



Impact Kids Fall 2025

Older Kids Leader Guide

October 29, 2025

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

Bible- Oct 29- Matthew 6:10 & 26:36-46- Wanting God's will is part of prayer.



At a Glance



The Code



Gospel Page



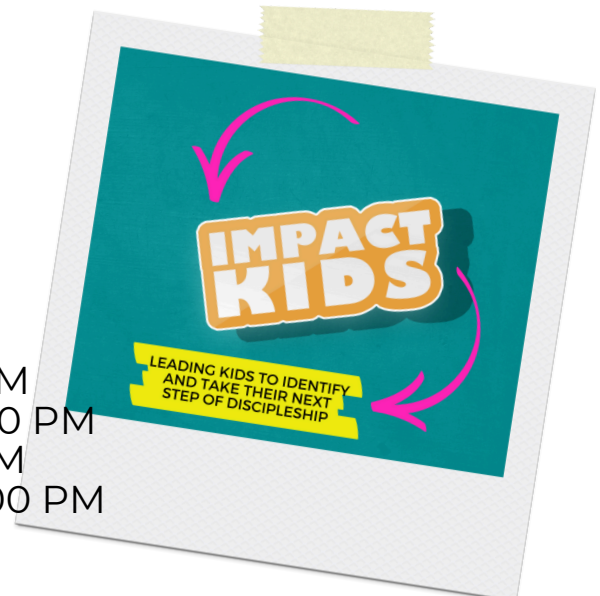
**The Lord's Prayer-
Leader Devos**

prayer challenge

Write The Lord's Prayer- Matt 6:9-13 in a Prayer Journal.
Write 3 desires of your heart.
Ask God to show you where His desires meet yours.

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:

- simple card games like Uno or Crazy Eights (1 set for every 4-6 kids)

Play a Card Game in a Group

Say: Things don't always go the way we think they should—especially when we're playing card games with friends. Let's play right now!

- Form groups of four to six kids, and give each group a set of cards.
- Have kids play the game in their groups.
- Give a one-minute warning before it's time to finish up their games, then gather groups together to talk about their games.

Talk About It

Ask: • Did your games always go as you planned? Why or why not?

• What do you do when other people want something that's the opposite of what you want?

• Does it ever feel like God is competing with you or trying to win?

Say: In the game, things didn't always go the way we wanted because friends were competing against us. Sometimes it feels like God is trying to compete with us, making us do things we don't want to do. But God just wants what's best for us, and God's plan is better for us than our own plans. That's why wanting God's will is part of prayer. Even when things don't go as we plan, when we want God's will, we trust that God loves us and that he has good plans for us.

Talk About Video:

Discuss and Watch “God’s Will”

Say: We’re learning that wanting God’s will is part of prayer. Sometimes it’s easier to think about what we want than what God wants.

Ask: • What would you ask for if your birthday was coming up?

Say: Those are fun birthday gift ideas! Let’s see what happened when a boy asked God for his birthday wish.

Ask: • Tell about a time you got a present you didn’t really like. Share your own story first.

• How could not getting what we want be a good thing?

• What good came out of the boy in the video getting the wrong gifts?

Say: The boy in our video wanted a video game system, not a baseball bat. But what he didn’t realize is that he could make a new friend with his baseball stuff! What he got was more amazing than what he wanted because God’s will is better than what we want. That’s why wanting God’s will is part of prayer.

Deeper Bible:

Supplies

- Bibles
- “Choices Cards” handout (at least 1 copy)
- lumps of modeling clay, refrigerated (1 per child)
- paper
- pens
- flashlight

Easy Prep

Cut apart the “Choices Cards” on the handout. Write the number on the back of each card. Spread them out in order around the edge of the room, facedown.

Tip

If you have more than 15 kids, consider setting up multiple stations, each with a set of Choices Cards.

Make Choices

Say: There are some choices where it’s easy to know what’s right and what’s wrong. It might not be easy to do the right thing, but it’s easy to know what the right choice is.

Ask: • For example, what if your friend asked you to cheat on a test and give him the answers? Is the right choice cheating or not cheating?

Say: There are other choices, though, where right or wrong aren’t so clear-cut. Maybe there’s not one that’s against God’s rules, but it’s hard to know what to choose. Let’s make some of those kinds of choices. It starts with this one: Your birthday is coming up, and your parents say you can have a party! So who do you invite?

Show kids where the cards are, and **say:** If you choose to invite the whole group, read Card 1. Then keep making choices and following the directions.

If you choose to invite just your five closest friends, read Card 2. Then keep making choices and following the directions.

Have kids make their choices and read the corresponding cards, then put them facedown again.

Have kids continue to make choices until they get to a final card, which won’t have any more choices.

Deeper Bible: cont

Ask: • Which choices were the hardest for you to make? Why?

• Were there any choices you regretted making? Why?

Say: Some of the choices had really great results in the end, while others didn't. But it was hard to know which ones would turn out great and which wouldn't!

So what happens when we face tough real-life choices? How do we know what God's will is—what God wants us to do? Let's dig in to that.

Say: We're going to explore four ways we can seek God's will. Here's the first one. This verse promises we will know God's will for us if we do something first. Listen for what that is.

Read Romans 12:2.

Ask: • According to this verse, what do you need to do in order to know God's will? How can you do that?

Say: Our first tip is this: Get into a pattern of following God. If you generally are following God instead of following other people, he'll transform—or totally change—the way you think. And then, when you face a tough choice, you'll be used to finding God's will! It's kind of like playing with modeling clay.

Give each child a lump of cold clay to sculpt.

Ask: • What did you need to do to get the clay ready to sculpt?

• How is that like what God needs to do with our hearts?

Say: The clay was too cold to sculpt with at first. But as you held it in your hands, it became more and more workable. The more we're in God's hands, the more he can work with us to show us his will.

Tip #2 is to ask God for wisdom. Listen to this promise!

Read James 1:5.

Say: Let's try that now. Ask God for wisdom with a tough choice you're facing. Allow a minute for silent prayer.

Say: God doesn't want to hide his will from us. If we're following him and seeking his wisdom, he'll show us what to do.

Tip #3 is this.

Read Proverbs 19:20.

Give each child a piece of paper and a pen.

Say: Write down one thing you want to ask a wise person for advice about. Maybe it'll even be something you ask your parents about on the way home.

Allow a minute for writing. Encourage kids to take their papers home as a reminder to ask for advice.

Say: Here's our last tip for finding God's will: See what the Bible says!

Read Psalm 119:105.

Say: Let's see how the Bible is like a lamp to our feet.

Hold a flashlight so it shines on the floor. Move it in a path for kids to follow.

Ask: • How could the Bible help with an everyday choice like this light helped us know where to go?

Say: Sometimes it's dark all around us. But if we just focus on the light of God's Word, he can show us the next step to take. In fact, he promises to do that if we're seeking his will.

Read Proverbs 3:6.

Say: Remember, wanting God's will is part of prayer. So pray about your tough choices, make a pattern of following God, and seek advice from wise people and from the Bible. If it's still not clear, remember that sometimes God gives you two really great choices! Just pick one, and honor him as you do it.

Life Application:

Pray With Closed Fists

Say: Sometimes when we pray, we're focused on holding on to our way.

- Have kids make fists as if they are holding on to something tightly.
- Have kids talk to God about what they want.

Pray With Open Hands

Say: Wanting God's will is part of prayer. Let's pray with open hands, ready to accept his way.

- Have kids hold their hands open, palms up, as if they are about to receive a gift.
- Have kids ask God for his will to be done.

Wrap Up

Pray: God, thank you that your ways are so much better than ours. We pray for your will to be done.

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 wanting God's will is part of prayer. Jesus didn't want to suffer and die, but he chose God's will over his own. Let me show you what that's like with a challenge. Distribute the activity pages and pencils. Kids will fold the page and trace the picture.

Ask: • If I hadn't given you a picture and had asked you to draw Jesus praying in the garden, what might you have done differently?

• Let's compare what we just did to doing things God's way. How is tracing a picture like following God's will?

Say: Wanting God's will is part of prayer. Instead of doing things our own way, like drawing our own picture, we follow the guidance God has given us and do things his way.