

October 25
Week 5
Relationship with God: Prayer

Text: Matthew 6:5-15

Main Point: Prayer reveals our relationship on God.

This Sunday we are going to talk about prayer and how it is one of the main ways we develop our relationship with God. Our text for the teaching will be Matthew 6:5-15. Our primary goal will be to help the kids examine their own relationship with God and how it expresses itself in their prayer life. Our primary goal is not to tell the kids what to do, but to help them understand why they do what they do.

Questions:

1. How would you describe the way you talk to God? Is it one sided? Do you talk to God only before you eat or when you need something? Have you ever treated God like a vending machine in the sky (tried to use God just for what you could get from Him)
2. Why do think prayer was such an important part of Jesus' life while He was here on earth? (If students are having trouble with this, read some of the following text together: Matt. 6:9, 14:23, 19:13, 26:36, 26:39, 26:42, 26:44, Mark 1:35, 6:46, 14:32, 14:35, 14:39) What can we learn from the way Jesus prayed?
3. In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus prays to God as Father. Is God everyone's Father? How can you know if you are in God's family?
4. How often do you think you should pray?
5. Do you think you have ever truly connected with God in prayer? What was it like?