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Impact Kids Fall 2025 Older Kids Leader Guide

November 12, 2025

The Lord's Prayer- We can trust God for food, forgiveness, and help. Matthew 6:9-13

Bible- Nov 12- Matthew 6:12-13 & Psalm 51- Saying "sorry" is part of prayer.



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



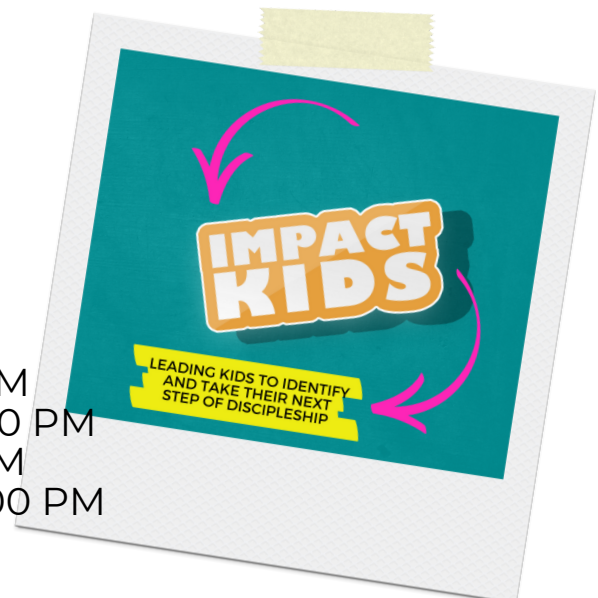
The Lord's Prayer-
Leader Devos

prayer challenge

Write The Lord's Prayer- Matt 6:9-13 in a Prayer Journal.
List 2 things you need to forgive.
List 2 things you need forgiveness for.
Ask God to help you forgive and be forgiven.

Wednesday Group Schedule

Leaders Arrive: 6:15 PM
Family Dinner: 6:30 PM – 6:50 PM
K-3rd Outside Play: 6:50 PM- 7:20 PM
4th & 5th Small Group: 6:50 PM- 7:30 PM
K-3rd Small Group: 7:25 PM- 8:00 PM
4th & 5th Outside Play: 7:30 PM- 8:00 PM
Dismiss: 8:00 PM- 8:05 PM



Low Energy Game:

Supplies:

- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

Recommended for at least 8 kids.

Untangle a Human Knot

Say: Have you ever felt stuck in a not-so-great situation? Let's play a game where you'll find freedom from being stuck.

- Form groups of about eight kids.
- Have each group stand in a circle so kids are facing each other.
- Tell kids to reach their right hands into the circle and grab a friend's hand. Then have them reach their left hands into the circle and grab a different friend's hand. Make sure kids don't grab hands with someone next to them.
- Challenge kids to work together to untangle the human knot without letting go of hands so they end up in a perfect circle again.
- If you'd like, play high-energy music as kids untangle the knot.
- Celebrate when kids are standing in a circle again, then play the game again if time allows.

Talk About It

Ask: • How is a tangled-up knot like the feeling we get when we've done something wrong?

• How was untangling the knot like or unlike experiencing God's forgiveness?

Say: One bad choice can lead to another. Before he knew it, David really found himself all tangled up in his sin. But David told God he was sorry and asked God to forgive him and give him a new heart again. Saying "sorry" is part of prayer. We can't get out of our sin on our own. We need Jesus! God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to free us from sin and give us a fresh start.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch Watch "Party Pooper"

Say: We're learning that saying "sorry" is part of prayer.

Ask: • Tell about a time you had to say you were sorry. Share your own example first.

Say: Let's watch our friends Peanut and Biscuit when Biscuit has to say "sorry."

Ask: • What do you think is the worst thing Biscuit did to Peanut?

• Rowley said, "God says we can ask for forgiveness and make things right." How does it feel to know you can always get God's forgiveness?

• If you were Peanut, would you have forgiven Biscuit? Why or why not?

Say: Biscuit ruined Peanut's birthday party. But he was sorry, and he apologized to Peanut. Peanut forgave him right away! You know, God will always forgive us, too. It doesn't matter what we've done, God is always ready to forgive us. Saying "sorry" is part of prayer so that we can make things right with God.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- black crepe paper
- fishing line

Easy Prep

Tape a string of fishing line to 2 walls in a corner, high up but where you can still reach. The triangle made by the string and the 2 walls should be large enough to fit all your kids inside.

Set It Up

Say: We're learning that saying "sorry" is part of prayer. There's no sin too big for us to ask God to forgive. He loves us so much, and he'll always forgive us! But that raises another question: If God always forgives us, why don't we just do whatever we want and say we're sorry later? Is sin even a big deal?

Let's dig in to that.

Dig Deeper

Say: We're not the first people to ask this question. In fact, Paul, a guy who wrote a lot of the New Testament part of the Bible, asked the same question in a letter he wrote to people who lived in Rome. Listen to what he wrote and how he answered it, and be ready to explain his answer in your own words.

Read Romans 6:1-4.

Ask: • Explain Paul's answer to our question in your own words.

Say: Sometimes we think of sinning as more fun than following God's way. But Paul explains that when we believe in Jesus, we're set free from sin! It's a part of our old life. And that's a good thing! Here's why.

Read Romans 6:15-18.

Ask: • Paul talks about slavery a lot here. What are some awful things about being a slave?

• What does it mean to be a slave to sin?

Say: Sinning isn't more fun than following God's way. It might seem like it at the time, but sinning leads to death and destruction. God's way leads to life and hope. So when we keep on sinning knowing God will forgive us, we're showing that those bad habits own us! But God has set us free from a life of sin.

Deeper Bible: cont

It's kind of like this.

Have kids gather in the corner of the room where you taped the fishing line.

Have kids think of consequences of sin. For example, sinning can hurt your own heart and make you feel guilty. It can hurt other people and our relationships with them. It may have an earthly punishment, like being grounded. It can create bad habits that hurt us later on in life. As kids name consequences, hang black crepe paper from the fishing line to create prison bars, trapping the kids.

Say: When we live lives of sin, we may think we're free to do what we want. But actually we're trapped by the consequences. The result of sin is always a prison of pain and sadness. But God set us free! *Tear down all the crepe paper strips.*

Say: I just set you free from this prison. Now you can choose to stay in this corner. But why? Why stay in a prison when the bars are gone and you've been set free?

When you follow Jesus, you can choose to keep doing whatever you think is fun even if it's not God's way. But that's choosing prison! God's way is what's best for us long term.

We'll still sin sometimes, and that's why saying "sorry" is part of prayer.

But we can have a general desire to follow God's way of freedom instead of our own way that holds us back from God's best.

Life Application:

Supplies:

- Bible

Read and Pray

Say: One of the prayers we looked at today was written by a man named David after he made the worst mistakes of his life. Let's use his prayer as a model as we close in prayer.

- Read Psalm 51:1. Pause for kids to silently thank God for his love and compassion.
- Read Psalm 51:3. Pause for kids to silently acknowledge what they've done wrong.
- Read Psalm 51:10. Pause for kids to silently pray for a clean heart.
- Read Psalm 51:12. Pause for kids to silently ask God for joy and obedience.

Wrap Up

Pray: God, we're glad saying "sorry" is part of prayer, because we know you'll always forgive us! Thank you! In Jesus' name, amen.

Thank kids for coming, and encourage them to come back next week.

Activity Page with a Point:

Older Kids: Color a Coloring Page

Supplies Needed: Coloring Page, pencils, crayons

Say: Jesus taught us how to pray and taught that saying "sorry" is part of prayer. David had to say sorry and asked God to clean his heart. We all do wrong things, and we need to talk with God about those. Let's look at a picture and see if you can figure out what's wrong.

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will find the mistakes in the picture.

Ask: • What did you do when you found a mistake?

• Do you think this is like or unlike what God does when he knows we've messed up? Tell me about that.

Say: Usually when we look for things in pictures like this, we circle the mistakes. We draw attention to them! But God doesn't do that. Saying "sorry" is part of prayer. And when we tell God we're sorry, he doesn't circle our mistakes—he erases them and forgives us! Let's cross out the mistakes. Allow time.

ANSWER KEY:

