# The Lord's Prayer: Can We Ask God?

Elementary Lesson March 15, 2020



### Vintage Elementary

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## Can we Ask God For Things? Does God Forgive? Matthew 6:11–12

Verse to Memorize: 1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

Catechism Question: What is the Lord's Prayer? Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. **Give us today 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.

Session	Activity	Materials Needed
Welcome and Greeting	Greet students and discuss their week. Spend time building relationships.	
Music	"Not Afraid" by Rend Co Kids	Phone with spotify or apple music.
Memory Verse Game/Activity	Allow students to make memory verse cards. Give every student an index card and allow them to write 1 John 5:14 on the front and the verse: "And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us." on the back of the card. Allow them to decorate the card with images that help them remember the main idea of the verse.  Once students have written and decorated, allow them to get with a partner and practice saying their	Index Cards Verse Printout if needed

	verse. At the end come together and practice saying the verse	
	together.	
Catechism and Lesson	Discuss with students that we are on week 3 of 4 talking about the answer to the question: What is the Lord's Prayer? Each week we will learn a part of the Lord's prayer and what Jesus meant when he prayed that part of the prayer. Review the question again, and say the Lord's prayer. "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today 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."	
	Today as we read the Lord's prayer we are going to be focusing on what Jesus prays to ask God for. Do you ever ask God for things? Do you think it is ok to ask God for things? Let's look back at the Lord's prayer	
	and notice the model Jesus gives us. Jesus says: "Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven	
	our debtors." Let's break this apart. What is Jesus modeling that we can talk to God about? (Talk to kids about daily bread and how	
	daily bread is a need. It is ok to stop and pray to God for the needs of your heart, the things that you desire and the things that you can't live without.) Jesus also models for us praying for forgiveness. Why do	

	you think it is important to pray for God to forgive us? (Talk to kids about having a heart that wants to Love God more, and how when we love God we note our sin and how we aren't perfect. When we notice our sin we also notice that our sin can only be forgiven by God, so we have to ask him to forgive us.)	
Small Groups and Prayer	During Small group time during our Lord's prayer Unit we will be praying in prayer stations. Students can move through the room alone or with a prayer partner, but explain that this is a time where we will be praying. Share each prayer station and how each station will be set up each week. Each station has a different way you can pray to God, but how they are all ways God the Father wants us to come to him.	Before Class starts set up Four prayer stations using station cards in resources section printed on cardstock: Feel free to set these up with posters, paper and buckets to put requests in, however you see fit in your room. Kids can write or draw their requests.  Healing  Forgiveness  Praise/Thankful Hearts
	Healing: Do you know anyone who is sick or who is hurting. You can visit the healing station to pray for friends or family that need God to heal them.  Forgiveness: We have learned that God is our savior and forgives us of our sins. It is important that we spend time confessing our sins and	Requests/Needs
	asking him to forgive us.  Praise: God is a good God! Do you have anything that you are thankful that God has done in your life? Visit	

	the praise station to thank God for what he has done!  Requests: God says that He listens when we talk to him. Do you have something you want to ask God about or talk to him about. You can spend time here talking to God.  During this time play music and allow students to visit stations and pray. Give them 3–5 minutes (or more depending on your class.)  Bring students back together and talk to them about why it is	
	important to talk to God the Father. Encourage students to practice praying at home this week!  Close in prayer thanking God for being our Father who we can talk to openly.	
Missional Moment	Discuss how each week we will have a missional moment where we discuss a way our church is on mission for Jesus in our city or in the world! We will talk about the same group for a whole month, learning about them throughout that month and praying for them. This month we are learning about our partnership Carroll's Kitchen! Show the slideshow or picture printouts to your group for week three! Discuss how Vintage Partners with Carroll's Kitchen by supporting and how we, too can support Carroll's. We are going to make letters and cards to	

	encourage the women at Carroll's kitchen this week!  Help your kids by creating a few cards that they can decorate and sign. Every kid doesn't have to have their own card. Shared cards or class cards are a great idea.	
Activity	Prayer Door Hanger We have learned this week of the importance of asking God for what we need and praying for forgiveness, asking God to provide Grace when we sin. It is difficult to do this, reflecting and hearing from God when we are surrounded by people. It is important that we can find a quiet place to pray.  Today we are going to make door hangers that we can put on a bedroom door, bathroom door, play room door, etc. that will let others know that we are taking a few moments to pray to God and we would like for it to be a quiet space for us to talk to God about our needs and forgiveness.  As you color these door hangers and cut them out, be thinking about where your special place might be. On your way home today talk to your parents about that place and what the hanger on the door or outside of the door might mean.	Door hanger: recommend printing on cardstock Scissors Crayons or markers
Closing and Pick Up	Allow students to continue working on activities from the day or free play until parents arrive. Give a five	

minute timer for pickup before the end of service. This is a great time to play the spotify playlist of worship music.	
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Resources:

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