

The Lord's Prayer (7 week unit)

This is a sample lesson plan. There are, of course, lots of different ways to teach the littlest ones. This is offered to help those who may be willing to teach them but are unfamiliar young children today.

Go over the lesson plan with the children at the beginning of your session. Using a "rebus" lesson plan, pre-readers can tell what to expect during Sunday School. If they get out of their seats or do something out of sequence, point them to the lesson plan. This helps them to "self-regulate" rather than have the teacher always trying to do it.

1. A review of basic lessons is a good idea when they are fresh. Today we will review the prayers for the little children and for the bigger children. What does it mean to pray? When should we pray? Do you know any other prayers to share?

2. Have the children write the letters "L" and "P" with pencil, chalk, etc. *I purchased some etch-a-sketch boxes at a teaching supply house that have been very popular with the kids.* Discuss what words start with these letters. Find the heading "Lord's prayer" at the top of the page in the **Bible** with **Matthew 6**. Find it on page 16, line 25 in **Science and Health**.

3. Go through the memorization cards with the students.

If you are making a set for yourself, you might want to make some notes on the back of each one. When you hold up the card, you will be able to see your notes without lowering your eyes and thus losing their attention.

"Our Father which art in heaven." Reach up your arms for a big hug!

"Hallowed be thy name." Hand over the mouth to keep from mis-using His name.

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Stand at attention (in your thinking as well) to recognize this.

"Give us this day our daily bread." Like you are eating a sandwich.

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors". Arms out, hands open, forgiving.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." Arms crossed over our chest, we keep our hands to ourselves.

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever." Arms out, yeah, God!

The Lord's Prayer (cont.)

4. Have the students work on a coloring page while you tell them a Bible story to illustrate one line of the Prayer.

Possible stories to use:

"Our Father which art in heaven." The story of Jesus' birth.. What does it mean to be a child of God? What part of the story does the coloring page show? What does it mean to add the idea of "Mother" to make it "Father-Mother God?"

"Hallowed be thy name." The story of Moses at the burning bush. Fill in the words on the coloring page. Who is talking? If his name is "I Am" what do you think about saying something like "I am sick" or "I am mad?"

"Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." The story of Elisha and the horses and chariots of fire. Does it matter how big the "enemy" is? What do you think of Elisha's "open his eyes" prayer? How can we "open our eyes" to see His kingdom come?

"Give us this day our daily bread." The story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath. This story is preceded by the one of Elijah being fed by the ravens. Can you think of other stories that would work here? Mana in the wilderness, Jesus feeding the multitudes. Is this about more than food?

"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." The story of the woman taken in adultery. It is not necessary for the students to know the exact nature of the woman's crime.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." The story of David sparing Saul. Could David have killed Saul? Was he tempted to? Why didn't he?

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever." The story of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness. What were these temptations? Do we ever have temptations like these? How did Jesus answer? Why didn't he argue?

5. Sing a song with one of the tapes. Perhaps the Lord's Prayer.

6. Read together a student choice Bible story while sitting on the pillows.

1. 
review



Prayer for
Little Children



Prayer for
Bigger Children



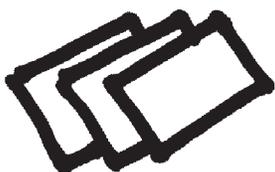
sitting
in
chairs

2. "L", "P"
write the letters
"L" and "P" in a variety of media



sitting in chairs

3.



Go through the cards
to learn the Lord's Prayer.



Use gestures
while standing

4.



listen to a Bible
story illustrating a line



while coloring, sitting in
chairs



5.



sing to a tape or cd

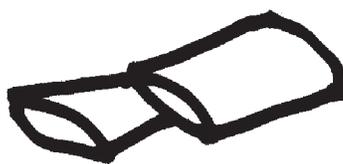


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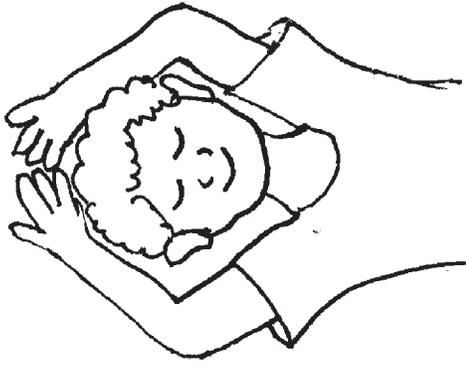
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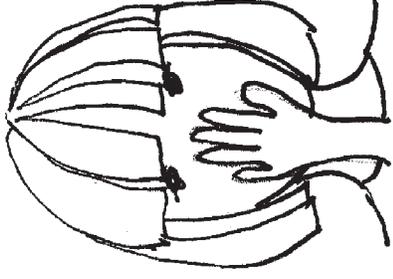
read together a Bible
story of the student's choice



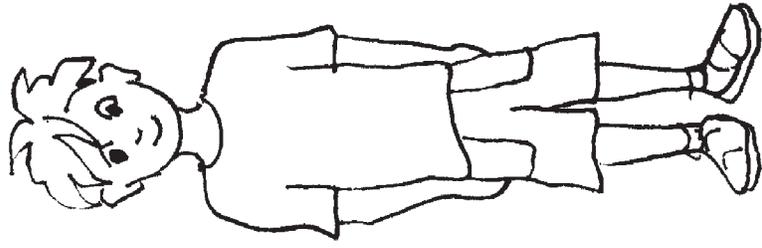
sitting on pillows



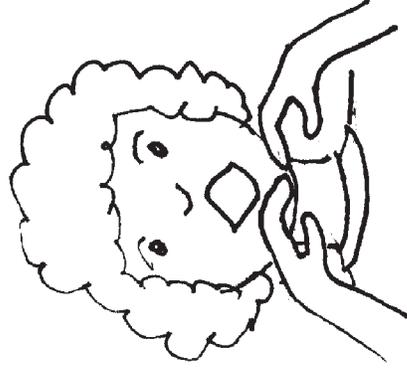
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heaven,



Hallowed be thy name.



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Thy will be done
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Give us this day our
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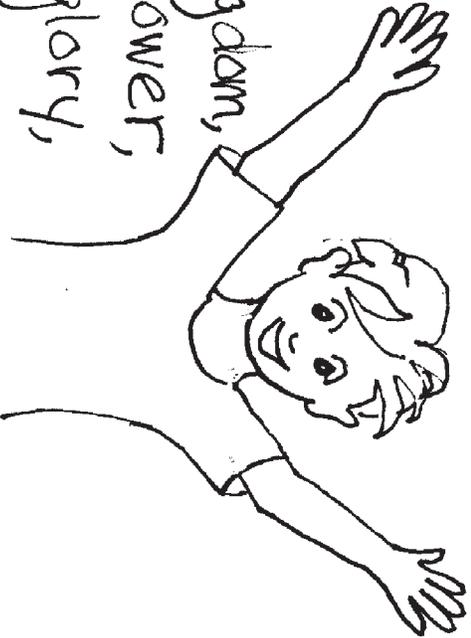
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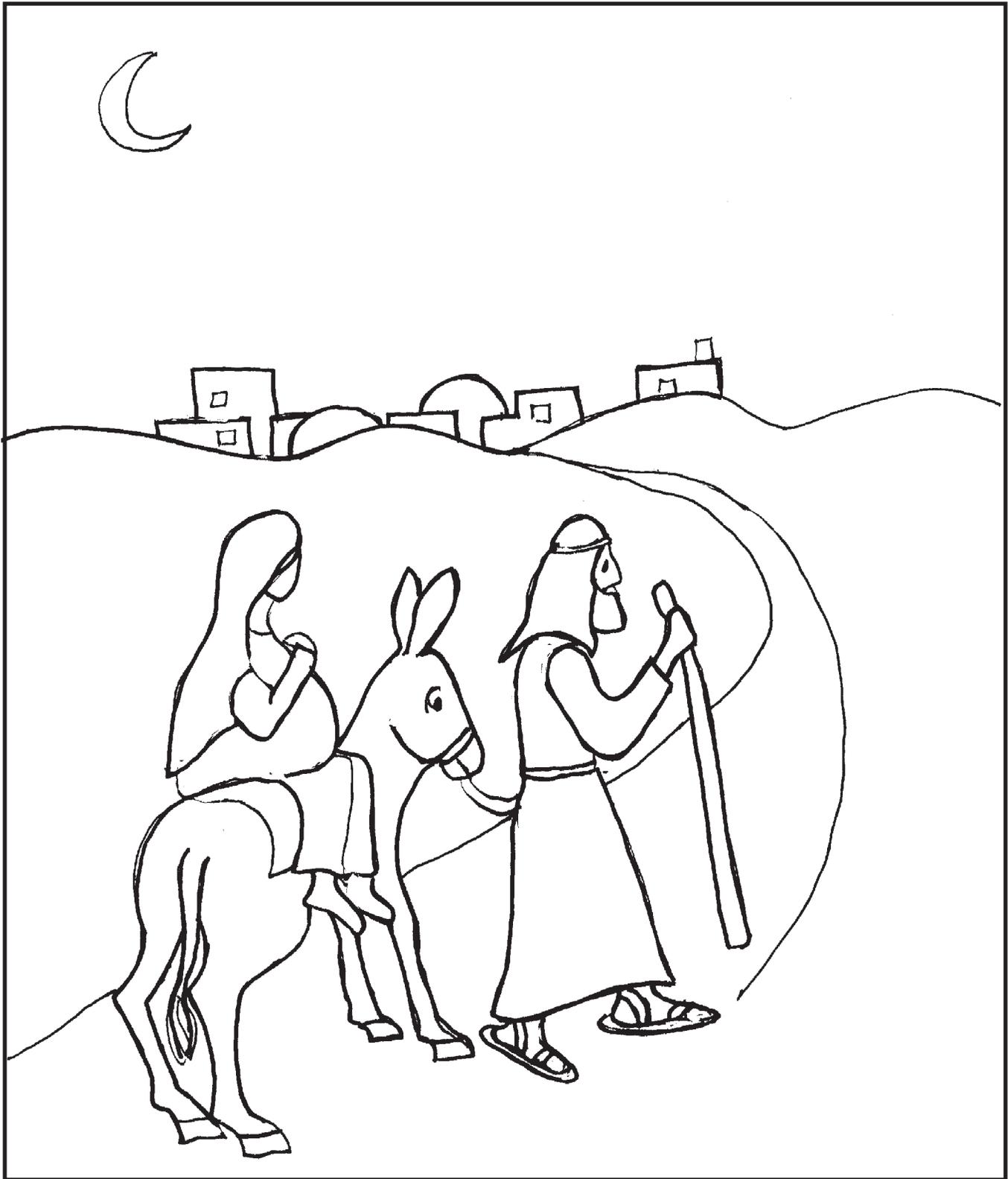


For thine
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and the power,
and the glory,
for ever.



Amen,

Coloring Page for story of "Birth of Jesus" (Matthew 1, Luke 2)
"Our Father which art in heaven."



Coloring page for story of "Moses at the Burning Bush" (Exodus 3)
"Hallowed be thy name."



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Coloring page for story of Elisha and the king of Syria (II kings 6: 8-17)
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."



Coloring page for the story of Elijah and the widow of Zarephath (I Kings 17)
"Give us this day our daily bread."



Coloring page for the story of the woman taken in adultery (John 8)
"And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors."



Coloring page for the story of David sparing Saul (1 Samuel 24)
"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil."



Coloring page for story of Jesus' temptations in the wilderness (Matt 4; Mk 1:12, 13; Luke 4: 1-13)

"For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever."

