



PRETEEN LARGE GROUP

JANUARY 2026
WEEK 2

Notes

- Yellow highlighted text are cues for audio and visual slides.
- Game, Worship, and the Bible verse from the stage
- Intro and Bible story are on video.

GAME/STORY SUPPLIES

- Bible



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?

**Upper Elementary
Large Group**

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WELCOME

(Welcome kids)

Hi everyone! Welcome to Flatirons Kids! I'm so excited to see you here today!

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Awesome! This month, we're learning about how we need a Game Plan when it comes to getting to know God more! And by following this Game Plan, we'll start growing stronger in faith every day. "There are four parts of this Game Plan to help you get to know God better—talking about God, praying to God, hearing from God, and living for God. Last week, we learned that we can practice talking about God. This week, we're learning about something new we can practice as part of our Game Plan: **practice praying to God.**

GAME TIME

Great job! But here's a question for you. Where do you think you can pray? Shout out some ideas." Take a few answers. "Those are awesome answers! And you know what? Every single one of them is right. You can pray to God anywhere. To help us practice this idea, we're going to play a game called Pray Anywhere—Four Corners!

Show Slide: Pray Anywhere- Four Corners

Here's how it works. There are four signs in the corners of the room. Each one is a different place where you might pray.

- Corner 1 is Home.
- Corner 2 is School.
- Corner 3 is Church.
- Corner 4 is Friend Time.

When the music plays, you're going to walk around the room. When the music stops, you are to run to one of the four corners. Got it? Good! Then I'll call out one corner. Someone in that corner will give me an example of something they could pray about in that place. Ready to try it? Let's play!

Play upbeat music as kids move around the room. Stop the music suddenly

Freeze! Pick a corner! Quick!

Let kids run to corners. Then, call one corner. For example, you can say: "School!"

All right, Corner 2 is School! If you're in Corner 2, let me hear something you could pray about at school or on the bus.

Invite a kid to share something from that corner. Comment enthusiastically!

Continue the game for several rounds until each corner is used and kids have given examples of what they can pray about at that location.

You guys did awesome! See? You can pray anywhere—at home, at school, at church, when you're playing, and ultimately, anywhere! Prayer is simply talking to God. And you can talk to Him anytime, anywhere, about anything. He is your friend, and He wants you to talk to Him! And the more we talk to God, the stronger our faith will grow.

Now let's worship together!

WORSHIP

One of the ways we worship is by giving praise and honor to God by singing and dancing. Now, it's your time to jump in and give all you've got as we worship! You can follow along with the moves or worship in your own way. Let's sing!

Show Worship: 2 Songs

Great work, everyone! I love worshipping God with all of you. Let's go ahead and sit down and get ready for our Bible Story today.

INTRO

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Let me tell you something amazing we've been doing this year. We're going through the key stories of the Bible! By the end of the school year, we'll have looked at the key stories of the Bible from cover to cover! Why are we going through the key stories of the Bible? Part of the reason God gave us the Bible is so we could know Him. He wants to be our close, close friend. As we go through the Bible this year, our intention is to learn more about God.

(HOLD UP BIBLE.) Today, we're going to talk about the "Perfect Prayer." It might not look or sound as you expect. It's not a magic formula. It's not a script. It's how God wants us to talk to Him. This "Perfect Prayer," how we can talk to God, is in the Bible! Jesus told us about it! Let's check out our Bible story video!

BIBLE TRUTH

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APPLICATION

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What we learned from the prayer Jesus taught us is that we can talk to God about absolutely anything!

God is your friend, and He just wants you to talk to Him about anything at any time! You can pray at home, at school, at church, or when you're playing. You can thank God for food, ask Him for help on a test, pray for your family when someone is sick, or ask for forgiveness when you mess up. Jesus prayed every day, at any time, about anything, and He showed us we can too. It's not about being perfect, it's about practice—about doing it over, and over, and over again. That reminds me of our Bottom Line for today:

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***[BOTTOM LINE]* Practice praying to God.**

Say that with me! **(Repeat with leaders and kids)**

Our theme this month is Game Plan—growing stronger in faith every day. Teams train their bodies so they can play well. God invites us to train our lives so we can live a godly life. The Bible says that training to follow God helps us right now in our daily life, and it also prepares us for the life to come. That's why we keep showing up, why we worship, and why we practice praying to God.

This month's memory verse reminds us of this truth:

Show Verse: 1 Timothy 4:8

“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.”

Let's say it together! **(Repeat with leaders and kids)**

So here's my challenge for you this week: Try praying at a time you usually don't. Maybe on the bus, maybe when you're playing outside, maybe when you're getting ready for bed. It doesn't have to be long or fancy. Just talk to God like you would talk to a friend. Because that's what prayer is, a real conversation with your friend, God.

As you go to Small Group, think about this question:

SLIDE: Wk 2 Conversation Starter

What do you pray about? What are those specific things that make prayer hard, and what helps? How can knowing that God wants to hear from you make a difference? Let's talk to the God who always wants to hear from us right now. Everyone, bow your heads and close your eyes.

PRAYER

God, thank You that You hear us. We honor Your name. We want Your good Kingdom to come in our world. Please give us what we need today. Forgive us, and help us forgive others. Lead us away from temptation and protect us from evil. Teach us to practice praying to You every day. We love You and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

SMALL GROUPS

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(Dismiss kids to their small groups)