

Parent Packet
 Sunday April 5th, 2020

Main Idea	God will make, and is making, the world right again.
Scripture	Matthew 6:10
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><u>Repeat the verse:</u> have kids recite the verse over and over together while doing activities such as marching in place, patting their heads, rubbing their bellies, spinning in circles, etc.</p> <p><i>P.S.</i> This prayer takes about 20 seconds, the perfect amount of time for washing their hands.</p>
Activity	<p><u>Signing The Lord's Prayer:</u> have kids watch this group of kids signing The Lord's Prayer with sign language and try to follow along.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/pm1mH6zNhvY</p>
Craft	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Paper Prayer Chain:</u> Cut a strip of paper or construction paper about 2x6 inches. On the strip, write "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven." Make a loop out of the strip by attaching the ends with tape or staples. Attach it to last week's loop. <u>Hosanna Hands:</u> have kids trace their handprints, or trace them for them. Have them decorate them with leaves they find outside. Tell them about Palm Sunday, when Jesus rode into town and the people shouted praise: "Hosanna!" and put palm leaves and jackets in the road for Him to ride on.
Service	<p><u>Encouraging Note:</u> have your family write an encouraging note of thanks to a delivery driver to tell them you are praying for them. Kids can decorate a card or make pictures for them, and leave them on the front porch when you're expecting a delivery.</p>
Prayer	<p>Dear God, there is so much that is broken in the world. Thank You for the hope that we have in You making it right again someday. Thank You for the ways that You already are. Help us to hope in You and work with You to make Your Kingdom come.</p>
Catechism	<p>Question #40: What should we pray? The whole word of God directs us in what we should pray.</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.

Penny was starting to feel sad about all the things that were cancelled. She was enjoying staying home and playing in her pajamas and watching movies, but she missed seeing her friends at school. She missed going to parties and going shopping and going to Peter Piper Pizza. She told Mom about her feelings, and Mom actually said she felt the same way. "Do you know what makes me feel better, though?" Mom asked. Penny wanted to know. Mom read . . .

(Read verse 10)

"For God's Kingdom to come to the earth," Mom explained, "is for things to be the way they're supposed to be. So many things in the world are broken, and it's okay for us to feel sad about that. It's not the way it's supposed to be. But we have hope that God will make all things right someday, and that He already is in some ways."

"How is God making things right again already now?" Penny wondered.

"Well, a few ways I can think of," answered Mom, "are the air in China being less polluted because the factories have been closed, and the rivers in Italy being clean again because there's less pollution. Also, families are remembering how to spend time together and time with God as they're at home together so much more." That made Penny feel a little better.

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?

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Fourth grade plus

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This Week's Story

Preschool

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"So many things in the world are broken," Mom said, "and it's okay for us to feel sad about that. It's not the way it's supposed to be. But this Bible verse means that we have hope that God will make all things better someday, and that He already is in some ways. Like the earth being cleaner and families spending more time together and with God."

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