



BIG IDEA

We can pray every day.

GOD STORY

Jesus' Prayer of Thanks! (Matthew 11:25–30)

KEY VERSE

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

MUSIC

"Pray Every Day" (*The Meeting House Kids*)

1 | Start

SUPPLIES

- Large ball

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Sit together on the floor.
- b. Roll the ball to one another.
- c. When someone receives the ball, prompt them to say something they're thankful to God for (e.g., family members, a favourite food, a pet).
- d. Continue rolling the ball until everyone who wants a turn gets an opportunity to share.
- e. Wrap up by praying and thanking God for all these things.

2 | Watch

SUPPLIES

- Media player

INSTRUCTIONS

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

3 | Pray

SUPPLIES

- Craft paper with a picture of Jesus and the Big Idea (**We can pray every day**) on it
- Colouring supplies

TIP

- Remind the children that prayer means more than talking to God. It includes speaking AND listening to him!

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Guide the children to colour and draw around the picture of Jesus.
- b. Tell them that Jesus prays in today's Bible story.
- c. Highlight that **we can pray every day**, just as Jesus did!
- d. Invite everyone to share any prayers they have (e.g., thanksgiving, praise, things they need, etc.). Write the prayers on the paper.

4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Flower activity pages
- Stickers
- Colouring supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Give each child an activity page.
- b. Place the stickers and colouring supplies where they can be shared.
- c. Direct the children to decorate their pages.
- d. Read the things we can be thankful for that are printed on the petals of the flower.
- e. Write other things the children are thankful for on the blank petals.
- f. Read aloud the Big Idea printed on the page and talk about how Jesus prayed in today's Bible story.



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.