



Impact Kids Fall 2025

Older Kids Leader Guide

October 22, 2025

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

Bible- Oct 22- Matthew 6:9 & Psalm 100 Praise is part of prayer.



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



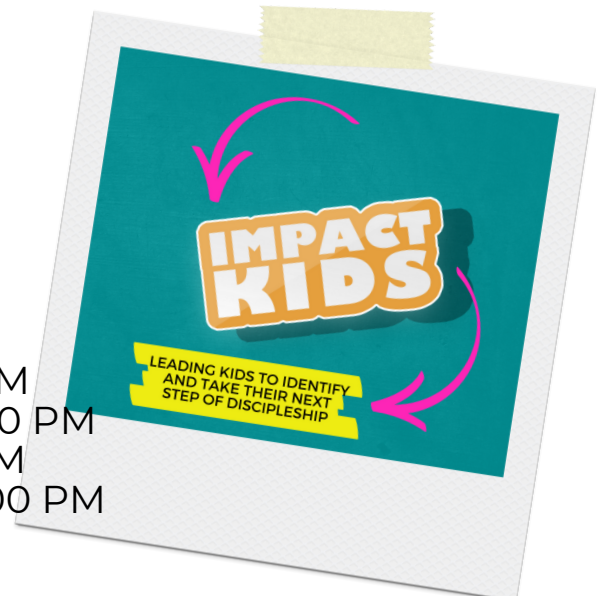
**The Lord's Prayer-
Leader Devos**

prayer challenge

Write The Lord's Prayer- Matt 6:9-13 in a Prayer Journal.
List 10 things you want to praise God for.

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:

- playground balls (1 for every 5 kids)
- empty plastic bottles (2 for every 5 kids)
- masking tape (1 roll for every 5 kids)
- permanent markers (1 for every 5 kids)
- upbeat music (optional)
- music player (optional)

Easy Prep

- Create “bowling lanes” by placing masking tape on the floor and setting up 2 bottles as “pins” about 10 feet away from the tape. You’ll need 1 lane for every 5 kids.
- Place the pins about 2 to 3 feet apart from each other so a playground ball can easily roll between.

Roll a Ball Between Pins

Say: Psalm 100:4 says, “Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name.”

Ask: • What’s something you thank God for?

Say: Let’s imagine that the two pins are gates, and instead of knocking them down, we’ll try to roll a ball between them! But first let’s write things we thank God for so each ball will enter the gates with thanksgiving!

- Form groups of four to five kids, assign each group a lane, and have group members gather by the piece of tape on the floor.
- Give each group a ball, a roll of masking tape, and a permanent marker.
- Have group members each place a piece of masking tape on the ball and then write something they’re thankful for on the tape. Be ready to assist kids as needed.
- Once the balls are covered with thanksgiving, have kids take turns rolling the ball through the pins. If a child knocks down a pin, have that child reset the pins for the next person.
- Once everyone in the group has had a turn, move the pins closer together, then play again.
- Keep moving the pins closer together until the ball barely fits through.
- Encourage kids as they roll the balls.
- If you’d like, play high-energy music while kids play.
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Talk About It

Ask: • What did you do to make sure the ball entered the gates rather than knocking them down?

• What does it really mean to enter God’s gates with thanksgiving?

Say: We entered these gates with thanksgiving and praise! Praise is part of prayer. Like the balls went through the gates, God helps us go through each day with a thankful heart.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “Pure Praise”

Say: We’re learning that praise is part of prayer. But what does that mean?

Ask: • What is praise? How would you describe it?

Say: Let’s see what praise is and what it isn’t.

Ask: • Do you think the kids in this video were truly praising God?

Explain.

• What can distract you from praising God?

• If praise is about your heart and your focus, what activities besides music could be praise?

Say: Praise is part of prayer. It’s a reminder that God is in control and a celebration of how awesome he is! So praise means we’re focused on God, not going through the motions of praise while our minds think about other things.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- paper
- pens

Write a Story

Say: I have a challenge for you: You’re going to write a story without using the words a, an, the, or is. And you have three minutes to write it. Think you can do it?

Distribute paper and pens, and give kids three minutes to write their stories.

Ask a few willing kids to read their stories aloud.

Ask: • What was it like trying to write a story without the words a, an, the, or is?

• What would it be like to talk every day without those words?

Say: It’s pretty clear that those words are really important to the English language. It’s hard to write a good story without using any of them because they’re woven throughout the language we use; they’re not just tacked on at the end.

We’ve been learning that praise is part of prayer. Praise is woven throughout our conversations with God, not just tacked on to the beginning or end. But why is praise an important part of prayer? Let’s dig in to that.

Dig Deeper

Say: To answer our question, let’s look at the Lord’s Prayer as a whole.

Have kids turn to Matthew 6:9-13 and follow along as you read it aloud.

Say: Over the next few weeks, we’re going to look at Jesus’ prayer as an example of prayer. We’re going to learn how Jesus taught us to praise God, want his will, ask for help, and say we’re sorry. But let me say this upfront: Jesus wasn’t giving us a checklist or a formula. He wasn’t saying there’s one right way to pray. He wants our prayers to come from the heart. In fact, he taught this prayer after saying this.

Deeper Bible: cont

Read Matthew 6:7.

Say: Jesus' example has a lot to teach us! And starting most of our prayers with praise puts our hearts in the right place. It reminds us of who God is.

Ask: • Think about the last thing you prayed about before church. What does that prayer show about what you believe about God?

Say: Praise reminds us what we believe about God. We ask God for help because of who he is. For example, if your house was robbed, you'd call the police for help. You wouldn't call your doctor, because your doctor can't help solve a robbery! When we pray, we need to remember who God is by praising him. In fact, you could even find praise in the whole Lord's Prayer.

Read Matthew 6:10.

Ask: • Why would you want God's will to be done?

Say: If you didn't believe God is good, loving, and all-knowing, you wouldn't want his will to be done. But because you know those things about God, you know that his way is the best way!

Read Matthew 6:11.

Ask: • Why can we ask God to provide for our needs?

Say: God is our provider. He takes care of us. Because we trust that, we ask him for what we need.

Read Matthew 6:12.

Ask: • Why would you ask God for forgiveness?

Say: We ask God for forgiveness because we know he's forgiving! He's full of grace, and he'll always love us, even though he's perfect and we're not.

Read Matthew 6:13.

Ask: • What does this part of the prayer tell you about who God is?

Say: God is our rescuer! We can turn to him when it's hard to make the right choice, because he always knows the right choice.

Repeat a Variation of the Lord's Prayer

Say: A lot of times, our prayers focus on us. What we want, how we feel. And God wants to hear that! But praise is the part of prayer that helps us refocus from talking about what we want and feel to who we're talking to. So I'm going to say the whole Lord's Prayer a little differently, in light of what we talked about. Repeat each line after me.

Read the following prayer, pausing for kids to repeat after each line.

Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.
You are good and loving, and you know everything!
So we want your will to be done.
You are our provider,
and you take such good care of us!
So we ask you for what we need.
You are perfect,
so we need your forgiveness.
We know you'll forgive us
because you are so full of grace.
You always make the right choice,
and you are our rescuer!
Rescue us from bad choices.
Amen.

Deeper Bible Cont:

Ask: • How was that different from the way you usually pray?

Say: Prayer isn't a formula. It's not a list of rules. But praise is part of prayer because God loves to hear our praise and because it puts our hearts in the right place. It reminds us that God can do whatever we ask, can forgive whatever we say sorry for, and can guide us to make good choices. Next time you pray at home, be sure to weave praise throughout your conversation, reminding you of God's greatness, love, and power.

Life Application:

Supplies:

- nametags
- pens
- poster board

Easy Prep

Hang the poster board on the wall.

Wait and Listen

Say: Jesus' prayer starts with these words: "Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy." Let's use nametags to praise God's holy name.

- Give each child a nametag and a pen.
- Have kids write a word of praise on the nametag. Explain that this should be a word that describes God, such as loving, powerful, or big.
- When kids have written their words, have them hold up their nametags and go around the circle, completing this prayer by reading their nametags: "God, you are..."
- Have kids make a praise collage by sticking their nametags to the poster board.

Wrap Up

Pray: God, we praise you! Thank you that praise is part of prayer, so we get to celebrate 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

Jesus taught us how to pray and taught that praise is part of prayer. A lot of times when we pray, we just ask for stuff we want. So let's take a puzzle prayer that already has those kinds of words filled in and find spaces for praise.

Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will fill the praise words into the right place.

Ask: • What made it hard to find room for praise in the puzzle?

- How can you make more space for praise when you pray?
- How can you fill more praise into your everyday life?

Say: Praise is part of prayer. Praise helps us focus on what really matters: who God is! We can make space for praise when we pray, and throughout the day when we see things that make us think of God!

ANSWER KEY:

