

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY FOR KIDS

TEACHER GUIDE

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Introduction

Thank you for selecting this Bible study for your child and/or class. Leading children to read, observe, interpret, and apply the Bible for themselves offers them a bridge from hearsay to real truth. As they learn to be comfortable with the idea that they can read the Bible, they will take the task seriously.

The Discover 4 Yourself series is designed to lead young students through the process of inductive study: question, question, question, search, think, understand, and apply. They will be comfortable with this process only after you prove that the possibility is within their reach.

LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY FOR KIDS is a topical study of “the Lord’s prayer”—instructions Jesus gave His disciples on how to pray—recorded in Matthew 6:9-13. Students will observe, interpret, and apply each statement of the Prayer. They will make a logbook to record the prayer along with their personal prayers to God that will strengthen their faith. In the end, they will become soldiers in God’s Special Forces.

To prepare for leading **LORD, TEACH ME TO PRAY FOR KIDS** please work through each “Day” on your own before consulting the Teacher Guide. Since this is an Inductive Bible Study, your teaching will be more effective if you do the work first and God reveals His truth *to you*.

Whether you’re homeschooling a child, teaching a Sunday school class, teaching in a Christian school, or simply using these studies for your child’s quiet time or family Bible study, this Teacher Guide will show you how to clearly and carefully lead each child through Inductive Bible study. We offer suggestions to guide you step-by-step. *Instructional Strategies* explains why certain activities are used throughout the book. Choose the activities that best fit your situation.

Homeschooling Parents and Family Bible Study

We suggest you do one “Day” per day unless it’s too much for your child’s reading and/or writing skills. You can work with your child and discuss what you learn together or let him/her work independently, saving discussion times for later.

You may want to join or create a homeschool group that meets once a week to do these studies. The teacher will assign a week of homework in class. The following week the teacher will lead the students to discuss what they discovered, how to apply it, and to work on any creative elements included in the study or play a game to review what they have learned.

Guided Instruction

11 Read the selected cross-references on pages 16-17 and answer the questions.

Look up and read 1 Kings 17:1.

1 Kings 17:1 WHOM did Elijah tell it would not rain? King Ahab

Look up and read 1 Kings 16:30-31.

1 Kings 16:30 WHAT kind of king was Ahab? He did evil in the sight of the Lord.

1 Kings 16:31 WHOM did Ahab serve and worship? Baal

Look up and read Deuteronomy 11:13-17.

Deuteronomy 11:13-14 WHAT would God give to those who obeyed His commandments? He would give them rain for the land in its season.

Deuteronomy 11:16-17 WHAT would happen if they turned away and served other gods? WHAT would God take away? It would anger the Lord and He would stop the rain.

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WEEK ONE

Scripture by going to other passages in the Bible. This is a very important Bible study tool to help us search out the meaning of Scripture because we know that Scripture never contradicts Scripture.

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Wow! Can you believe that Elijah had the courage to tell evil King Ahab that it wouldn't rain? HOW did Elijah know?

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46 Read Daniel 4:34-35 on page 41 and answer the 5W and H questions.

WHERE does Nebuchadnezzar raise his eyes? To heaven

WHAT does he do to the Most High? He blesses, praises, and honors Him.

WHAT does the Most High do? “He does according to His will in the host of heaven.”

DID Nebuchadnezzar acknowledge God’s worth? Yes

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46 34 But at the end of that period, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever; for His dominion is an everlasting dominion, and His kingdom endures from generation to generation. 35 All the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, but He does according to His will in the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of earth; and no one can ward off His hand or say to Him, “What have You done?”

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Yes, in this passage we see Nebuchadnezzar raising his eyes to heaven while he blesses and honors God, just like Jesus taught His disciples to do. Let’s take another look at the first sentence in the Lord’s Prayer: “Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be Your name.”

This sentence not only shows us God is our Father, but it is also a reminder that God lives in heaven and controls all the affairs of the universe. It shows us HOW God’s name is to be treated. His name is to be hallowed. That means God’s name

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is to be treated as holy. It is very special. It is to be revered above all others.

WHY? Because of WHO God is. He is our Commander in Chief, the absolute Ruler, the One with all power and might. Think about how a soldier responds to his commanding officer. A soldier snaps to attention and salutes his commanding officer with his right hand whenever he comes into the officer’s presence to show his respect. Does he speak to his commanding officer any way he pleases? No way! A soldier responds to his commander by saying “Sir.”

So just as a soldier salutes his commander in chief to show

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WHAT is the Lord?

8. (Across) The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

God shows us over and over in His Word that we are like sheep. Did you know that sheep are the most helpless, timid, defenseless animals and need constant care and attention? That's why we need a shepherd. We need God's loving hand to lead and guide us, to take care of all our needs and protect us from harm, just like the shepherd takes care of his sheep.

God's name is Jehovah Tsidkenu. Look up and read Jeremiah 23:6 WHAT is God's name in this verse?

9. (Across) The Lord is our righteousness.
(Put both of these words together in your crossword puzzle.)

God's name shows that He is our righteousness. To be righteous is to be right with God, to do what God says is right, to live according to His standards. HOW does God make us righteous? WHO died on a cross to save us from sin? Because of Jesus' sacrifice of dying on the cross and paying for our sin, we can be made right with God, Jehovah Tsidkenu.

Did you know that our Commander in Chief had all these names? Isn't it awesome to see how God's name reveals WHO He is? Practice all that you have learned in the field today by learning the nine descriptions of God below. We have also given you the Hebrew names inside the parentheses, but you don't have to learn them unless you want to.

God is Creator (Elohim), God Most High (El Elyon), God Our Righteousness (Jehovah Tsidkenu), Provider (Jehovah Jireh), Shepherd (Jehovah Raah), Peace (Jehovah Shalom), Our Banner (Jehovah Nissi), Healer (Jehovah Rapha), and God Is There (Jehovah Shammah).

Keep practicing by saying these names three times every day until you have them hidden in your heart, so that you will know your God and be able to worship Him in prayer.

Great drill practice! By the way, have you practiced Jesus'

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Psalm 23:1 God's name is Jehovah Raah. WHAT is the Lord?

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51 Copy the nine descriptions of God on page 47 to an index card. Practice saying these three times, three times a day.

Get out your copy of the Lord's Prayer Code and the titles on page 26 and practice saying them with a friend.

Great job! You have persevered through a busy day. God sees and is pleased.

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WEEK TWO

code (the Lord's Prayer) and the titles that go with each subject? Don't forget to keep practicing those drills, too, as you complete your training to become a soldier for God's Special Forces. Outstanding!



deny You." All the disciples said the same thing too. (page 173)

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- 36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to His disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."
- 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and distressed.
- 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is deeply grieved, to the point of death; remain here and keep watch with Me."
- 39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will."

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- 40 And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "So, you men could not keep watch with Me for one hour?"
- 41 "Keep watching and praying that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."
- 42 He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, "My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, Your will be done."
- 43 Again He came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy.
- 44 And He left them again, and went away and prayed a third time, saying the same thing once more.
- 45 Then He came to the disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping? Behold, the hour is at hand and the Son of

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- 177 Turn to page 173 and read Matthew 26:36-44 aloud as students follow along.

D4Y “Lord, Teach Me to Pray for Kids” Quizzes

Week 1: A special Mission—Operation Prayer

1. What is our training manual?
 - a. The Bible
 - b. The dictionary
 - c. The book chart
 - d. The textbook
2. What is prayer?
 - a. A way to get what we want
 - b. Talking to God
 - c. A special privilege God gives us so we can be close to Him
 - d. both b and c
3. 1 John 5:14-15: How do we know God hears us and gives us our requests?
 - a. We ask for what we want
 - b. We ask every day
 - c. We ask according to His will
 - d. We don't have to ask
4. What kind of prayer accomplishes much?
 - a. A minister's prayer
 - b. A little child's prayer
 - c. Repetitive phrases
 - d. The effective prayer of a righteous man
5. How did Elijah pray?
 - a. He prayed for no rain
 - b. He prayed earnestly
 - c. He prayed for rain
 - d. All of the above
6. How did Elijah have the courage to tell King Ahab it wouldn't rain? How did Elijah know?
 - a. He was special, he had a special gift
 - b. He asked other people
 - c. He knew what God told Moses; He knew God's word
 - d. God told him it wouldn't rain
7. What did Jesus' disciples ask Him to do?
 - a. Heal them
 - b. Teach them to pray
 - c. Hide from the Pharisees
 - d. Stay home
8. What did Jesus teach the disciples about prayer?
 - a. To ask just once
 - b. To pray against enemies
 - c. To be persistent
 - d. To ask selfishly
9. Jesus taught them how to pray
 - a. With praise
 - b. Table blessings
 - c. The Lord's Prayer
 - d. A list of wants
10. What does the Lord's Prayer begin and end with?
 - a. Worship
 - b. Forgiveness
 - c. Petition
 - d. Allegiance

Memory Verse

Matthew 6:9-13

“Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors and do not lead us into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.”