



Questions to aid discussion of the key concepts and for use in games

Be familiar with these questions and answers. Look for opportunities to ask questions and talk about their answers, such as while the children work on their coloring pages, as part of their games, or during play time. Remember: your goal isn't to ask all these questions or to only talk to the children about these things. It is to be deliberate in having good conversations with them, as natural opportunities arise.

<p>BIG QUESTION</p> <p>Meaning</p> <p>Discussion Questions</p>	<p>How Does God Want Us to Pray? Every Night and Day!</p> <p>Prayer is talking and listening to God. It's how God's people enjoy more of the special closeness they have with Him. It is a little bit like the forever happiness they will have with God when they live with Him in heaven.</p> <p>God's people pray to God every night and day...and many times in between. There is so much to talk to Him about and God always wants to listen!</p> <p>God's people tell God how wonderful He is. They say sorry for how they have disobeyed Him. They thank Him for all He's done for them and others. They ask Him to do great things. God's people want to stay close to God because He is the most wonderful person anyone can ever know. How happy they are that He is always there to listen and to help them! We can be God's people, too, when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p> <p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prayer is talking and listening to whom? <i>God.</i> 2. How do God's people enjoy more of the special closeness they have with God? <i>By praying.</i> 3. What is a little bit like the forever happiness God's people will have with God when they live with Him in heaven? <i>Prayer.</i> 4. What kinds of things do God's people pray about? <i>They tell God how wonderful He is. They say sorry for how they've disobeyed Him; They thank Him for all He's done for them. They ask Him to do great things.</i> 5. Why do God's people want to stay close to Him? <i>Because He is the most wonderful person anyone can ever know. And, because they need His help to live for Him each day.</i> 6. Does God want to hear us pray? About what? <i>God delights to hear us pray to Him! He wants us to talk to Him about everything. He cares about everything in our life!</i> 7. What is the best first prayer we can pray to God? <i>The best first prayer is to ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He wants to forgive us our sins and make us His people!</i>
<p>THE GOSPEL</p>	<p>How can we have special closeness to God and be God's people forever? What is the gospel, the good news of Jesus?</p> <p><i>The LORD is the one, true God. We should all obey Him. But, we all say "no" to God and we deserve God's punishment! How sad! But, oh, how kind is the LORD! He sent His Son, Jesus, to save us! Jesus lived a perfect life. Then, He offered it up as the full payment for our sins when He suffered and died on the cross. Jesus didn't stay dead. On Day Three, Jesus rose from the dead, proving He had beaten sin and death for God's people. We can become God's people, too, if we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. If we do, we will get to know God in our hearts, now. And one day, we will go to live with God forever. Ask God to help you trust in Jesus. He loves to answer this prayer.</i></p>

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BIBLE VERSE	<p>“The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:5,6, ESV</p>
Meaning	<p>God delights to hear our prayers! He loves to answer those who turn to Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior! He tells them that they never need to be anxious about anything. They can come to Him with all their needs and requests. He promises to answer their prayers with what is best, in the best way, and at the best time. Many times, God’s people have to wait for God’s answer to their prayers. Even then, God promises to give them peace in their hearts and minds, as they wait. He loves them and will take care of everything! We can become God’s people when we turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior.</p>
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Who is always at hand, that is, who is always right here with us? <i>The Lord is!</i> 2. What does He love to do for His people--those who turn to Him and trust in Jesus as their Savior? <i>He loves to answer their prayers.</i> 3. What kinds of things do God’s people talk to God about? <i>Everything! All their needs and cares.</i> 4. When does God tell us to give up praying about something? <i>Never! He tells us to never give up, but to keep asking.</i> 5. How does God promise to answer His people’s prayers? <i>With what is best for them.</i> 6. Do God’s people always get what they want, when they want it? <i>No. Many times they have to wait. And sometimes, God gives them something different from what they ask for, because He knows what is even better for them.</i> 7. What is the best first prayer we can pray to God? <i>The best first prayer is to ask God to help us to turn away from our sins and trust in Jesus as our Savior. He wants to forgive our sins and make us His people!</i>
BIBLE STORY	<p>The Case of the Man with the Big Teeth</p>
Discussion Questions	<p><i>choose a few</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What happened when enemies came to Jerusalem, Daniel’s home? <i>They broke down the city and took away many people to be workers in Babylon. Daniel was one who was taken away.</i> 2. Who did the people in Babylon worship? <i>They worshipped other gods, and even their king! They didn’t worship the LORD.</i> 3. Did Daniel stop praying to the LORD when he went to Babylon? <i>No, he kept praying to Him every night and day.</i> 4. Who did Daniel work for in Babylon? <i>The king.</i> 5. What kind of worker was Daniel? <i>He was the king’s best worker.</i> 6. Why did the other workers want to hurt Daniel? <i>They were jealous that the king liked him best.</i> 7. What did the workers do to get rid of Daniel? <i>They talked the king into making a law saying that people could only worship him. Anyone who disobeyed would be thrown to the lions and eaten up.</i> 8. What did Daniel do when he heard about the bad, new law? <i>He kept praying to the LORD.</i> 9. What did Daniel do when the workers threw him in with the lions? <i>He prayed to the LORD to rescue him.</i> 10. How did the LORD rescue Daniel? <i>He sent an angel to shut the lions’ mouths.</i> 11. What did the king do when he saw that the LORD rescued Daniel? <i>He got rid of the bad workers and the bad law. He praised the LORD and told everyone else, too, also.</i> 12. What do we need God to rescue us from? How can He do that? <i>We need to be rescued from sin and death. He will forgive our sins and make us His people when we turn from our sins and ask Jesus to be our Savior.</i>