

## BIG IDEA

We can pray every day.

## GOD STORY

Jesus Teaches How to Pray (Matthew 6:5–13)

## KEY VERSE

Never stop praying. (1 Thessalonians 5:17, NLT)

## MUSIC

“Pray Every Day” (*The Meeting House Kids*)

## 1 | Start

### PRAYING HANDS MATCH SUPPLIES

- Hand cutouts

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Mix up the hand cutouts and place them on a table or the floor.

### PRAYING HANDS MATCH INSTRUCTIONS

- Work together to find matching pairs of hands.
- When the children find the pair with the Big Idea printed on them, read it aloud.

### HAND TRACING SUPPLIES

- Craft paper
- Writing/tracing supplies (e.g., marker, crayons)
- Hand cutouts

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Write the Big Idea (**We can pray every day**) in the middle of the paper.

### HAND TRACING INSTRUCTIONS

- Read aloud the Big Idea.
- Demonstrate how to trace around a hand cutout.
- Give the children crayons and guide them to trace around the cutouts or use their own hands.
- Cover the paper with praying hands!

## 2 | Watch

### SUPPLIES

- Media player

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Watch this week’s video from the Now Playing Early Years playlist on the One Story YouTube channel.

## 3 | Pray

### SUPPLIES

- Paper strips with prayers on them
- Lord’s Prayer circle
- Glue or tape

### BEFORE THE ACTIVITY

- Hide the strips of paper around your space.

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Encourage the children to find all the papers.
- Read aloud the text printed on each one.
- Place the strips around the circle to make a sun shape (see sample below).
- Repeat hiding and finding the paper strips if the children are interested.
- Affix the strips to display the prayer.





## 4 | Craft

### SUPPLIES

- Paper bags with handles pre-attached
- Big Idea labels
- Colouring supplies
- Paper streamers
- Tape

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Show the children the kite picture (see below), so they know what they're going to make.
- Give each child a paper bag and a Big Idea label.
- Help them stick their labels onto their kites (bags).
- Direct the children to colour on their kites.
- Help each of them tape three streamers inside the opening of their bag.
- As they work on their crafts, review today's story. Emphasize that **we can pray every day!**



## 5 | Key Verse

### SUPPLIES

- Key Verse puzzle

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Work together to join the puzzle pieces.
- When the puzzle is complete, read aloud the Key Verse printed on it (1 Thessalonians 5:17).
- Say the verse together.