

LESSON 4

WHAT IS PRAYER?

OBJECTIVES

1. To learn about the purposes of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, confession, petition, and intercession.
2. To emphasize that prayer cultivates our relationship with God; the more students understand who God is, the more intimately and boldly they can pray.
3. To learn to talk to God every day, in every situation; God responds to simple faith.

MEMORY VERSE

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving."

(Colossians 4:2)

PRAYER

1. Thank God for everything that happened in the past week.
2. Praise God for His creation and salvation. Praise God that we can come to worship Him in Spirit and in truth.
3. Thank God for His love, guidance and protection.



Overview

1. Types of Prayer

- Praise (Ex 15:2; Ex 15:11; Dt 10:21; Heb 13:15)
- Thanksgiving (1 Chr 16:7-36; Eph 5:19-20)
- Confession (1 Chr 21:17; Neh 1:4-11)
- Petition (Phil 4:6; Mt 6:25, 34, 38; 1 Sam 1:11)
- Intercession (Gen 18:23-25; Ex 32:11-14)

2. Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs—Jesus is the one true God.

3. Life Application—Testimony: God's Love and Power

4. Activity—Prayer Chain



Background Knowledge for Teachers

Pray in Secret

"But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly" (Mt 6:6). Jesus taught his disciples to pray in secret in their private rooms, using the Lord's Prayer as a humble response to the prayer of the Pharisees. Paul mentions that we need to "continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving" (Col 4:2) and to "pray without ceasing" (1 Th 5:17). "Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" (Lk 6:12). According to Luke, Jesus frequently sought to pray alone, for hours at a time. This is exactly what he was doing before he was betrayed in the garden of Gethsemane.

Receive God's Blessings through Prayer

The New Testament continually shows us that we receive God's blessings through prayer. "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him" (Mt 7:7-11).



Reaching Out to Your Students

1. Share with your students that God established prayer as an important way for us to communicate with Him. If we want to have a close relationship with Him, it starts with prayer. God's greatest desire is for us to have an intimate relationship with Him.
2. Elementary students are very joyful and happy to communicate with anyone who will listen to them. It is the same with God, let them know that God cares about their thoughts, their moods, their worries, their concerns and their needs. Use this introduction lesson to teach your students that God wants us to draw close to Him through prayer.



Opener

5 Minutes

Do any of you have close friends with whom you like to talk and communicate? Have these friends ever sent you an invitation? It is exciting when we receive an invitation from our friends!

[Print out the invitation card sample on page 10 to show to the students. Show them how it says "A Special Invitation" on the front. Show and read to them the words on the inside.]

This is God's invitation to us! God has been sending many invitations asking us to meet Him! Guess where we are supposed to meet Him? (That's right, we meet with God in our prayers!) When we talk to God, it is called praying. How would you feel if your close friends told you to make an appointment every time you wanted to talk to him/her? (Sad.) God doesn't need us to make an appointment to talk to Him. He is always there for us!

Activity: Handprint Prayer

Materials: Blank paper, markers

Instructions

1. Have each of the students trace one of their hands on a sheet of blank paper.
2. Over the thumb, write "**Praise**".
3. Tell the students to start their prayers by praising God using words or songs.
4. Over the first finger, write "**Thanksgiving**".
5. Tell the students that next, they can thank God for something He has done.
6. Over the second finger, write "**Confession**".
7. Tell the students that, in prayer, it's good to tell God the things they have done wrong.
8. Over the third finger, write "**Petition**".
9. Tell the students that next, they should ask God for the things they need, including forgiveness for the things they confessed.
10. Over the fourth finger, write "**Intercession**".
11. Tell the students that they can close their prayers by asking God to help others who need Him.
12. Put the picture up where it can be seen and remembered.



When your students have it memorized, they will have the knowledge of how to pray with them at all times.



Vocabulary

affliction: a cause of mental or bodily pain, such as sickness, loss, etc.

Alpha and Omega: the beginning and the end

confession: an act of admitting something that you have done

destiny: something that is to happen or has happened to a particular person or thing

intercession: a prayer to God on behalf of another

intimate: a personally close feeling

petition: an earnest request to God

salvation: the act of saving from harm, risk, loss, destruction, etc.

supplication: a humble prayer to God

ultimate: last; furthest



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

[Write Matthew 6:9-13 (The Lord's Prayer) on the board. Ask the students to open the Bible to this passage and read it aloud, then ask them the following questions.]

1. Why did Jesus give the disciples this prayer?
2. Why did the disciples need to be taught how to pray?

God gives us so many examples of prayer in the Bible. We just read a prayer modeled by our Lord Jesus. Let's look in the Bible and find a few other prayers. We can see why people prayed and what they said in the prayers. This will help us understand more about what prayer is.

FOR TEACHERS

Before you start the next section, hand out the Bible Discovery worksheet to the students. It contains all the passages mentioned in this lesson. Ask the students to fill out the worksheet as the lesson progresses. Each of the following five sections will reference related passages. When discussing each section, first have the students read each of the passages carefully and determine why the person was praying. At the conclusion of each section, ask the students to fill out their worksheets with the type of prayer they just learned.

I. Praise

- Ex 15:2
- Ex 15:11
- Dt 10:21
- Heb 13:15

1. **Ex 15:2**—"The Lord is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation; He is my God, and I will praise Him; My father's God, and I will exalt Him."
2. **Ex 15:11**—"Who is like You, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like You, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?"
3. **Dt 10:21**—"He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your

eyes have seen."

4. **Heb 13:15**—"Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."

Praise God All the Time

Why do we need to praise God? We praise God because He is worthy of our praise (1 Chr 16:25; Rev 5:11-14). He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He is our creator, provider, shepherd, healer, judge and much more. Did you know that as humans we were created by God to praise Him (Is 43:7; Mt 21:16)? As we draw near to Him in praise, He draws near to us (Jas 4:8).

Praise is also our ultimate destiny. When the Lord Jesus Christ returns again to earth, all creation—including prideful mankind—will recognize His glory and praise Him (Phil 2:9-11).

II. Thanksgiving

Now, let's look at the second group of passages!

- 1 Chr 16:7-10
- Eph 5:19-20
- Ps 100:4-5

1. **1 Chr 16:7-10**—"On that day David first delivered this psalm into the hand of Asaph and his brethren, to thank the Lord: Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him; talk of all His wondrous works! Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!"
2. **Eph 5:19-20**—"Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

3. **Ps 100:4-5**—"Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations."

These passages teach us that we need to...

Thank God All the Time

Perhaps the most neglected type of prayer is the prayer of thanksgiving. Saying grace before eating a meal is a good example of a prayer of thanksgiving. We should get into the habit of thanking God throughout the day for the good things that happen to us and to others. We ask God for a lot of things, but at the end of the day, we need to thank Him no matter what has happened.

Prayers of thanksgiving are proclaimed throughout the Bible. In 1 Chronicles 16:7-10, David's song is an excellent example of a prayer that contains the five elements included in true thanksgiving:

- **Remembering** what God has done for us.
- **Telling** others about what God has done.
- **Singing** to God.
- **Talking** and showing God's glory to others.
- **Rejoicing** in the Lord.

Psalm 100 is a vow of thanksgiving. Students, there are 150 psalms in the book of Psalm, and David wrote 73 of them. Through this collection of prayers and songs, David expresses his heartfelt feelings from deep within his soul. In the psalms, we can read prayers of thanks for: an answered prayer, deliverance from difficulties, God's greatness, His protection, His enduring mercy, and His never-ending love. God still provides all of those things for us today.

Prayers of thanksgiving are indeed important as we all have reasons to be thankful. In fact, we are reminded to "pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Th 5:17-18). We can be thankful for who God is and for the opportunity He gives us to turn to Him in all situations, both good and bad. God is always there for us. Our sincere prayers let Him know that we are thankful for that. Prayers of thanksgiving should be a continuous part of our everyday lives.

III. Confession

Now, let's look at some more passages.

- 1 Chr 21:17
- Neh 1:4-6

1. **1 Chr 21:17**—"And David said to God, "Was it not I who commanded the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? Let Your hand, I pray, O

Lord my God, be against me and my father's house, but not against Your people that they should be plagued."

2. **Neh 1:4-6**—"So it was, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned for many days; I was fasting and praying before the God of heaven. And I said: 'I pray, Lord God of heaven, O great and awesome God, You who keep Your covenant and mercy with those who love You and observe Your commandments, please let Your ear be attentive and Your eyes open, that You may hear the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You now, day and night, for the children of Israel Your servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against You. Both my father's house and I have sinned.'"

Boys and girls, we can see that each of these verses is an example of a...

Prayer of Confession

We just read David's prayer for Jerusalem not to be destroyed and Nehemiah's prayer of confession for Israel's sin.

The Greek word for sin as used in the New Testament translates to "missing the mark" or "missing the target." The prayer for confession of sins is important because God has called us to come to Him, to seek His forgiveness. Sin separates us from God; He is perfect and cannot tolerate the presence of sin. We need to ask God to forgive us of the sins we don't know we committed.

"He who covers his sins will not prosper, but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy" (Pr 28:13).

That's why, when we confess our sins in prayer, we need to have a contrite heart. Many members shed tears during prayer when confessing. That's a very clear sign that they are confessing from the core of their hearts and not just superficially.

What do we confess? Some examples:

- Pride, arrogance
- Jealousy, wicked thoughts, hatred
- Idolatry, anything more important than God to you
- Lustful thoughts (e.g., bad music or websites)

Steps to confession:

1. Have a humble heart (Mt 11:28-30)
2. Tell God exactly what you need to confess; acknowledge it and ask for forgiveness (Dan 9:4-19; Ps 32:5-7)
3. Confessing our sins to one another offers us accountability, allowing us to pray effectively for one another (Jas 5:16)

IV. Petition

Next, let's turn to the following verses.

- Phil 4:6
- 1 Sam 1:11

These verses are teaching us about the...

Prayer of Petition

Prayers of petition are the type of prayer with which we are most familiar. In them, we ask God for the things we need—both physical and spiritual needs. In Matthew 6:25, 28, 34, Jesus repeatedly assured us not to worry. In terms of our relationship with our heavenly Father, God is teaching us not to be anxious.

1. **Phil 4:6**—"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."
2. **1 Sam 1:11**—"Then she made a vow and said, 'O Lord of hosts, if You will indeed look on the affliction of Your maidservant and remember me, and not forget Your maidservant, but will give Your maidservant a male child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head.'"

In Philippians 4:6, Paul wrote [ask students to read the verse aloud with you], "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." God doesn't want us to worry about things. God wants us to tell Him what we are facing and what our needs are. He wants to take care of our needs. Doesn't It feel great to know that God cares about us so much that He listens to us all the time?

In her prayer, Hannah asked and wept in anguish for a child. After this prayer, Hannah no longer had a sad expression on her face because she believed that God would answer her prayer (1 Sam 1:18). This is indeed great faith.

When we petition, we are asking God, who loves us very much, for something that we believe is good for ourselves. Remember, God wants us to bring our problems and worries to Him in prayer knowing that He will always hear and answer those prayers. [Point out to the students that God's answer might not be exactly what we are asking for, but that God will always give us what we need. The motivation is very important.]

We can also pray about things that cause pain and suffering in our world, including environmental destruction. Additionally, we can also pray for help in our schoolwork, for a safe trip, and for peace in our families and the world.

Some prayers from students:

- Dear Heavenly Father, sometimes, I get scared and I feel alone at school. Please let me know that You are here. Comfort and protect me.
- Dear Heavenly Father, I need to pray for wisdom to learn new things at school. I want to do well in all my classes.
- Dear Heavenly Father, I would like to know the plans that You have for me in the future. Please show me the way and reveal my gifts so that I can seek Your kingdom.
- Dear Heavenly Father, some of my friends are doing bad things after school. Please give me the courage to stand up and say no to their pressure. I don't want to do the things that they do. I need You every minute. Please give me the wisdom to discern between right and wrong. Thank You, God.

V. Intercession

Last but not least, let's study these two passages in the Bible.

- Gen 18:23-25
- Ex 32:11-14

1. **Gen 18:23-24**—"And Abraham came near and said, 'Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it?'"
2. **Ex 32:12**—"Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people."

We can conclude that each of these passages is a...

Prayer of Intercession

This prayer is spoken on the behalf of others. This is a way to help students know that their prayer can be a source of blessing upon others, the church, and our world. Such prayer can bring us great strength and courage. In the passages we just studied, Abraham interceded for the people in Sodom and for Lot, while Moses interceded for God's people.

Paul said to Timothy, "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior" (1 Tim 2:1-3).

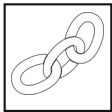
Some other examples in the Bible [have students read the passages]:

1. The Lord prayed for Peter (Lk 22:32).
2. The Lord prayed for the twelve disciples and for the churches in the future (Jn 17:9, 20).
3. Paul prayed for the believers and asked the believers to pray for him as well (Rom 15:30-33; Eph 3:1, 14-19; 6:18-20; Col 1:3; 4:2-4).
4. Moses prayed for the people (Ex 17:8-13; 32:7-14).
5. Samuel prayed for the nation (1 Sam 7:5-11, 13).

Likewise, we can pray for:

1. Church work and church members
2. Salvation for someone you care about and love
3. Missionary and ministry work around the world
4. Our country and president
5. Soldiers at war

Therefore, remember to always pray for others. This is good and pleasing to God because God wants His people to live peaceful and quiet lives, free to worship God and live for Him. This type of prayer is effective.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

Jesus is the one true God.

Dear students, today we studied five different types of prayer: praise, thanksgiving, confession, petition, and intercession. How is prayer related to the Ten Basic Beliefs? As we know, one of our basic beliefs is that Jesus is the one true God. Prayer cultivates our relationship with God. The more you understand who God is and what He can do, the more intimately and boldly you can pray.

God is the giver of life! He created you in His image and He wants you to praise Him and give thanks to Him at all times. Not only that, when you return to God, confess, and entrust your life to God, He will create a new heart within you. Prayer is not simply a ritual that you do before a meal or at bedtime. It involves a very personal relationship with God.

So, let's continue to share our thoughts with God because He is the one true God that is always there for us. He is the only one who can truly help us through all of our problems, so let's continue talking to God in every situation. Through constant prayer, we will get to know Him better and live a meaningful prayer life as well!



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

As mentioned before, there are different types of prayer. Write the following words on the board and ask the students to use their own words to write what each one means: **Praise; Thanksgiving; Confession; Petition; Intercession.**

- **Praise:** We praise God for who He is, for His character and also for His actions.
- **Thanksgiving:** We thank God for what He has done for us. We can thank Him both for blessings seen and those yet to be seen. It is key to our faith and we should always give thanks (1 Th 5:18).
- **Confession:** We tell God about our sins.
- **Petition:** We ask God for the things we need. Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you" (Mt 7:7). We are commanded to ask with the right motive.
- **Intercession:** We intercede for the needs of others. We focus not on praying for ourselves, but for others.



Life Application

10 Minutes

God's Love and Power

[Hand out the Life Application worksheet. Open with the introduction below, and then read the testimony with the students. Afterwards, discuss the questions as a class.]

The following is a testimony from Br. Paul Gau about God's love and power. Through this testimony, the students will learn that our God is an amazing God who can perform miracles, but most importantly that He is a loving God. They will also learn about the prayers of intercession and petition and their effectiveness.

Life Application/Discussion Questions

1. **What did the church members do to show their love to this family?** They fasted and prayed.
2. **What types of prayer did the church members offer?** Prayers of petition and intercession.
3. **Why are intercessory prayers so effective?** Their family saw the love their fellow brothers and sisters had for them and were touched by it. More importantly, God saw the love that the members had for Br. Gau's family and answered their prayers. Br. Gau's family witnessed God's power through the baptism and Grace's blood count continued to increase and now she has completely recovered.



Activity

Prayer Chain

10-15 Minutes

Objective: To remind students to pray for one another.

Materials

- 1" x 7" strips of colored construction paper
- Markers
- Glue or stapler

Note to Teachers: Prepare the strips well ahead of class time. Be sure to have plenty of extras on hand.

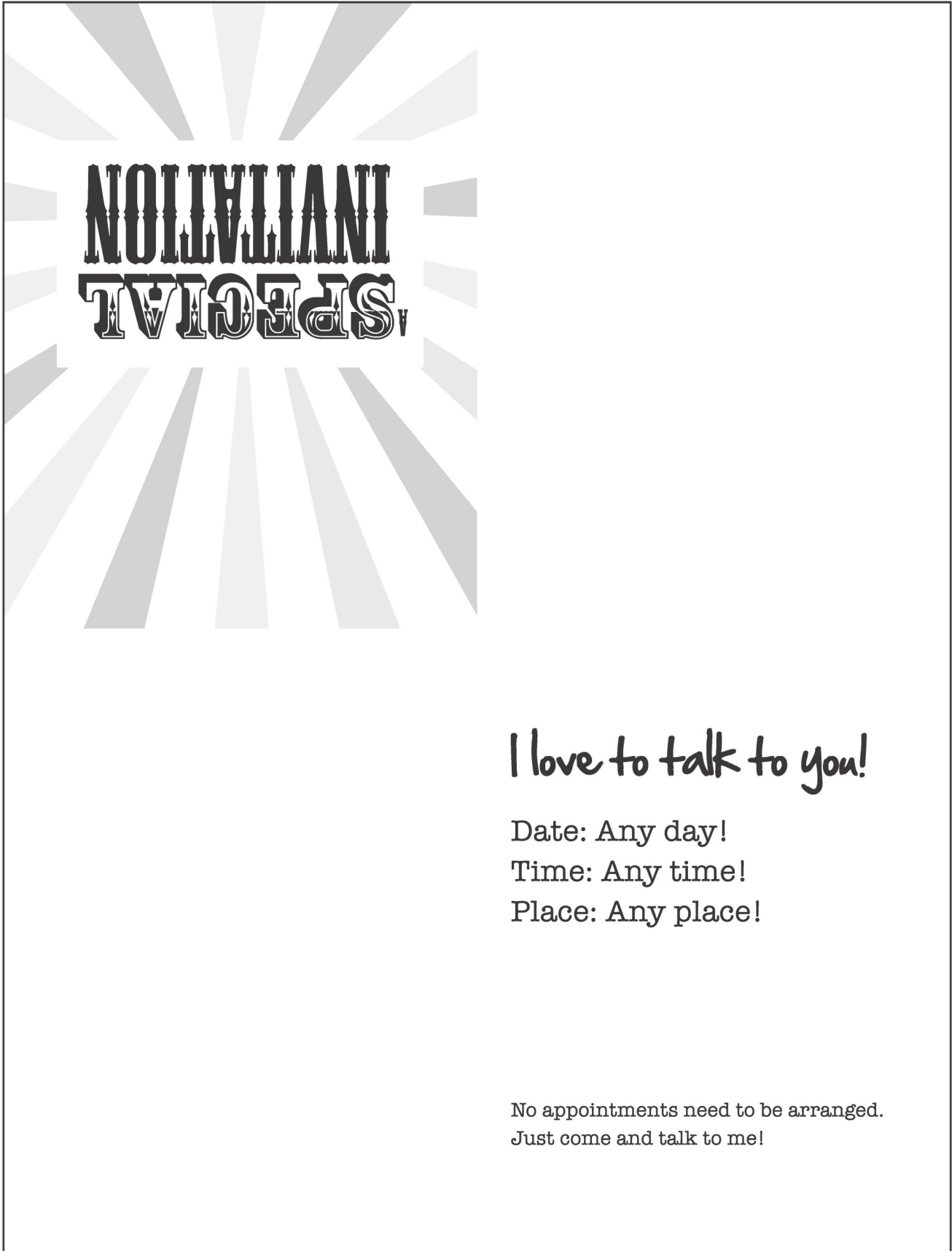
Instructions

1. Pass out one strip of construction paper to each student. This strip will later become a link in the prayer chain.
2. Have students write their name on the strip of construction paper.
3. Ask them to also write the names of other members or people for whom they would like to pray.
Some suggestions are: people who need special care, their grandparents, their neighbors, people who are sick, or people who are sad.
4. Ask students to share what they have written on their paper. After each student has shared, the chain can be created.
5. Bend each strip into a circle so that it creates a chain link.
6. Add each link to the prayer chain by taping or stapling the ends of the link together.
7. Display the prayer chain somewhere in the classroom where the students can see it and be reminded to pray for others.

Encourage the students that the Spirit of God helps us in our prayers and so they should always remember to pray for others because God will help them help others. End the activity by reading this verse aloud together with the students. "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints" (Eph 6:18).

Invitation Sample

This is to be used in the Opener section. Please print and cut this out, and then fold it in half to show to the students.



UNDERSTANDING PRAYER

PASSAGES	TYPE OF PRAYER
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exodus 15:2 • Exodus 15:11 • Deuteronomy 10:21 • Hebrews 13:15 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Chronicles 16:7-10 • Ephesians 5:19-20 • Psalm 100:4-5 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Chronicles 21:17 • Nehemiah 1:4-6 	
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GOD'S LOVE AND POWER

Hallelujah, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ I would like to testify about our family's experiences of God's great love and power.

Stricken Suddenly by a Rare and Life-threatening Disease

In June 1991, my 14-year old daughter Grace suddenly felt tired and became pale. Since she had always been healthy and rarely fell ill, I was surprised by her condition and took her to see the doctor. The doctor found that her blood count was dangerously low and he immediately transferred her to the state medical center for further tests. The test results showed that Grace had aplastic anemia. This is a rare disease that occurs mostly in young people between the ages of 15 to 30. Even though medical science has attributed the major causes of this disease to chemicals, radiation and viruses, in over 80% of the cases, the exact cause cannot be identified. This disease suppresses or even completely stops the production of red blood cells in the bone marrow, creating severe anemia. This disease is not cancer, but the decreasing red cells in the blood makes it equally, if not more, life-threatening. The doctor explained that although treatment was available, its effectiveness in children was much lower than in adults (approximately 10% to 20% versus 50% respectively).

A Bone Marrow Transplant Was Needed

Nevertheless, Grace remained in the medical center for treatment and the doctor told us that the outcome would be known within two to three weeks. At the same time, a bone marrow match test was conducted on my family members and close relatives in preparation for a bone marrow transplant in the event that the treatment failed. A bone marrow transplant is one of the most expensive and painful medical operations, requiring six months of painful recuperation. At the medical center, Grace's blood had to be extracted daily to test for her response to the treatment, but six weeks later, her condition did not improve. We even consulted the world's leading medical authority in this field, but he could only give us a 50% transplant success rate.

The Calling of God's Love and Mercy

Since Grace had always been very healthy, we believed that her illness might have come with God's goodwill to call us back to Him and to His church. When I came to study in the US, our church had not been established yet. Even now the nearest church is three states away from where we live. So during my stay in the US, I had not been regularly attending church services. In addition, although from time to time we had Bible studies and prayers at home, the rest of my family members had yet to receive baptism and become part of God's family. This in itself was a transgression against God's love and glory. We knew God is love and would forgive us if we sincerely and deeply repented of our transgressions. So during Grace's illness, we prayed long and hard to God daily for His forgiveness, and my family members resolved to receive baptism in His holy name. At the same time we also asked our relatives and church members to pray for us.

Fasting Prayers and the Brethren's Love

At this time, a church minister invited us to attend the forthcoming youth and spiritual convocation in our church in Elizabeth, New Jersey. Through the help and arrangement of our ministers and relatives, we were able to attend despite the doctors' reservations on Grace's condition. At the convocation, we were deeply touched to learn that during the two weeks preceding our arrival, the church had been fasting and praying for us. With so many loving brothers' and sisters' intercession, we believed God would answer their prayers of faith and love. Not only did God not reject us, we also received showers of blessings beyond our greatest expectations. My wife received the most precious Holy Spirit during the first day of fasting prayer. On the second day Grace also received the Holy Spirit. The night before my family was baptized, many church members remained in church after the evening evangelical service to pray beyond midnight for the baptism. During the baptism, both my wife and Grace saw the vision of the blood of Jesus Christ. After the baptism, the paleness in Grace's face and the coldness in her hands disappeared.

Miracle

We had to return to Mississippi the morning following baptism because Grace still needed weekly transfusions of blood at the medical center. From the airport, we went directly to the medical center for the pre-scheduled test. Miraculously, Grace's blood count actually increased! God had restored her bone marrow's normal production of red blood cells. Having seen God's power, our faith grew stronger and Grace stopped taking the prescribed medicine. Instead, we relied on praying harder every day, knowing that many brothers and sisters in Christ were doing the same. We continued with our morning fasting prayer for three months. Thank God, Grace's blood count continued to increase and now she has completely recovered.

By the love of God, during these past five years, Grace has been leading a healthy life filled with physical activities. She has also participated in numerous spiritual convocations and seminars, and visited many churches in Taiwan and Hong Kong. She is currently pursuing her university education at Georgetown University in Washington D.C.

God—the Greatest Physician

Though we had a belief in God in the past, through Grace's illness we have experienced Him. From this extraordinary incident, there are several points deeply felt by us that we would like to share:

- Our God is the sole source of life. He is also the greatest physician. He created not only all life in the universe, but every cell in our body. Only He has the absolute power and authority to heal all diseases and restore health and life. Believing in Him is the foundation and the beginning of all healing (Jn 11:25; Mt 8:14-16, 9:35).
- Deep and earnest prayer is the foundation of our daily faith and spiritual strength.
- The greatness of God's love and power is beyond human comprehension. If we come to Him with a repentant heart and a sincere, humble faith, He will eventually shower His mercy and grace upon us (Mt 7:7; Lk 15:17-32).
- Our health, peace and achievement come from His blessing. Without it, humans labor in vain. The world's knowledge, wealth and fame are temporary and cannot help when real trouble comes. God and our life of faith are most fundamental and should take priority over everything else (Mt 6:33; Ps 127:1).

May all glory, power, and praise be given to our Lord forever. Amen.

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Life Application/Discussion Questions

1. What did the church members do to show their love to this family?

2. What types of prayer did the church members offer?

3. Why are intercessory prayers so effective?



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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(1 John 5:14)**

Understanding Prayer

Instructions: In this lesson, we learned about five different types of prayer. Please write down a prayer for each type of prayer listed below.

1. Praise

2. Thanksgiving

3. Confession

4. Petition

5. Intercession