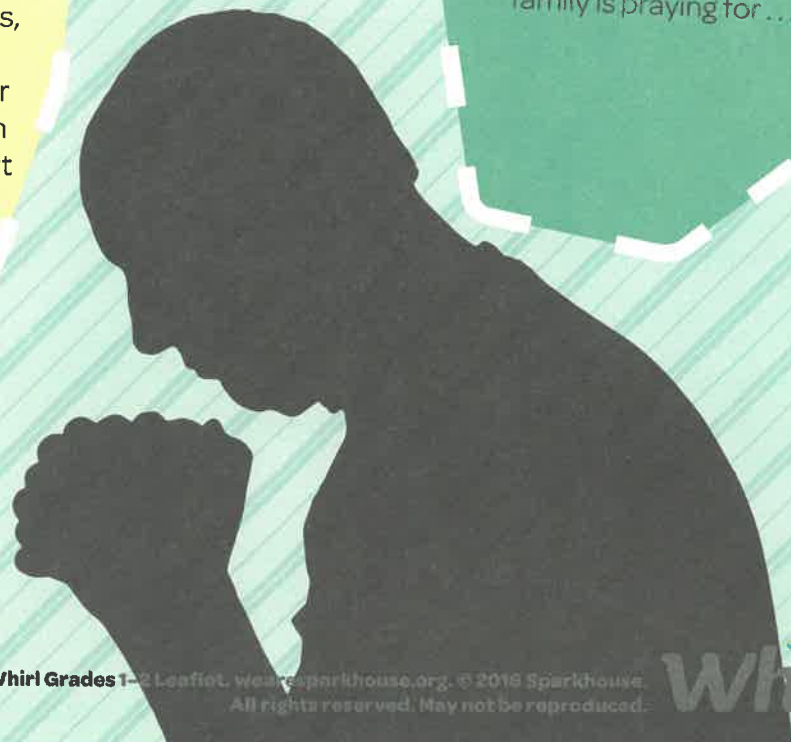
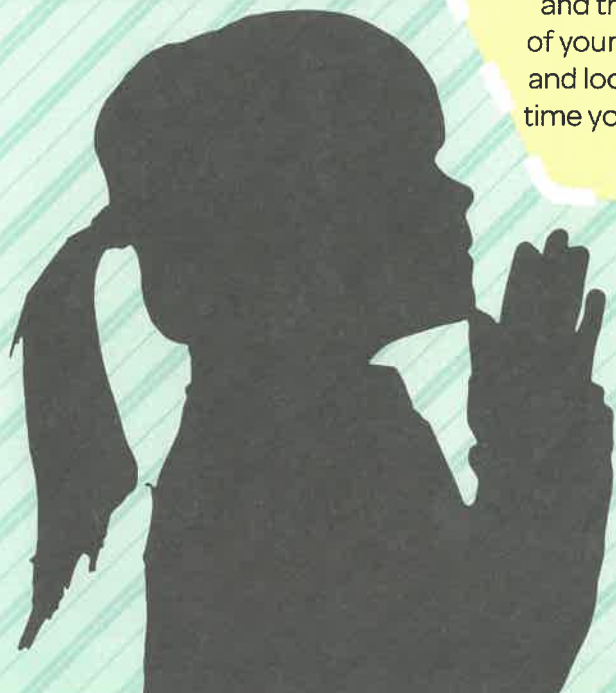
SHAKE, SHAKE, SHAKE

Decorate the bottom of a small paper plate with markers. Fold it in half with the colored side out, put some pennies inside, and staple it closed. Create a prayer rap, chant, or song, and shake your tambourine while reciting it together.

PRAYING IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Make a list of different people, places, and things within walking distance of your home. Go on a walk together and look for things on your list. Each time you see one, stop to say a short prayer of thanks.

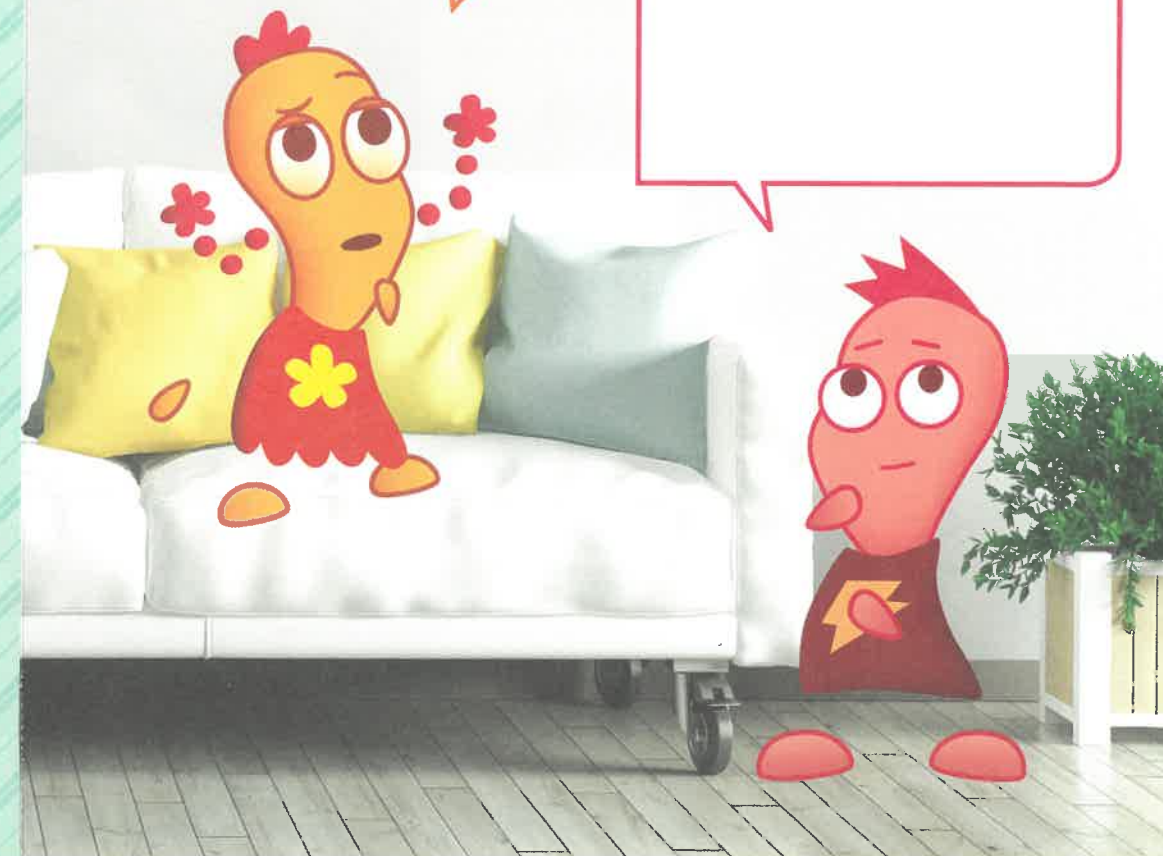
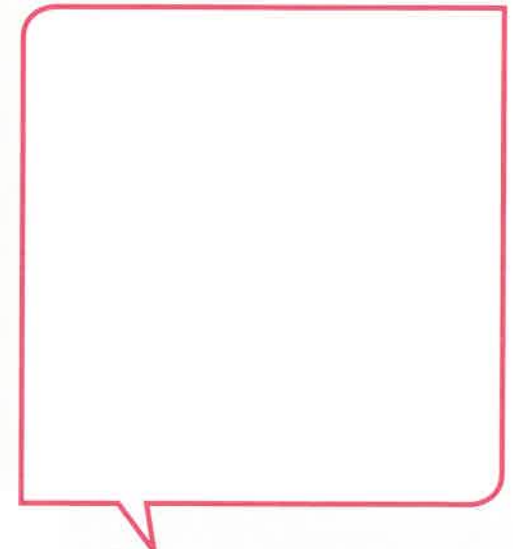
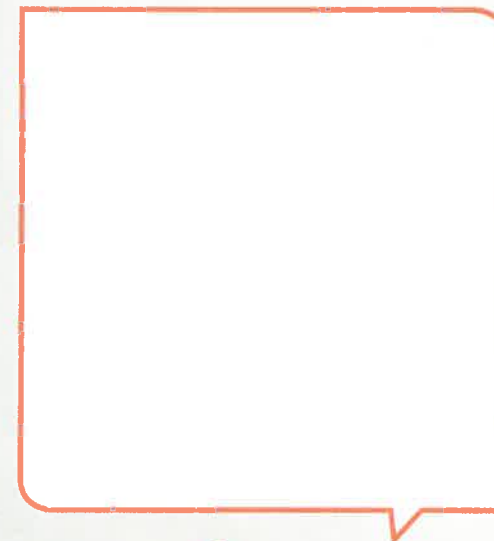
This week our family is praying for ...



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