

Parent Packet

Sunday March 29th, 2020

Main Idea	God is holy. He is great and perfect, and worthy of our praise.
Scripture	Matthew 6:9b
This Month's Memory Verse	<p><i>"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."</i> Matthew 6:9-13</p> <p>Ball Toss: have kids stand in a circle and have them toss a beach ball to each other. Whoever catches it or sets it says the next word of the verse.</p> <p><i>P.S.</i> This prayer takes about 20 seconds, the perfect amount of time for washing their hands.</p>
Activity	Have kids say what they think is so great about God (i.e. He is strong, He is powerful, He never makes mistakes, He is big, etc.) With each attribute, have the family repeat it (for example, "God, you are so strong!" while doing an active movement, such as jumping or running in place or hopping on one foot or spinning, etc.
Craft	Paper Prayer Chain: Cut a strip of paper or construction paper about 2x6 inches. On the strip, write "Hallowed be Your name." Make a loop out of the strip by attaching the ends with tape or staples. Attach it to last week's loop reading "Our Father in Heaven." Hang it in a prominent place in your home. We will be adding another strip each week.
Service	Encouraging Note: have your family write an encouraging note of thanks to a grocery store to tell them you are praying for them. Kids can decorate a card or make pictures for them.
Prayer	Praise You, God, for being holy. Praise You for being great and perfect. You are the biggest and the strongest. You know everything, and You never make mistakes. Forgive us for not praising You as much as You're worthy. Help us to praise You more.
Catechism	<p>Question #39:</p> <p>With what attitude should we pray?</p> <p>With love, perseverance, and gratefulness.</p>

This Week's Story

Kindergarten-Third grade

Tip: before you begin, have your Bible open to Matthew 6. Point to the words as you read them. It helps the kids connect that these words are really from the Bible, and it sets a good example for them to see.

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"Once upon a time, there was a great king who lived in a royal palace and sat on a royal throne. He was such a great king, that everyone who came to see him would bow and say something great about him. They would say things like, "Oh King, you make the best peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Oh King, your beard is the longest in the land. Oh King, your fingernails are the cleanest I've ever seen." Parker laughed at that part.

Dad had to take a short break from the story to tell Parker about God. "God is a super great King of the whole universe," he told Parker, "and God is worthy of our praise, too. Whenever we come to Him, He deserves for us to tell Him how great He is. What are some great things about God?" Dad asked.

Parker answered, "He's the strongest, and the biggest, and the most powerful."

"Those are good ones," Dad said, "and He's also the most loving, He never makes mistakes, and He knows everything. There are so many things we can praise God for, if we just take the time to think about it. That's why in the Lord's prayer, Jesus prayed . . .

(Read verse 9)

Now . . . back to the story . . . one day, someone came to the King but didn't bow and say something great about him, and guess what happened! *(Have the kids finish the story.)*

So what . . .

does this story teach us about Jesus?

do you like about this story?

is weird about this story?

can we learn from this story about our lives today?

This Week's Story

Fourth grade plus

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God is holy, which means set apart from ordinary things. It means He is perfect and great. He is so worthy of our praise. Whenever we come to Him, He deserves for us to tell Him how great He is. That's why in the Lord's prayer, Jesus prayed . . .

(Read verse 9)

1. What are some great things about God you can praise Him for?

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Preschool

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