



CAMPFIRE | WEEK 1 OF 5

# Prayer

This series encourages the students to walk with Jesus while asking some of life's big questions. This week they'll learn that asking questions is not only a very good thing but also a great trait of being a disciple. Questions allow us to learn and acquire wisdom. Questions lead to answers!

## BIG QUESTION

How do we pray?

## KEY VERSES

"When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!"  
*Matthew 6:5-8 (NLT)*

## 1 | Hangout

### SUPPLIES

- None

### INSTRUCTIONS

- a. Discuss:
  - If you could ask Jesus to answer any question, what would it be? Why?
  - Why do you think the disciples asked Jesus how to pray? Can you think of any other questions the disciples asked Jesus?
  - One way the disciples learned was by asking questions. Are you naturally curious? What was the last question you asked?



CAMPFIRE | WEEK 1 OF 5

## 2 | Hear

### SUPPLIES

- Bibles

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Make sure everyone has a Bible. Share them if needed.
- Look up and read Matthew 6:5–8.
- Discuss:
  - What stood out to you in this passage? Is there anything you didn't understand?
  - What do you think Jesus was saying to his disciples? Why?
- Read Matthew 6:9–13.
- Point out that this passage is called the Lord's Prayer. Since the time of Jesus, the Church has prayed it together.
- Discuss:
  - Does anyone know the Lord's Prayer by memory?
  - Why do you think Jesus included each of these points?
  - Is there anything in this prayer that you've never prayed about before (e.g., help me avoid temptation)?
- Read Matthew 6:14–15.
- Discuss:
  - Why do you think Jesus said this?
  - Why do you think forgiveness is so important?
  - How easy or difficult is it for you to forgive?
  - Is there anyone you need to forgive right now?

## 3 | Huddle

### SUPPLIES

- None

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Encourage the students to think back to the group prayer in the Intro activity and consider everything they've heard and talked about today.
- Ask: What could you include in your regular prayers?
- Invite everyone to use the structure of the Lord's Prayer to pray together. Say the New King James Version then repeat it using your own wording:

Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
[Praise God!]

Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
[Pray about how the students, your community,  
and the world need God's way on earth.]

Give us this day our daily bread.  
[Pray for today's needs.]

And forgive us our debts,  
[Pray for forgiveness from sins.]

As we forgive our debtors.  
[Pray for God's help to forgive other people.]

And do not lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.  
[Pray about things that tempt the students.]

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the  
glory forever. Amen.