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LORD’S PRAYER 9



LIVING FAITH SERIES



SMALL GROUP

FAITH 5 TIME HANDOUT

WE'VE LOST THE POWER! WE'VE LOST THE GLORY! I TELL YOU, THIS CONTEMPORARY MUSIC CRAP HAS DONE NOTHING LESS THAN ROB FROM US THE MAJESTY AND MYSTERY OF



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THEME

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SHARE, READ, TALK, PRAY, BLESS



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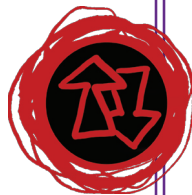
THEME VERSE

FOR THE KINGDOM,
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FAITH 5™ TIME

Model this five-step process at church today, then bring it on home!



SHARE your highs and lows of the week one-on-one with another person. Listen carefully and record their thoughts in the space below. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows with the group.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ and highlight the theme verse in your Bible.



CATECHISM CONNECTION

Go over pages 200-201 in the Small Catechism and discuss.

Use your catechism to help answer the following questions.

1. When is praying difficult for you? When is praying a great comfort and joy?
2. In Christ, God speaks His Yes! to all of His promises (2 Corinthians 1:20). What assurance of God's love and care does Christ's sacrifice give you?
3. Make a list of prayer requests that you have made to your great and powerful God. Why did you pray to Him? How did God answer your prayer?
4. Why do we conclude the Lord's Prayer with words of praise?
5. How do we respond to the gracious answers our God gives us when we pray?



CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

Excerpts from the Large Catechism

The efficacy of prayer consists in our learning to say “Amen” to it – that is, not to doubt that our prayer is surely heard and will be granted. This word is nothing else than an unquestioning affirmation of faith on the part of one who does not pray, as a matter of chance, but knows that God does not lie since he has promised to grant his requests. Where such faith is wanting, there can be no true prayer (436:119-120).

It is therefore a pernicious delusion when people pray in such a way that they dare not wholeheartedly add “yes” and conclude with certainty that God hears their prayer but remain in doubt, saying, “Why should I be so bold as to boast that God hears my prayer? I am only a poor sinner,” etc. That means that they have their eye not on God’s promise but on their own works and worthiness, so that they despise God and accuse him of lying. Therefore they receive nothing, as St. James says, “If anyone prays, let him ask in faith, without doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from God.” Behold, such is the importance that God attaches to our being certain that we do not pray in vain and that we must not in any way despise our prayers (436:121-124).





TALK *about how today's verse relates to your highs and lows. Then choose from the options below and have some fun digging deeper into the theme together. Take turns leading this.*

✦ ART ATTACK & MINDZEYE GALLERY

*What do you see in today's theme art or your own drawings?
How do the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
How do they relate to your highs and lows?*

✦ ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

1. A friend is always grumbling and complaining. She is so negative that many people avoid or ignore her. She is negative about that, too. Talk to her about it. What do you say? What do you do?
2. A friend asks: "Why would you praise a God who lets so much suffering happen in this world?" How do you answer?

✦ QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Share your thoughts on the questions below

1. Does God need our praise? Why or why not?
2. Compose a prayer using all of these words: God, awesome, beautiful, creator, declare, excellent, fantastic, great, holy, incomprehensible, jamming, knowing, loving, magnificent, new, omniscient, powerful, quiet, regal, sensational, timeless, unbelievable, valuable, wow... and your own X, Y & Z words.
3. Take a quick tour of the book of Psalms, looking for evidence of praise. Highlight words of praise and adoration you find. Many of these psalms were written as worship songs. What can we do to add more praise to our worship?

✦ QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation on the right and share why you chose it.

QUOTATIONS TO CHEW ON

WHERE THERE IS GREAT LOVE THERE ARE ALWAYS MIRACLES.

WILLA CATHER

HOW DOES A DUCK PRAISE GOD? BY QUACKING. BY DOING WHAT IT WAS CREATED TO DO. HOW DOES A PERSON PRAISE GOD?

FRED GAISER

KEEP YOUR FACE TO THE SUNSHINE AND YOU CANNOT SEE THE SHADOWS.

HELEN KELLER

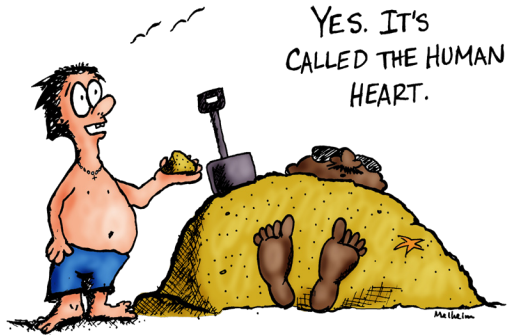
GOD CALLS FOR US TO STAND, NOT ALWAYS TO UNDERSTAND.

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IF GOD IS SO GREAT, THEN
CAN HE MAKE A ROCK SO BIG THAT
NOT EVEN HE CAN MOVE IT?



✦ TERMS *Write a group definition of these words:*

AMEN

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GLORY

KINGDOM

POWER



PRAY

for one another. Gather in a circle and lock arms. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask God to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

A PRAISING PRAYER

A THANKING PRAYER

AN ASKING PRAYER



BLESS

one another by name. Trace the sign of the cross on a forehead or palm as you share these words or another favorite blessing:

"(NAME), CHILD OF GOD, MAY YOU KNOW THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY OF GOD IN YOUR HEART. IN JESUS' NAME."

✦ REMEMBER 1 THING

The God who created the Universe and gave us life and breath calls us to praise God's glory. This amazing, awesome God deserves all our praise and honor.



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Keep your family communicating every night and grow together in insight, love and your understanding of one another and God. Try this simple five-step process just before bed for maximum impact. New to the process? Focus on step 1 initially, and grow from there. Check out www.faithink.com, FINKlink LF19 for additional games, songs, and devotions on this theme.



SHARE your highs and lows of the day.



READ and highlight these verses—one a day—in your Bible.

WEEK 1

- Day 1 The Doxology (not in Bible)
- Day 2 Exodus 24:17
- Day 3 Isaiah 6:3b
- Day 4 Psalm 68:34-35
- Day 5 I John 5:14
- Day 6 II Chronicles 7:14
- Day 7 Review - The Doxology

WEEK 2

- Day 1 Job 38:4
- Day 2 Luke 11:9
- Day 3 II Peter 1:16
- Day 4 Revelation 11:15b
- Day 5 Revelation 22:13
- Day 6 Revelation 20:20b
- Day 7 Review - The Doxology



TALK about your highs and lows in relation to the verse for the day. Ask “How does this verse relate to our highs and lows?” and “What might God be saying to us today?”



PRAY for one another. Praise and thank God for today's highs. Ask for help with today's lows. Include highs and lows of your family, friends and world in this prayer. Close in Jesus' name.



BLESS one another using the following blessing, marking one another with the sign of the cross:

“(NAME), CHILD OF GOD, MAY YOU KNOW THE KINGDOM, THE POWER AND THE GLORY OF GOD IN YOUR HEART. IN JESUS' NAME.”

FAMILY COVENANT: *We have shared the FAITH 5™ together as a family this week.*

Parent's Signature

Teen's Signature

Date