

Lesson

Engaging Introduction

Good morning, boys and girls! Today, we are going to talk about something very special called "prayer." Have you ever talked to your mommy or daddy, telling them about your day or asking them for help? When you talk to them, it makes you feel happy and understood, right? Well, prayer is just like that, except it's a special way to talk to God.

Prayer is our way of having a conversation with God. We might not see Him with our eyes, but He is always there, listening to us very closely. Isn't that amazing? Just like you can call a friend on the phone, we can "call" God with our prayers. And here's the best part: God loves to listen to you! He cares about everything you want to say.

Now, let's sit up nicely, open our ears, and get ready to learn about how prayer works and why it's so important. I'm so excited to explore this with you!

Main Teaching Points

1. What is Prayer?

Prayer is like talking to our best friend. Imagine how you share your thoughts, feelings, and wishes with someone you trust. When we pray, we are doing the same thing with God. Prayer can happen anywhere—at home, in the car, or even at the playground. No matter where you are, you can pray any time you want. You don't need a special hat or a place, just your voice and heart.

2. Why Do We Pray?

We pray because it helps us build a relationship with God. Just like you have relationships with family and friends, we can have a friendship with God. Think of how good you feel when someone listens to you. God loves when we talk to Him, and praying brings us closer to Him. It's our chance to say thank you to God for everything He does and to ask Him to keep our family and friends safe.

3. Different Ways to Pray

Prayer can be different each time, just like when we talk to people we love. Sometimes our prayers might be like a song or a whisper. Other times, we can use our hands and draw or color our prayers. Have you ever whispered secrets to someone? Whispering your prayers is like sharing a secret with God. He understands all the different ways you want to pray.

4. Does God Hear My Prayers?

Yes, God hears every single one of your prayers. Imagine God having a giant pair of ears that are always listening to you! Even though we don't hear Him in our ears, God communicates in different ways—through other people, animals, and even through peaceful feelings. So when you pray, be sure you understand that God is right there with you, hearing every word.

Personal Application for Preschool Students

Now, it's time to think about how you might pray. Let's say you're happy. You could thank God for your toys and your favorite cartoon. If you're sad, ask God to help you feel better. Remember, God is your friend and wants to be part of every part of your day.

Tonight, when you go to bed, try to say a little prayer. You might start with something simple, like

"Dear God, thank you for today!" or "Please help me sleep well." You can even pray for others, like "God, please make my friend feel better."

If you need help finding the words, just talk to God like you would talk to someone right here with you. You can say anything, and God loves to hear what's in your heart. He's never too busy to listen.

Interactive Discussion Questions

1. What Are Some Things You Would Like to Tell God?

Encourage students to think about one or two things they are grateful for or need help with. This question invites them to start thinking about what they might say in prayer. Guide them to express simple thanks or requests so they feel comfortable with their personal prayers.

2. Can You Think of a Time When You Might Want to Pray?

Ask the children to consider different times when prayer could be beneficial, such as before meals, bedtime, or if they feel scared. Emphasize that there is never a wrong time to pray, helping them understand that God is ready to listen at any moment.

3. What Makes You Happy? Could You Thank God for That in a Prayer?

This question steers them toward thanksgiving. Encourage them to think of simple joys, like a sunny day or a fun play date. Explain that by praying about happy things, they share their joys with God, making prayer a way of involving Him in their happiness too.

Let's remember to pray in our own special ways every day!