



# Bible Thematic Lessons

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Topic:  
**PRAYER**



**Read the Bible References:** The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



**Goal of Lesson:**

- To encourage students to pray always.



**Lesson Takeaway:**

Prayer is the act of talking with God and spending time with Him.



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Bible References:

Matthew 6: 5 – 15;

Luke 18:1.



Explain the meaning of prayer.

Prayer is the act of talking with God and spending time with Him.

So, when you pray, you speak to God and He listens and does what You asked Him – according to His will.

In Psalm 34:4, David wrote, “I sought the LORD, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears”.



What does the bible say about prayer?

Firstly, in Matthew 6:9 – 15, Jesus gave us an example of how we can pray. This example, known as the Lord’s prayer, is a model we can follow while praying.

The Lord’s prayer starts with acknowledging God as our Father in heaven and then follows with worshipping His holy name. We are taught to seek for the will of God to be done on earth, to ask for our daily needs, for forgiveness for our sins and failures, protection from evil and temptations – that is, situations that might cause us to sin against God.

In Matthew 5:44, Jesus taught us to pray for those who persecute us because of our faith in Jesus.

In Matthew 26:41, we understand that prayer helps us to remain strong in the things of God and to say no to temptation.

Also, in Luke 18:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; and Romans 12:12, we are encouraged to pray always.



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## What does the bible say about prayer? (Contd.)

Prayer is not just for our own needs; we are encouraged to pray for the needs of other people. We can pray for a family member who is sick, a neighbour that is in trouble, a friend at school who is sad, or someone at church that needs a new place to live.

We can pray for our country, for our leaders, for our pastors and teachers in church too (1 Timothy 2:1-2; Jeremiah 29:7).

Lastly, things that could hinder our prayers from being answered include unconfessed sins (Isaiah 59:1-2; Psalm 66:18); unforgiveness (Mark 11:25-26); unbelief (James 1:6-7); praying with selfish motives (James 4:3); and praying to impress other people (Matthew 6:5-8).



## How can we live a life of prayer today?

Firstly, to live a life of prayer, you need to determine that you will pray always. Praying does not always come easy for us most of the time. But just like any new activity we want to do, we can simply start by doing it. So, if you are not used to praying, that's OK, you can start praying today.

Prayer is not an activity like sport. It is our way of expressing ourselves to God. In prayer, you can tell God anything. You can listen to what God is saying to you when you read the bible.

Don't get tired of prayer. Pray when you feel like praying. Pray when you don't feel like praying.

If you find prayer boring, try and get a friend to pray with you; or try attending a prayer meeting.

If you don't know what to pray about, you can find some examples from the bible, and we have mentioned some in our study today.



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How can we live a life of prayer today? (contd).

You can also pray for wisdom, guidance, good health, success in your studies, grace to be bold to tell others about Jesus, and courage to do what God wants you to do. You can also pray for your family members and ask God to help you understand the bible as you read it every day.

Lastly, in Philippians 4:6, we are encouraged to pray instead of worrying.



Memorize:

1 Thessalonians 5:17 – Pray without ceasing.



Questions:

- i. What does prayer mean?
- ii. Mention five examples of what you can pray about.



Remember: That prayer is the act of talking with God and spending time with Him.



Let us pray: Dear God, thank You because I have direct access to You and can talk to You anytime. It is sometimes hard to pray. Please help me to pray and spend time with you every day. I ask these in Jesus' name, amen!



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