

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Modeling Your Prayer Life
After The Prayer Life of Jesus

Lord's Prayer Curriculum
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Obeying God

Memory Verse:

Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.
Revelation 22:12

Lesson Goals:

- #1 - Memorize the Lord's Prayer.
- #2 - Teach the meaning of the Lord's Prayer.
- #3 - Encourage students to put into practice what they have learned from the Lord's Prayer.

Audience:

Young, un-churched learners
Adaptable for all ages, including adults (See **For more training** on Activities page)

Scripture to Study:

Matthew 6:10
Luke 11:2

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Matthew 6:10

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:9-10) As we keep learning the Lord’s Prayer, we hear something about God’s kingdom and His will. It sounds nice, but what does it all really mean? Well, let’s think about a kingdom, first. Most of you have probably seen movies or read books about kings and their prince or princess. A kingdom is the land or country of a king or it is his reign, his control and authority over that land. Did you know that there is a spiritual kingdom that God reigns over? If God reigns over this spiritual kingdom, who lives in the kingdom? Why, you and I are a part of this kingdom, if we have decided to have God as our Father, to put ourselves under His authority as King.

If a kingdom is full of people under the king’s authority, what should those people be doing? Well, they should be busy doing whatever the king wants them to do! That is what the next part of the verse means, “Your will be done.” Jesus once said, “Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.” (Mark 3:35) Our obedience to God comes from the love we have for Him; it is the evidence of that relationship, of this kingdom we are a part of.

How can we know what God wants us to do? We can start by reading and studying and putting into practice the book that He has given us, the Bible. There are places in the Bible where it tells us clearly, “This is God’s will.” When it does, it says we are to be different from the world around us (1 Thessalonians 4:3) and to be thankful no matter what (1 Thessalonians 5:18). The thing is, even if the actual passage in the Bible doesn’t say, “This is God’s will,” it is still God’s word to us and it is very important. We can know God’s will by following the good examples of the men and women who have walked with God before us and learn to run from their bad choices. Our ultimate example is Jesus Christ. He stepped out of heaven into a human body, not because He thought it would be a fun trip or because He was bored in Heaven and had nothing else to do. He did it in obedience to the Father. He did it knowing that it would lead to His death on the cross. Did you know that the night before He was crucified, Jesus prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. He knew He would be crucified the next day and prayed, not wanting to do it. Ultimately, though, Jesus prayed for God’s will, not His own, to be done. That is what has given us the opportunity to be a part of this amazing kingdom and family!

Like Jesus facing the cross, we are not always going to want to be obedient, to do God’s will. No one will force us to; it should be done from the heart. (Ephesians 6:6) The Bible says that God’s will is “good, pleasing, and perfect” (Romans 12:2) and that by doing His will we will receive the things He has promised. (Hebrews 10:36) The Lord’s prayer tells us a little bit more about our

obedience. “Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” God is obeyed in heaven. When He sends an angel messenger His order is obeyed. You and I should do the same without grumbling or complaining. Did you know that on earth even the plants and animals obey God? (See activities page for references.) How much more should you and I?

This kingdom and the obedience of its subjects, those who make God their Father, has existed ever since men like Enoch, Jacob and David “walked with God” (Genesis 5:24) and “waited for God’s salvation” (Genesis 49:18) and even though they walked through the valley of the shadow of death, didn’t fear evil when He was with them (Psalm 23:4).* God’s kingdom was here with us when God Himself took on a human body, Jesus, and walked among us. (John 1:14) God’s kingdom comes to each one of us when we submit to His authority, His rule and reign over our lives, when He gives us the Holy Spirit as proof of this relationship. We should keep praying for God’s kingdom to come as long as there are people who still don’t believe.* This isn’t all there is to God’s kingdom, though! God’s kingdom points to an eternal, heavenly kingdom we can share with Him one day! Our memory verse echoes that, “Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.” (Revelation 22:12)

Last week we talked about whether or not God is your Father, this week about surrendering to His authority. All of the Lord’s Prayer hinges on that relationship. If you have not surrendered yourself to God’s control in and authority over your life your prayer won’t even be heard. If you are still not sure that you are a child of God, let’s talk.

*Jamieson, Fausset and Brown: Matthew 6, www.blueletterbible.org

YOU can PRAY like Jesus, too!

That was a lot of information in our lesson this week! What did you learn? (That God has a kingdom. When we submit to His authority we become a part of that kingdom and should be obedient, doing God’s will, because we love Him.) So when we pray, “Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven,” it should never be just to repeat the words. When we pray, we focus on God, who loved us and gave Himself for us. We pray, wanting more than anything, for others to be added to that kingdom. We also pray for us to be obedient to God, surrendered to His authority from the moment we wake up in the morning until we close our eyes in sleep at night.

This part of the Lord’s Prayer also means we can look forward to an eternal, heavenly kingdom of God one day! “Look,” he says. “I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done.” (Revelation 22:12) Let’s be found busy, being obedient to God!

Next Week: Our Basic Needs

ACTIVITIES

- Memory Verse Activity - Make paper tickets, like old theater tickets. Print the memory verse on one side. On the other print, “1 Ticket to Heaven; ‘If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.’ Romans 10:9; Make your reservation NOW!”
- Make cloud snacks with graham crackers, peanut butter or frosting and marshmallow. Practice the memory verse.
- Learn the Lord’s Prayer in sign language.
- Make crowns and review the lesson. Talk about reigning with God one day! You might even want to read Revelation 21-22.
- Sing songs about the kingdom of God and doing His Will. Options include “The B-I-B-L-E,” “The Lord Has A Will,” “Every Move I Make,” “Even So Come” by Passion, “Revelation Song” by Kari Jobe and “Thy Will Be Done” by Hillary Scott.
- **For more training:** Talk about Enoch, Jacob and David and how they “walked with God” (Genesis 5:24) and “waited for God’s salvation” (Genesis 49:18) and even though they walked through the valley of the shadow of death, didn’t fear evil when He was with them (Psalm 23:4).
- **For more training:** Read 2 Peter 3:1-15. Compare these verses to the lesson.
- **For more training:** Did you know that on earth even the plants and animals obey God? Read Jonah 1:17, 2:10, 4:6-8. Talk about the life of Jonah and your own. Discuss how God’s will being done on earth requires our obedience.

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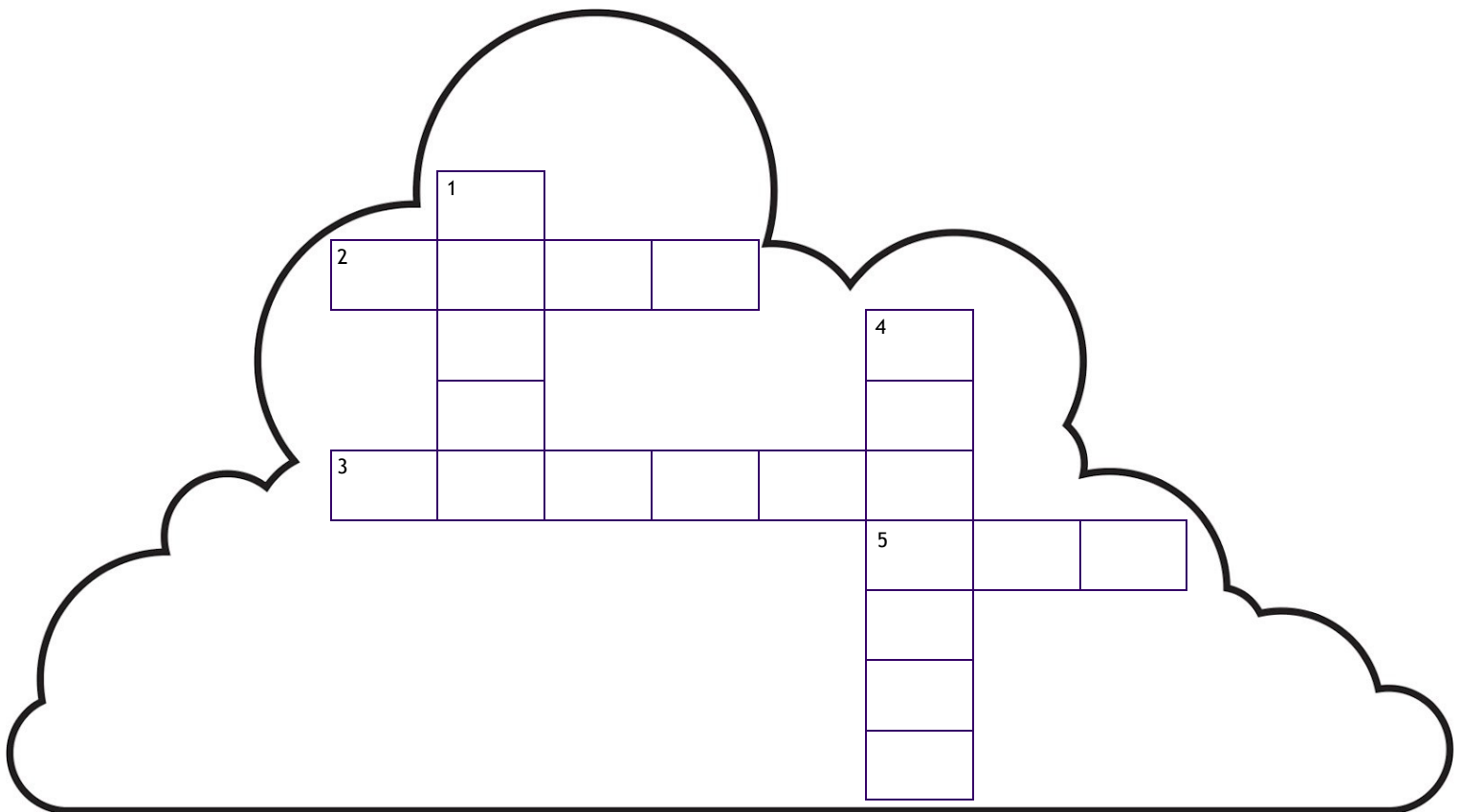
Lesson 4: Obeying God

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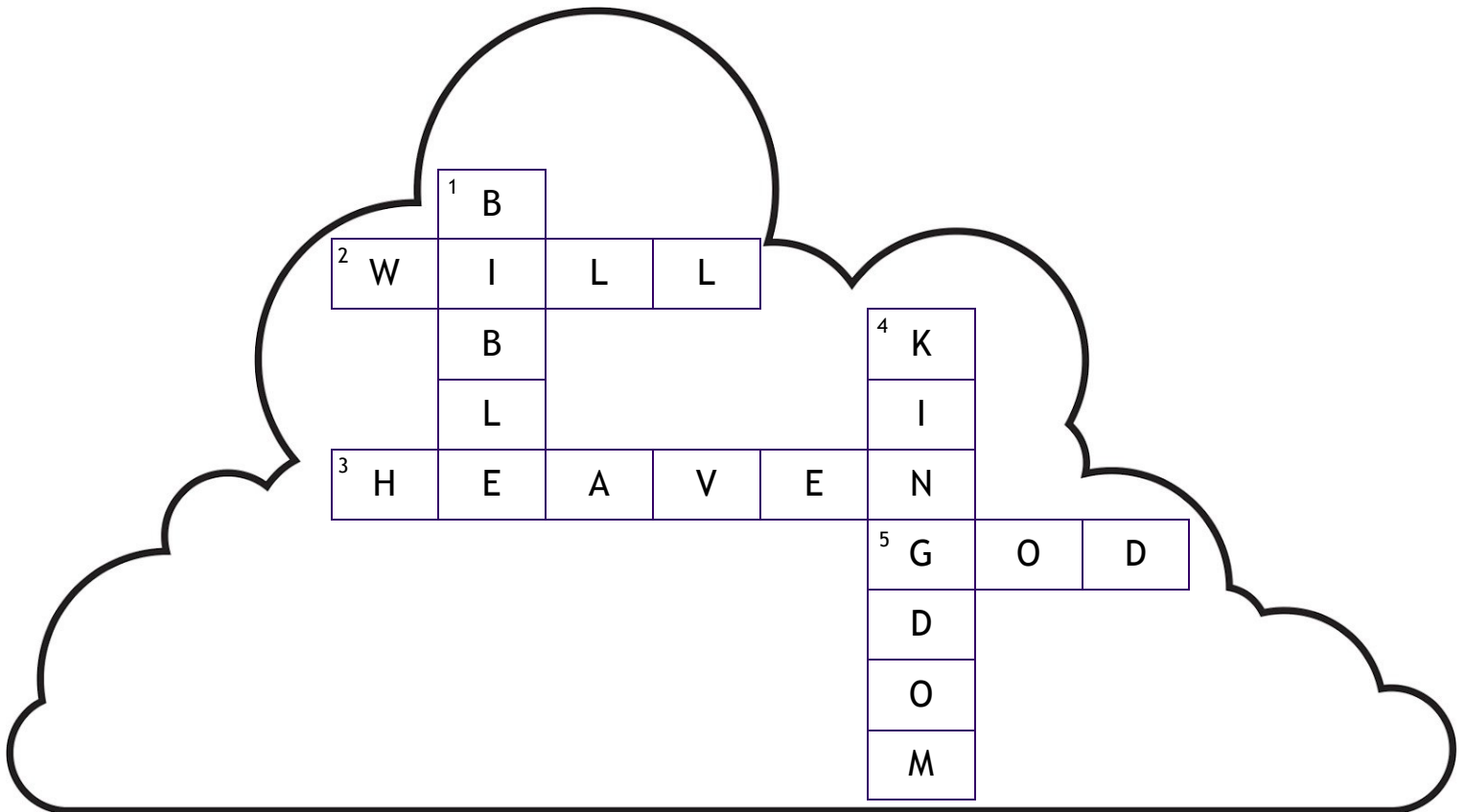
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