

Age-Level Overview

	Open the Bible	Activate Faith
<p>Lower Elementary</p> <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: The Lord's Prayer says it all.</p> <p>SAY IT ALL WITH ART: Kids use Kidpix or a similar program to illustrate their favorite portion of the Lord's Prayer.</p>	<p>SPARK RESOURCES: Spark Story Bibles</p> <p>SUPPLIES: The Lord's Prayer Coloring Page (page 69), crayons or markers</p>	<p>SPARK RESOURCES: None</p> <p>SUPPLIES: Computer(s) with access to Kidpix or similar program, printer and paper (optional)</p>
<p>Upper Elementary</p> <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: Jesus used the Lord's Prayer to teach.</p> <p>LORD'S PRAYER, YOUR PRAYER: Kids write their own companion prayer to recite with the Lord's Prayer and then assemble them with drawings into a mural.</p>	<p>SPARK RESOURCES: Spark Bibles, Spark Bible Stickers</p> <p>SUPPLIES: Basket of rolls or a snack</p>	<p>SPARK RESOURCES: None</p> <p>SUPPLIES: Computer(s) with access to Microsoft Word® or similar program, printer and paper, coloring paper and markers, mural paper or poster board</p>
<p>All Kids</p> <p>WORKSHOP FOCUS: The Lord's Prayer brings us closer to God.</p> <p>GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BANNER: Kids collaborate on the Lord's Prayer banners, using Kidpix or a similar program.</p>	<p>SPARK RESOURCES: Spark Story Bibles, Spark Bibles, Spark Bible Stickers</p> <p>SUPPLIES: Laptop or desktop computer</p>	<p>SPARK RESOURCES: None</p> <p>SUPPLIES: Computer(s) with access to Kidpix or similar program, printer and paper (optional), pencils, paper</p>



Visit www.sparksundayschool.org for more Spark content. Watch a short Lesson Prep Video that will prepare you and give you confidence to explore this Bible story with the kids you are leading. You will also find a downloadable Family Page for this rotation's story filled with ideas for families to use to explore this story and live out their faith at home.

Workshop Focus: The Lord's Prayer says it all.

Keep these tips in mind as you welcome kids to the workshop and explore the story together.

- Each week, remember to welcome kids to the rotation. Keep in mind that for some kids, it may be the first time they are visiting your workshop!
- If kids have heard the story several times during previous weeks, read it again! Kids learn through repetition, and every workshop will explore the Bible story in a slightly different way.
- Remember that the Shepherds are there to support you as they accompany kids each week.
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Open the Bible (10 minutes)

The Lord's Prayer Storytelling

Make copies of the Lord's Prayer Coloring Page, and have crayons or markers ready for kids to use.

Hello, everyone! Today we'll learn about the Lord's Prayer, which is a prayer Jesus gave to us. And guess what? It tells us everything we need to say to God. When we don't know what to say, it says it all. Think about the way you feel when you hear a great piece of music, or see a beautiful work of art. That's sort of the way the Lord's Prayer is—a work of great art among all prayers. It's the kind of prayer God loves to hear from us, whenever we say it. Speaking of great art, you'll make some drawings while we hear about the Lord's Prayer.

Pass out Spark Story Bibles. Then invite kids to turn to The Lord's Prayer on pages 278-281, where Jesus teaches us the words to say when we pray to God. As you read the passage, you can encourage kids to color their pages.

Spark Resources
Spark Story Bibles

Supplies
The Lord's Prayer Coloring Page (page 69), 1 per kid
Crayons or markers

Activate Faith (25 minutes)

Say It All with Art

Set Up: Make sure computer(s) is/are set up to Kidpix or a similar program that allows kids to make pictures with a computer. If only one computer is available, put kids into teams and have them share it, or have the class perform the activity as a collaborative project.

Activity Instructions

Now that we've heard the Lord's Prayer, I want you to think about your favorite part of the prayer. What says it all for you? Or, is there a part that makes you excited? A part you wonder about? Something that makes you think about other people? Pick out an image or a line, and make an illustration for it. So for example, if you love the line about "daily bread," you might want to draw your favorite meal. When the images are complete, you can assemble them into a slide show kids can watch, and have kids explain what they drew for the class. Or, if a printer is available, have kids print out and share their pictures, which can be assembled into a class book later.

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Computer(s) with access to
Kidpix or similar program
Printer and paper (optional)

Send (5 minutes)

Wrap Up

Remind the Shepherds to distribute the Family Page for this story if the kids haven't already received it, and come together for Wrap Up.

Ask kids to gather in a circle. **Who wants to share what they drew?** Allow kids to share their responses. **Wow, those look great. It looks like you've said it all! Remember that God has a prayer that he loves to hear—one His own Son taught us. The Lord's Prayer is complete, just as God's love for you is. What better way to end class than to say it together.**

Spark Resources

Family Pages



None

Supplies

Drawings from
Say It All with Art

Prayer Time

Recite the Lord's Prayer as interpreted in the Spark Story Bible, page 280.

Workshop Focus: Jesus used the Lord's Prayer to teach.

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The Lord's Prayer Story

Before serving any food, always check with caregivers for kids with food allergies. Provide an alternative, if necessary.

Prepare a basket of rolls or suitable snack for "daily bread," and recruit a student volunteer to help pass it out.

Pass out Spark Bibles. Ask the kids if they know where the book of Matthew is. Then invite them to turn to Matthew 6:5-15 on page 1064, where Jesus teaches his followers the Lord's Prayer. **When we reach the actual words of the Lord's Prayer, we'll recite them together. Let's think a bit about why this prayer means so much. Do you ever feel confused about what to say to God? What do you do when that happens?** Accept kids' responses. **Jesus knew this was a problem with God's people. That's why he gave us the Lord's Prayer; he's teaching us how to come before God, and the best words to use.** Read the passage and send your volunteer around with "daily bread" at the appropriate time. Invite kids to place an I Read It sticker in their Bibles.

Spark Resources

Spark Bibles
Spark Bible Stickers

Supplies

Basket of rolls or a snack

Activate Faith (25 minutes)

Lord's Prayer, Your Prayer

Set Up: Designate an area in class where you can create a mural, either on poster board or mural paper. Make sure computer(s) is/are set up with Microsoft Word or a similar program that allows kids to write with a computer. Have markers/crayons and coloring paper ready for kids to make accompanying drawings, or set up another computer station with Kidpix, if you prefer.

Activity Instructions

Now that we've read the story *The Lord's Prayer*, it's time to think of a great way to accompany it. Of course, the *Lord's Prayer* tells us everything we need to say as believers—but God also loves you and wants to know what's on your heart. So create a personal prayer that teams up with the *Lord's Prayer*—you can even craft it as a poem, a rap, or anything else you like. Kids waiting to use computers can work on their drawings, when the works are complete, assemble them into a class mural.

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Computer(s) with access to Microsoft Word or similar program
Printer
Paper
Markers
Mural paper or poster board

Send (5 minutes)

Wrap Up

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Spark Resources

Family Pages



Supplies

Prayers from the Activate Faith activity

Prayer Time

Ask kids to gather in a circle. **To start our prayer, I thought it would be great if some of you could share lines from the prayers you just wrote. When everyone's had a chance to share a few lines, we'll close with the *Lord's Prayer* as found in your Spark Bible.**

Close by praying the *Lord's Prayer* from the Spark Bible, page 1064.

Workshop Focus: The Lord's Prayer brings us closer to God.

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The Lord's Prayer Storytelling

Download from among 1,200-plus versions of the Lord's Prayer here: <http://www.spiritrestoration.org/Church/lord's-prayer-christus-rex.htm>, or let kids see these live if the class has an Internet connection. Make sure your laptop or desk computer is working properly and ready to go.

Pass out Spark Bibles and Spark Story Bibles. Invite Upper Elementary kids to turn to The Lord's Prayer on page 1064, which contains the text of the prayer Jesus taught his followers. Lower elementary kids can follow the action in their Spark Story Bibles, on pages 278-281.

Address kids as follows: **The Lord's Prayer brings us closer to God—all of us. It may be the most popular Christian prayer in the world. How many languages do you think the Lord's Prayer has been translated into?** Have kids guess the answer. **At least 1,200! After the Bible reading, we'll look at some examples from around the world, and see how far we can get reading a few lines.**

After the Spark Bible passage has been read, share some examples of the Lord's Prayer in translation and have kids try to read them. If kids in the class speak something besides English, consider having them read examples in those languages.

Spark Resources

Spark Story Bibles
Spark Bibles
Spark Bible Stickers

Supplies

Laptop or desktop computer

Activate Faith (25 minutes)

Give Us This Day Our Daily Banner

Make sure computer(s) is/are set up to Kidpix or a similar program that allows kids to make pictures with a computer. If only one computer is available, put kids into teams and have them share it, or have the class perform the activity as a collaborative project. You may also use a roll of banner paper or a large poster board to collect all the banners into a mural.

Now that we've heard the Lord's Prayer, you have a chance to use your drawing and creative skills to express how the prayer moves you and helps you feel closer to God. Make a Lord's Prayer banner that accompanies the text in some way, approaching the task any way you like. For example, if a certain passage has meaning for you, illustrate it in a way that expresses how special this prayer is to you.

Have kids take turns working on whatever computer(s) you have available, consider utilizing waiting time by having kids sketch out their ideas with pencils and paper. Team older kids up with younger ones as a way to build leadership among the Uppers, and confidence among the Loweres. If a printer is not available, consider assembling the banners into a computer slide show.

Spark Resources

None

Supplies

Computer(s) with access to
Kidpix or similar program
Printer and paper (optional)
Pencils

Send (5 minutes)

Wrap Up

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Ask kids to gather in a circle. **Who wants to explain the banner they made?** Allow kids to share their responses. **Here's something amazing about the Lord's Prayer: When you recite it, you're using the same words Jesus used to contact God. Will it bring you closer to God? Believe, and watch what happens.**

Spark Resources

Family Pages



Supplies

None

Prayer Time

Recite this prayer with me.

Dear God,

We thank you for a prayer to get closer.

When life makes us scared, we dare to get closer.

When times make us doubt, we care to get closer.

We know you'll meet us anywhere to get closer.

We thank you for love to share, and the way to get closer

And so we close by saying . . .

Close by praying the Lord's Prayer from the Spark Bible, page 1064.

The Lord's Prayer Coloring Page



Jesus showed the disciples how they could pray.

