

6 YO/1ST GRADE



Memory Verse for the 6yo/1st Grade: Matthew 6:9-13

"Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Week 1: What is I AM 3RD?

I AM 3RD is based on a simple belief that Jesus Christ is first, others are second, and I am third.

We strongly believe that Jesus Christ is the most important person in our lives. (Matthew 25:40)

Doing our best in everything: We want to work at everything with all our hearts, as if we are working for the Lord. (Colossians 3:23-24) Studying Scripture: We believe all Scripture is God-breathed (from God) and is useful for teaching, correcting, and training in goodness, so that through studying Scripture we may be equipped (ready) for every good work.

It is our prayer that we would gain a deeper understanding of what it means to follow Christ through our weekly devotions and times of prayer, in order to help us learn more about Jesus Christ and His importance in our lives. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)



Week 2: "Pray then in this way..."

Have you ever wondered how to pray? Many of us know we should pray, but it can be intimidating to learn how. This soccer season, we are going to be spending our devotional time talking about prayer. We will memorize the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. The Lord's Prayer is the example Jesus gives to his disciples when they wanted to learn how to pray. Instead of telling them how, he showed them. Thankfully, the disciples wrote it down to show us too!

Questions:

Do you ever pray? When, and how do you pray?

Memory Verse:





Week 3: "Our Father in heaven hallowed be your name."

The first part of Jesus's prayer focuses on who God is. Jesus calls God "our Father." When we pray, it is as if we are a child speaking to our loving father. He wants to hear from us and meet our needs! Jesus also uses a big word, "hallowed," which means holy. Holiness is a word that describes what God is like. He is separate and different from us, but He wants to be close with us. That is why God gave us the opportunity to be holy, just like Him! When you accept Jesus, the Holy Spirit dwells in your heart and begins to make you holy.

Questions:

What does God being viewed as a father mean to you?

Memory Verse:

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Week 4: "Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

In this section of Jesus's prayer, He teaches us to think about what God wants before we tell Him what we want. Sometimes when we pray, we forget to think about what God has taught us. We instead jump straight to asking for what we want. Throughout the whole Bible, God reminds us that He wants a relationship with us. When the world around us doesn't feel very good, we need to remember that God has a plan to save the world and establish His kingdom on earth. This gives us hope even when we go through hard things. When we want God to act faster, or to change our circumstances, we can remember that God will always make things right and restore our relationship with Him.

Questions:

What do you think God wants when we pray? Does it give you peace to know God will make all things right?

Memory Verse:

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Week 5: "Give us this day our daily bread."

Last week we talked about how Jesus taught us to pray about God's mission before we pray for our own needs. In the next part of the prayer, Jesus shows us how to ask God for what we need. He uses the example of food, a prayer that God would meet this most basic need for people. There is a difference between what we want and what we need. We need food to survive and a roof over our heads to keep us warm in the winter and cool in the summer. We may want a new toy or video game because it would be more fun if we had them.

Sometimes it's easier for us to pray about our wants rather than our needs. When we need something, we go to our parents or teachers to get it, which is great! But don't forget that God wants to hear from us about both our wants and our needs.

Questions:

What is an example of something you want compared to something you need?

Memory Verse:

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Week 6: "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors."

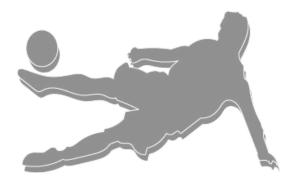
In this part of the prayer, Jesus turns to showing us how to ask for forgiveness. He uses the word "debts" to help us better understand what sin is like. Sin is something that is against what God is like and what He wants for the world. Sin is what God wants to save the world from, and yet sometimes we sin. When we are selfish or hurt someone's feelings, we put more sin into the world instead of putting more goodness and love into the world. That's why Jesus uses the word "debt." A debt is something that you owe someone. Usually, it's an amount of money that people borrow but have to pay back later. Sin creates a debt that we owe to God and to others, and it is paid back when we forgive others and are forgiven by God. God understands that we make mistakes, and He is always willing and able to forgive us.

Questions:

How can you start praying for forgiveness? Can you think of an example of when you have forgiven someone?

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Week 7: And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

In this verse Jesus shows us how to pray when our situation in life may be difficult or feel unfair. God wants to hear our prayers when we are sad, angry, and things are not going well just as much as when life is awesome and we see His blessings easily. God might not always respond when or how we want Him too, but He always hears and answers our prayers. Sometimes when we are going through something difficult, we can't see or understand what God is doing, but when we look back later, we can see that God was answering our prayers and making things right.

Questions:

Do you remember a time when God answered one of your prayers? What was that like?

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Week 8: "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Sometimes Jesus says things in the Bible that are hard to hear. It can be really hard to forgive someone when they hurt you. Jesus teaches us that it is so important to share the forgiveness we have been given. When we accept Jesus and decide to walk with Him, He changes our hearts and forgives our sins. It can be really easy to forget about how much we have been forgiven when we are hurt by someone else. Jesus never says forgiveness will be easy. He knows it will be hard, but it is what we are called to do. Christians are people who have been forgiven and are ready to extend forgiveness to others even when it's hard.

Questions:

What would it look like for you to forgive someone? Is there anyone you need to ask God to help you forgive?

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Congratulations! You have memorized the whole passage for the season. That is hard work and we are really proud of you.

Week 9: Summary

This soccer season we have spent our devotional time walking though the part of the Bible where Jesus teaches us how to pray. Jesus says a lot of things when he teaches us how to pray, but it all comes down to a pretty simple idea. God wants to hear from you and help you no matter what is happening. If you have had a really awesome day, God wants to hear about it! If you have had a really bad day, God wants to be there for you. Of course, God already knows how your day was, but talking with Him is important to building our relationship with Him. Praying helps us to know He is there to listen to us. The other part of this lesson that Jesus teaches is that it is very important that we forgive others just like God forgives us. Even when it is really hard, we can ask God for the strength to forgive others.

Questions:

Has this devotional time changed the way you pray? How could you help someone else learn to pray?

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Week 10: Season Reflection and Review

What will you take away from the devotional time this season? What are some memories you made?





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