

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modeling Your Prayer Life
After The Prayer Life of Jesus

Lord's Prayer Curriculum
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Deliverance from Evil

Memory Verse:

“Watch and pray. Then you won’t fall into sin when you are tempted.” Matthew 26:41a

Lesson Goals:

#1 - Memorize the Lord’s Prayer.

#2 - Teach the meaning of the Lord’s Prayer.

#3 - Encourage students to put into practice what they have learned from the Lord’s Prayer.

Audience:

Young, un-churched learners

Adaptable for all ages, including adults (See **For more training** on Activities page)

Scripture to Study:

Matthew 6:13

Luke 11:4

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Let's review what you have learned so far. What is prayer? (communication with God) Where should most of our prayer take place? (in private) To pray a real prayer, do we have to say the exact words Jesus said in the Lord's Prayer? (No, but it is okay to say those words.) So, how should we pray? (Allow students to share what they have learned. Be sure to encourage them to do more than repeat the Lord's Prayer. Direct them towards the understanding of concepts.)

The last thing we learned in the Lord's Prayer points us right to the last phrase; "Forgive our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." (Matthew 6:12-13 NIV) When you ask God to forgive your sins, it makes you realize that you don't want to have to keep asking God to forgive you. When you love God you want to obey Him and not sin. That is the idea of asking God not to lead you into temptation, but let's look a little closer at this part of the verse, though. What is temptation? Temptation is when you are enticed, or lured, to sin; it is like being trapped. If we are praying, "lead us not into temptation," do we really have to worry about God luring us to sin? We find the answer in James 1:13-15. (Read these verses.) God doesn't tempt anyone, but He does test us. That is what the word *temptation* means in this verse. God tests our strength and loyalty and ability for service to Him. God's tests aren't designed to make us sin, they are to make us stronger!* Then, this part of the prayer instructs us to ask not to be led into a time of testing. So does that mean God will never let anything difficult happen to us? No, it doesn't. How can I say that, though? Well, look at Abraham (Genesis 22:1-18), Joseph (Genesis 37, 39, 45:1-11), or Job (1, 42). They were tested so that their faith would shine, and so that they would be stronger in their service of God. And look at God's own son, Jesus. Read Matthew 4:1-11. God's Spirit led Jesus to be tempted by the devil. God wasn't tempting Jesus to sin; this was a time of testing before He began to minister publically. Now look at Matthew 26:36, 42. When Jesus was in the garden facing death on a cross, did He want to die that way? No! Jesus asked God for another way, just like you and I do sometimes and like Jesus taught us to pray. How did Jesus end His prayer time with God, though? "If there is no other way...I will still do what you want." (Matthew 26:42 CEV) Can you and I say the same thing?

Testing is designed to make us stronger, but you and I know that we are sometimes very

weak. We are tempted during the testing and we choose things we shouldn't. That is why we should also pray for God to deliver us from the evil one. The evil one is the devil and even though God doesn't tempt us, the devil certainly does! Did you know that God promises to provide us a way out of temptation, a way to be delivered? Read 1 Corinthians 10:13. You will never be tempted more than you can take and God will provide a way out of it. During the testing, don't play around with temptation when it comes. That will lead to sin. Ask God to show you the way out. God is able to keep us from falling. (Jude 1:24) The thing about testing when the temptation comes is that you and I just have to be willing to escape! The temptation itself isn't sin. Hanging around until you sin, instead of look for the way of escape and taking it, that is sin.

As we finish the Lord's Prayer, I wonder if you have noticed something. Everything Jesus asks us to pray in the Lord's Prayer is already being done. God's name is being made holy by those who are being obedient and by those in heaven who never stop praising Him. God's kingdom will come and His will is brought about whether we obey or not! God provides for His own. God is faithful and just to forgive our sins and He provides a way of escape when we are tempted. And most of all, God has made the way for us to be delivered from the evil one. He sent His one and only son to die on the cross, in your place and mine. You see, the Lord's Prayer is to make us aware of who God is and what He is already going to do. It is for helping us get on board with that! Don't you want to be a part of what God is doing around you? Remember, though, it all depends on having Him as your Father. If you have any questions, let's talk.

*The Daily Study Bible Series. *The Gospel of Matthew: Volume 1*. William Barclay. The Westminster Press. Philadelphia. 1975. pp 224-225

YOU can PRAY like Jesus, too!

Jesus taught us to pray not to be led into temptation, or a time of testing. He also told His disciples, "Watch and pray. Then you won't fall into sin when you are tempted." (Matthew 26:41a) We could learn from them. They couldn't stay awake to pray and they were scattered as Jesus was arrested.

If we love God, we will want to obey Him. That means we will communicate with God, the Father, asking for the strength we need to make it through each day's difficulties.

ACTIVITIES

- **Memory Verse Activity - Make Memory Verse Posters.** Print the verse onto plain paper and encourage your students to be creative as they decorate their poster.
- **Make Prayer Journals** to help your students remember how to pray. Use the phrases that have been learned from the Lord's Prayer as headings for the prayer journal. Then, help your students fill in each page accordingly.
- **Play memory games** with the Lord's Prayer to ensure that your students have learned it.
- **Listen to the song "Blessings"** by Laura Story and discuss the message in light of the lesson.
- **Watch the movie War Room** and encourage your students to make a prayer closet in their own homes.
- **Object Lesson from James 1:13-15:** Give each student in turn the task of counting something. Set a timer. While they are trying to count, dangling some of their favorite things in front of them. When the time is up, move on to the next student. After everyone has had an opportunity, ask anyone of they completed the task. Talk about how the distractions were like temptations that come to us. Review the memory verse and 1 Corinthians 10:13.
- **For more training:** Read Bible stories of those who have been tested and discuss their responses. What can we learn from them? (Abraham-Genesis 22:1-18, Joseph-Genesis 37, 39, 45:1-11, Job-1, 42, and Jesus-Matthew 4:1-11, Matthew 26:36, 42)



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Unscramble the letters below to find out how
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