

ELEMENTARY (K5-5TH)

MAY

FAMILY ACTIVITY GUIDE



**WEEK 2 BOTTOM LINE:
PRACTICE PRAYING TO GOD.**





TRAINING CAMP

PLAN. PRACTICE. GROW.



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MONTHLY OVERVIEW

GOD VIEW:

THE CONNECTION BETWEEN COMMITMENT AND GOD’S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD’S BIG STORY

Commitment is part of God’s nature and how God interacts with us, keeping promises and putting plans into action. God’s commitment to us is just one of the many reasons we can trust God no matter what. And because God’s promises and plans came true in Jesus, we can be with God forever. We reflect God’s character when we make a plan and stick to it. This month, we’ll help kids discover that one of the best plans they can make is to commit to an ongoing relationship with Jesus. We hope they commit to practicing their faith by reading God’s Word, praying to God honestly and consistently, talking about God with others, and living for God in how they show love throughout the everyday.

WEEK ONE

BIBLE STORY
God’s Word Is a Light
Psalm 119:105

BOTTOM LINE
Practice hearing from God.

WEEK TWO

BIBLE STORY
The Lord’s Prayer
Matthew 6:9-13

BOTTOM LINE
Practice praying to God.

WEEK THREE

BIBLE STORY
Peter Says That Jesus Is the Messiah
Matthew 16:13-20

BOTTOM LINE
Practice talking about God.

WEEK FOUR

BIBLE STORY
The Widow’s Offering
Mark 12:41-44

BOTTOM LINE
Practice living for God.

MEMORY VERSE

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1 TIMOTHY 4:8, NIRV

COMMITMENT

MAKING A PLAN AND PUTTING IT INTO PRACTICE

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Engagement Questions

- Do you find it easy or hard to talk to God when things aren't going the way you thought? When things are good?
- Who in your life do you see praying or talking to God? How do they do it?
- What is a time during the day that you can set aside and **practice praying to God**?

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Meal Time

At a meal this week, have everyone at the table answer this question: "What are some ways we can practice praying to God?"



Drive Time

While on the go, ask your kid: "What is something you have prayed about lately?" (And if there's nothing, ask if there is something you can both be praying about together.)



Bed Time

Pray for each other: "God, help us to remember to come to you about everything. You are our best friend, and want us to tell you about everything that is on our hearts and minds."

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Faith & Character Activities



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Jesus' disciples asked Him, "How do you pray?" Jesus responded with what we call "The Lord's Prayer." We can memorize these words and repeat them, and we can also use them as an example to follow as we pray in our own words.

Jesus reminds us to honor our great God when we pray. God is the Creator of the universe. God knows how many stars are in the sky and exactly how many hairs are on your head. God controls the wind and waves, and still Jesus invites us into relationship with God.

Names of God

Find the names of God below. Use one of these names for God as you pray today.

**Creator Father Almighty Maker
Friend Healer Helper Lord King**

S H E L P E R Y
L E A R G D O T
E A T L N R T H
H L O E I O A G
T E I H K L E I
A R E K A M R M
F A T H E R C L
Y T H G I M L A

DAY 2

Read Matthew 6:10

Jesus asks for God to make things right in our world, just as they are fully right in heaven. These words remind us that . . .

1. Things on earth aren't "right." We can see that's true simply by looking around and listening. We disagree and fight and say hurtful things. We lie and cheat to get what we want. This world is NOT perfect.
2. BUT, God has a plan to make things right. God sent Jesus to make a way for us to have a relationship with God. And one day, Jesus will return to bring heaven to earth.

We can ask God to help us be part of making things right. We can join in on God's mission to bring heaven to earth every time we choose to help and encourage and love the people around us. Think of ONE person in your world that needs some encouragement. Pray and ask God to help you make their world a little brighter this week.

DAY 3

Read Matthew 6:11

God is BIG enough to be in charge of all creation AND personal enough to know you inside and out. God even knows how many hairs are on your head! And God wants to hear from you. You can ask God to take care of you each day.

Whether you pray about the things you want (like a hoverboard) or what you need (like food or shelter), God hears it all!

God Is

Play some quiet music and grab a piece of paper and some colored pencils or markers. Write "God Is" in the center of the page and complete that statement any way you choose. Next, as the music plays, write or draw pictures of things you need (both things you can hold in your hand, like food and things you can't, like help with a bad attitude). Then connect each request to the "God Is" statement in the center with different colors and types of lines to create a prayer web.

DAY 4

Read Matthew 6:12-13

We all mess up. We all need grace and forgiveness. We're all in the same boat. Nobody is perfect, including you. That's why we need to seek forgiveness and ask for help to do what is right.

But why? Doesn't God promise to always love us? If so, why do we need to ask for forgiveness?

God DOES love you no matter what. But you still need to be honest with God when you mess up. Why does your mom or dad ask you to say you're sorry when you hurt your brother or sister? Because you've hurt that relationship. Sure, you'll still be siblings, but you won't be as close if you don't attempt to make things right. Admitting when we're wrong and asking God to forgive us brings us closer to God.

Saying I'm Sorry

Is there someone you need to say, "I'm sorry" to? If so, stop everything you're doing and go make it right. Then tell God you're sorry too.



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to God.