

Glenview New Church Sunday Morning Program
Preschool Lessons, Phase 1 - Lesson 21
The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13)

Theme: Prayer

I. Underlying Ideas for the Teacher

- A. Prayer helps prepare us to receive the help and blessings, which the Lord is so ready to give. Prayer helps us to trust in His power over our own.
- B. The Lord's Prayer covers everything (*Arcana Coelestia* 6619).

II. Story Circle

- A. Introduce the Story
 - 1. The Lord came on earth to teach people many things.
 - 2. One day, He was on a mountain teaching people for a long time. This is called the "Sermon on the Mount."
 - 3. He taught us the Lord's Prayer when He was on this mountain. I think many of you already know this prayer.
- B. Tell/Read the Story.
 - 1. If you would like to say it with me, that would be great!
 - 2. Matthew 6:9-13. (Perhaps you could read from the Old King James version, as this is how the children know it.)
- C. Ideas to Discuss
 - 1. Where was the Lord when He taught the Lord's Prayer? (On a mountain)
 - 2. What are these teachings called? (The Sermon on the Mount)
 - 3. Talk about each line of the prayer. Examples:
 - a. Where does Our Father live? (In heaven)
 - b. What does "hallowed" mean" (holy)
 - c. Who is our King? (The Lord)
 - d. "Your will" means what the Lord wants
 - e. The Lord gives us food and everything we need
 - f. The Lord protects us from evil
 - g. Amen means "this is true."
- D. Further ideas
 - 1. We say the Lord's Prayer when we want Him close. When do you say the Lord's Prayer? (Answers may include: at school, at church, family worship, bedtime)

2. We can also say other prayers to the Lord.
 - a. We can ask Him things
 - b. We can tell Him things
 - c. We can thank Him for things
3. Whenever we pray, we are talking to the Lord!

III. Enrichment Activities

A. Music

1. "Thank You, Lord" by Lori Odhner. Point out that this song is a prayer

B. Activities

1. Make hand motions or body motions for each line of the prayer

C. Project

1. Decorate a copy of the Lord's Prayer, using glitter, crayons, sequins, lace, etc.
2. Mount the decorated prayer onto colored paper.

IV. Further Aids

- A. Pictures of the Lord preaching the Sermon on the Mount.

V. Further Reading for the Teacher

- A. Dole's BIBLE STUDY NOTES, Volume 4, "The Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5, 6, and 7).