



## UPPER ELEMENTARY

### WEEK 2- STARTER



### Activity Name: Fancy Phrases

**What You Need:** none needed

#### What You Do:

- Invite kids who have brought an offering to put it in the offering container.
- Instruct the kids to join you in a seated circle.
- Explain that you are going to say something in a simple way, and then you want them to help you say it in a very fancy way.
- Say, "Let's eat."
- Ask, "What's a fancy way to say that?" (e.g., "Dinner is served, my good friends!")
- Say, "I like your shirt."
- Ask, "What's a fancy way to say that?" (e.g., "That is quite a splendid garment you are wearing!")
- Continue with a few more simple phrases, like "Let's play," or "That's a nice drawing."
- Have fun being silly and using fancy voices together

#### What You Say:

It's fun to use fancy words sometimes, isn't it? But guess what? When we talk to God, we don't need to use fancy vocabulary. God loves to hear from you just the way you are.

Today, we're going to learn that we can **[Bottom Line] practice praying to God** anytime, anywhere. Let's go!

**Lead your group to the Large Group area.**

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### WEEK 2- SMALL GROUP

### Discussion Questions:

- Why do you think Jesus wanted to give His friends an example of how to pray?
- What surprises you about the idea that God—the Creator of the universe—wants to talk with you?
- What do you think keeps you from praying, from talking to God?
- ‘The Lord’s Prayer’ includes asking for things like forgiveness and daily needs—it covers all sorts of topics. What’s something you could talk to God about this week?
- How could making prayer a regular thing you do -like Jesus did—help you grow closer to God?



#### Bible Story

The Lord's Prayer | Matthew 6:9-13

#### Bottom Line

Practice praying to God.

#### Monthly Memory Verse

*Training the body has some value. But being godly has value in every way. It promises help for the life you are now living and the life to come. | 1 Timothy 4:8 NIV*

#### Conversation Starter

What do you pray about?

## Activity Name: Fill with Prayer

### What You Need:

- “Fill with Prayer” Activity Page
- Coloring supplies

### What You Do:

- Invite the kids to gather around.
- Set out the coloring supplies.
- Give each kid a page from the “Fill with Prayer” Activity Page.
- Share that the kids are going to use the coloring supplies to fill the letters with prayers—and each letter will stand for something different to pray for.
- Say, “Inside the letter ‘P,’ let’s draw pictures of people we can pray for.” (e.g., mom, dad, friends)
- Say, “Inside the letter ‘R,’ let’s draw things we can thank God for.” (e.g., the sun, our food, our pets)
- Say, “Inside the letter ‘A,’ let’s draw something we need help with.” (e.g., being kind, sharing, math)
- Say, “Inside the letter ‘Y,’ just draw you! Because God always wants to hear from YOU.”
- Give the kids several minutes to think and draw.

***[Make It Personal]*** (Draw your own prayers in the letters alongside the kids.)

### What You Say:

This looks amazing. Our prayers are so beautiful! Remember that you can talk to God about anything—that’s what Jesus taught us in ‘The Lord’s Prayer.’ Let’s pray together now.

Dear God, thank You for loving us and for listening when we talk to You. Help us to remember to talk to You all of the time, about anything. We want our lives to be an ongoing conversation with You. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**KEEP GROUP TOGETHER UNTIL PICK UP**