

LETTERS FROM A KIDS CHURCH LEADER

Hi everyone,

One of the things I miss the most from our time together in KC is our popcorn prayer. It is so special when we pray with each other. God loves us to talk to him as much as possible, to give thanks and share all our worries. Isn't it great to know that God will listen to our prayers any time of the day or night?! You can pray anywhere- in the shower, in the garden or even riding your bike (not with your eyes closed though!) Sometimes it is good to have a structure to our prayers. I like the 5 finger prayer which is easy to remember and there is a copy at the end of this booklet! Here is video that I like that you can watch about prayer:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrdlXOk_QdQ

I look forward to the day when we can be back together for popcorn prayer time. Until then enjoy your last week of home school (🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌) and stay safe!

Abigail, Judith, Mark, Ben, Katie, Nikki, Lois, Ruth and John!

Challenge:

"Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you." - Jeremiah 29:12 (NIV – we know you love to add this in!)

When you are trying to remember this verse, why don't you try repeating it over and over, challenge your parents or siblings to say it or write it out. You could even draw a picture that reminds you of this verse.

Sing-A-Long:

Here is a little song to sing and dance along to, we hope you enjoy it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ijPuAtrwHYM>

Bible Story:

"Building Your Faith" is the series that Kids Church are going to focus on for the month of June! This session will be focussed on prayer. This is an important way to build your faith and a great way to develop your relationship with God. Watch the video below and read Luke 11:1-10.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3B0d1_GRH7s

Why is prayer important? It helps us to build our relationship with God. Our prayers don't have to be big and fancy because God wants us to talk to Him from the heart. He wants to hear about our day, what we have been doing and what we need help with. If we don't talk to someone, how can we create a relationship with them? I'm very thankful for technology during lockdown that has allowed me to talk to the people in my life. If I didn't talk to them,

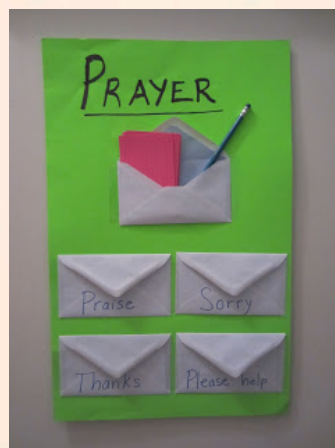
my relationship with them wouldn't be the same. This is true for us and God. If we don't talk to Him or spend time with Him, we miss out in a great relationship with God.

Throughout this booklet we have given you different ways that you can pray, but Jesus gave us the best model to follow – the Lord's prayer. When you don't know what to pray, use it. The Lord's prayer tells us to start by addressing God (Dear God, Dear Heavenly Father). This prayer also shows us the importance of asking for giving thanks, following God's will, asking for help and forgiveness. There is an image at the end of this booklet that will help you to remember the prayer. Remember, prayer is powerful and it helps us to stay connected to God.

Craft:

The craft today is to create your own prayer station to keep in your room. You can choose how you pray but hopefully this will guide you if you don't know where to start. You will have pieces of paper that you can write or draw different prayers on and insert them in the correct envelope.

What you will need: Colouring pens and pencils, glue, paper (colour of your choice), envelopes or paper cut into rectangles.



1. Write prayer in your fanciest writing at the top of the page.
2. Use the headings of: Praise, Sorry, Thanks and Please Help – write one on each envelope/rectangle.
3. Glue down four envelopes in as seen in the picture above.
4. If you don't have envelopes or they are too big, cut out for rectangles and glue down three sides (not the top).
5. You can now decorate your station whatever way you like.
6. We would love to see your creations, please take a photo and send to steven@railwaystreet.org

Worksheet:

In the boxes below, write or draw your prayers and use this as a guide to prayer.

Personal**Family****Friends****Schools**

Prayer:

Dear God,

We are so thankful for prayer. We are so happy that we can talk to you whenever we need to, whether we are excited or sad, scared or worried, we know you are there to listen to us. Our prayer today is that we remember to talk to you every day, so that we can build a relationship with you.

For your glory and our good, Amen.

The End:

We are so excited for you to work through the “Build Your Faith” series and learn more about what it means to have a relationship with God. We hope this guide points you to God and reminds you of His love. Until next week,

Abigail, Judith, Mark, Ben, Katie, Nikki, Lois, Ruth and John!

Other Resources:

The Bible Project are sending out weekly family encouragements: <https://bibleproject.com>

Illustrated Ministry have lots of Free resources that can be used as well:
<https://www.illustratedministry.com/>

Railway Street Presbyterian Church: <http://www.facebook.com/RailwayStreetPC>

Hope for Youth Ministries are doing assemblies on Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays:
<https://www.facebook.com/hopeforyouthministries/>

She Reads Truth have a Kids Read Truth section with a free digital download, ‘Kids Read Matthew.’ This is a daily scripture and activity book, follow the link below to download:
<https://shereadstruth.com/downloads/>

Made for More have an Encounters with Jesus booklet which can be requested from
steven@railwaystreet.org

The 5 Finger Prayer

Thumb: Those closest to you, your family.

Pointer: Those that point you in the right direction (teachers, doctors, priests) ask for wisdom & support.

Index: (tallest) Those that lead us, (Government) ask for guidance & wisdom.

Ring: (weakest) Those that are weak, in trouble, or in pain. We cannot pray too much for them.

Pinkie: (smallest) Our prayers for ourselves & our own needs.



The Lord's Prayer.

