

Ch 11: The Privilege of Prayer

Steps to Christ Children's Activity Sheet

Summary: God wants to have a close relationship with us, a friendship. Any friendship requires communication – talking together, sharing our joys and sorrows with each other. Prayer is the way that we communicate with God. It is a wonderful privilege to be able to tell God about our lives and ask Him for His help.

Activity 1: Think of a really good friend that you enjoy spending time with. What are some of the things you talk about with that friend? Prayer is talking to God like we talk to a close friend. List some things that you might share with a friend and could share with God in prayer:

Joys: _____

Sorrows: _____

Wants: _____

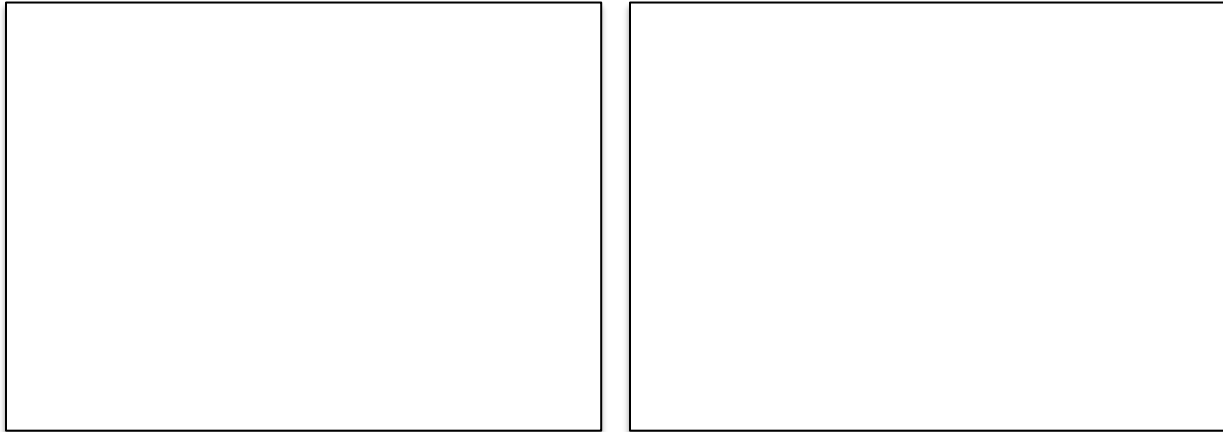
Worries/fears: _____

Wants/needs: _____

Other: _____

Have you ever talked so much your friends got tired of listening to you? Guess what? God never gets tired of listening! He loves to hear from you. God knows all about us, and knows what we need, but He still wants us to tell Him about it in prayer because He loves to spend that time communicating with us.

Activity 2: We can pray anywhere, any time – it is always a good time to talk to God. Draw some pictures of every day places that you could pray in, or activities during the day (like doing school work, driving in the car, or playing) when you could take a quick moment to talk to God.



Activity 3: Praying, talking with God, helps us to come closer to Him and it gives us strength to serve Him and to resist Satan’s temptations. Just like eating gives you physical energy for the day, praying gives you spiritual energy for the day. Write down a plan for how you can start your day with prayer time so you can have God’s strength in you for the day.

Bible Story (Matt 26:36-46): The night before Jesus was crucified, He took His disciples to a Garden called Gethsemane. Jesus knew that He was going to be crucified soon. He knew that this was God’s plan. But it was very hard for Him to face. More than the pain or humiliation, Jesus dreaded feeling separated from His heavenly Father. Because Jesus would be taking our sins on Himself and dying for our sins, He knew that this would separate Him from God – sin always does that. He knew He would be tempted to give up and not go through with the plan of dying for us. He loved us so much, He didn’t want to give up, but how could He get the strength to continue on with the plan? Through prayer. The last thing Jesus did before He was arrested was pray. He poured out His heart to God – He told God how hard this was for Him, but He always ended by submitted to God’s will and trusting in God’s promises. Because Jesus became human like us, He needed prayer to keep Him close to God and to fill Him with God’s strength. Just like Jesus, we can come to God in prayer and He will give us the strength we need. And just like Jesus, when we pray, we can victoriously accomplish whatever plan God has for us!

Song: Praise Him, Praise Him! (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RKM9tgA_Ay0)