

Kidz World's
Church at Home
'30 DAYS OF PRAYER' – I Can Talk To God!

FUN TIME: “Toss It Up!”

INSTRUCTIONS: **What You Need:** Bean bags or paper balls, buckets or baskets

What You Will Do: Divide the family into two teams. Place two buckets as far away as possible. Each team member will take turns trying to shoot a bean bag or paper ball into the bucket. The first team to make 5 baskets wins the game. **What You Will Say:** Ask those on the team that did not win, “How did it feel to try and make a basket?” (*Allow for responses*) “What do you think threw you off?” (*Allow for responses*). Ask those on the team that did win, “How did it feel seeing your shots go in?” (*Allow for responses*) “Did the pressure make you nervous?” (*Allow for responses*)

BIBLE TIME: You know sometimes people pray like they're playing a tossing game or basketball. They just “toss up” a prayer and hope they “make a basket” or get an answer. Have you ever found yourself just throwing a prayer up to God? (*Allow for responses*). We don't have to pray that way.

This whole month, we're going to talk about prayer. It's one of the most important things to do in our lives. It's the only way we will discover God's purpose for our lives and the answers we need for ourselves and to help others. So, we need to know what to do. Let's take a look at our Bible story for today and see the first thing we should do.

READ: Mark 10:13-16

Familiarize yourself with the Bible passage and summarize it for your younger children. Read it with older children. For toddlers and preschoolers, simply share the answers to these questions with them as you summarize the Bible story. Keep it short and sweet for them 😊.

1. What did Jesus' disciples do when the parents brought their children to Jesus?
2. How did that make Jesus feel?
3. Why do you think Jesus felt that way?
4. What did Jesus do with each child?

REAL TIME: Read Jeremiah 33:3. What is the first thing we should do in this verse? When we call out to God, or make time to talk with Him, He has promised to answer us and tell us things we won't find out any other way. This is why the parents made time to go to Jesus. They needed Him to do what no one else could for their children. When we make time to talk to God, He will always receive us and tell us what we need to know.

Prayer is not a game. We shouldn't be nervous to pray or feel that we're not good enough at praying. Prayer is simply talking to God in an honest, heartfelt way. When we do that, we can have the satisfaction of knowing that we did something that will bring us closer to God and is extremely powerful!

PRAYER TIME: Dear God, help me to make time to talk with You. Help me to put aside other things for the most important thing - spending time with You. In Jesus' Name, amen!

***“Call out to me. I will answer you. I will tell you great things you do not know.”
~ Jeremiah 33:3 (NIRV)***