

# SLAM

## PRAYER

**Topic:** Prayer

**Today's Objective:** Today we will start a series on prayer. The objective is to equip the children with an understanding and excitement about prayer.

### Lesson Outline:

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*Please note that this is only a guide.*

### Game:

#### Clothespeg Cross

At the beginning of your event pass around 3-5 clothes pegs for each person that arrives. During your event there is only one rule and it's called the "Cross Over Rule." This rule basically states that anyone who is caught crossing their arms, legs, feet, hands, or anything else, must give up one of their pegs to the person who caught them. At the end of your event the person with the most pegs wins. They have a lot of fun catching each other!

### Welcome & Worship:

Welcome the children and ask them to share with you about something positive that happened in their week.

The Facilitator will let you know when it is time for Kids Worship. Please come downstairs and join with the other children for Worship 😊 Please encourage the children to join in and help the younger children to engage. We would also ask that you participate as the children will watch you also. Feel free to speak to the kids worship team or the Facilitator if you have any questions.

### Wrap up:

Please have a leader or helper close in prayer. Children can be released at the conclusion of the service and return to their parents.

Please turn the lights out, close the door and return the sign in folder to the kids' church table once all the children have left.

## Discussion:

Have the kids get into pairs and ask them to complete the quiz (see page 3-4)

Once they are all finished as a group work through the questions and answers. (Print the Answer sheets out and stick them up on the wall. As you decide on an answer to each question write it up on the piece of paper)

Then discuss the following;

- What is prayer?
- Why do we pray?
- What their prayer life is currently like?
- What would they like their prayer life to be like?
- What has their experience of prayer been like?
- Are there things that they have been afraid to ask for or feel are too big for God?
- How do they pray?
- How much faith do you have to have for your prayers to be answered?
- How do you have to pray for God to listen? What methods can you use to pray?
- How does God decide which prayers to answer?
- Does God always answer prayers?
- What happens if we don't pray?
- Ask the children to share if they have other thoughts or questions about prayer.

## Activity:

Have the kids look up some verses about prayer in the bible. Ask them to read them aloud and share one thought about it.

Then spend some time praying for each other. Have the kids share something that they would like prayer for and ask the other kids to join with them in praying for the issue. Encourage them that if they have words or pictures to share them with each other. If there is nothing specific that they want prayer for just pray a blessing over them as a group.

# Team Quiz on Prayer

Who do we pray to?

How can we start praying?

Do we have to say prayers out loud for God to hear us?

Should we use special words when we pray?

Do we have to learn prayers or can we make them up?

Isn't there a magic word that has to be said?

Can we pray to Jesus?

Do we have to sit in a special way to pray?

Do we have to go to a special place to pray?

Is there a special time to pray?

If we ask God for things that we want will we get them?

If we pray for something bad, will it happen?

If God knows everything, why do we need to pray?

# Leading Prayer in SLAM

## Come Together:

Bring the children together in a circle. Ask if there is anything that they would like to pray for.

Some Questions you may ask to help them think:

- Is there something that you would like to praise God and thank him for this week?
- Are you sick or do you need healing?
- Have you hurt anyone or been hurt by something this week that you need to ask forgiveness for?

## Pray:

Pray together— there are two choices here:

They can pray for each other or they can pray for themselves (out loud).

### Praying for each other:

If they would like someone else to pray for them ask the child to sit in the middle and for another child to pray for them (ask for volunteers). If both children are comfortable they can lay hands on as they pray.

### Praying for themselves:

If they would like to pray for themselves they can either sit in the middle or where they are. Ask them to pray in a loud voice so everyone can hear. We want them to be comfortable so be flexible and sensitive to the child's needs.

Continue through the group until everyone has been prayed for.

## Listen:

Then take time to sit and listen to God and see if there is anything that he would like to say to the group. Ask each child to sit silently and listen to God. Explain that God may speak to them all in different ways, e.g. a picture, an idea a colour etc. Then after a minute ask if there is anything the children felt God was saying.

## Write:

Have each child write in their prayer journals. If they can't think of what to write encourage them to write one of the following:

- Prayer points (something they would like to ask from God)
- A praise point for a prayer they feel God has answered.
- Draw a picture or word that they get during prayer.