

Luke 11:1-4



The Story

We can pray in many ways.

We can pray with words and with our bodies.

We can pray when we are happy;

we can pray when we are sad.

We can pray by ourselves;

we can pray at church.

We can pray anytime.

God likes it when we pray!

Can you pray to God?

Prayer

Thank You

Take a “thank-you walk” with your child. You can do this outside or in your home. Point out things you see, or invite your child to point to or name things he or she sees. Say the following prayer after each item. Encourage your child to say the prayer along with you as he or she is able.

I put my hands together,
and say to God above,
“Thank you for _____ (*name, or invite your
child to name, the thing he or she sees*).
Thank you for your love. Amen.”

Variation: Name actions that he or she can do, such as jumping, singing, hugging, brushing his or her teeth, eating, and petting the dog. Then say the prayer above, inserting an action into the blank space. You can act out the action as you say it, too!

Song

All Through the Day

Sing the first four lines of each verse to the tune of “Row, Row, Row Your Boat” and then shout the last line.

Praise, praise, praise the Lord,
all through the day.
In the morning and at night,
this is what we say:
“PRAISE THE LORD!”

Thank, thank, thank you, God,
all through the day.
For our parents and our friends,
this is what we say:
“THANK YOU, GOD!”

For-forgive me, God,
all through the day.
When I do something that I shouldn’t,
this is what I say:
“FORGIVE ME, GOD!”

Help, help, help me, God,
all through the day.
When I’m scared, sad, or alone,
this is what I say:
“HELP ME, GOD!”

Repeat the first stanza (PRAISE) .