

BIG IDEA

We can pray every day.

GOD STORY

Jesus Prays in the Garden (Matthew 26:36–46)

KEY VERSE

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

MUSIC

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

1 | Start

SUPPLIES

- Puzzle

INSTRUCTIONS

- Work together to join the puzzle pieces.
- When the puzzle is complete, read aloud the text printed on it.
- Tell the children that Jesus prays in a garden in today’s Bible story. Remind them that **we can pray every day**, too!

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

- Lacing card with yarn attached

INSTRUCTIONS

- Demonstrate how to thread the yarn in and out of the holes around the edge of the card.
- Encourage the children to lace on their own.
- As they lace, encourage them to talk to God like they’d talk with a friend. Emphasize that they can tell God anything and everything!

4 | Craft

SUPPLIES

- Praying in the Garden activity pages
- Stickers
- Colouring supplies

INSTRUCTIONS

- Give each child an activity page.
- Place the stickers and colouring supplies where they can be shared.
- Direct the children to decorate their pages.
- Chat about what’s happening in the picture and review today’s Bible story.

5 | Key Verse

SUPPLIES

- Key Verse words attached to craft sticks

INSTRUCTIONS

- Hold up the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:17 one at a time and read them aloud for the children.
- When everyone is familiar with the Key Verse, encourage the children to take turns holding up and saying the words in order.