

✦ OUR FATHER ✦



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“Our Father in heaven...”

– MATTHEW 6:9A

LORD’S PRAYER 1



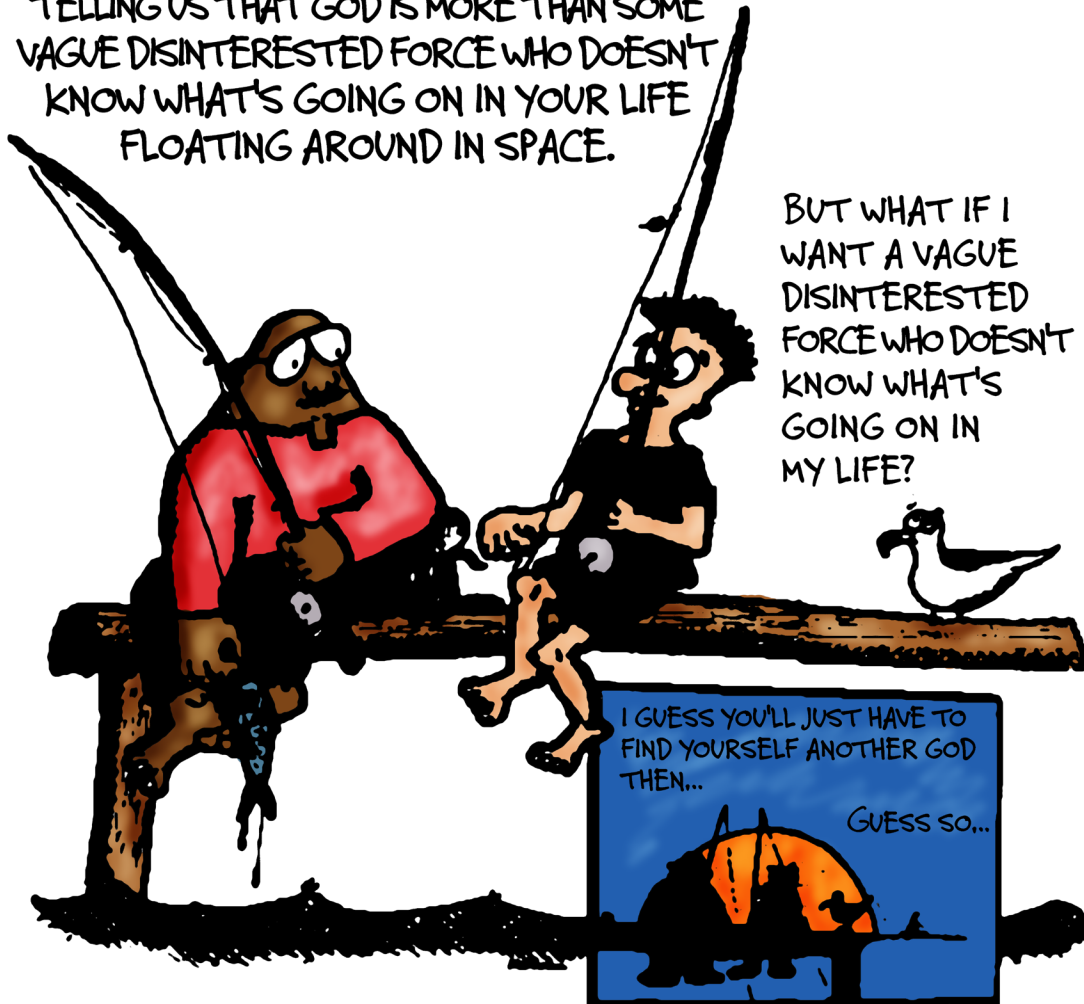
LIVING FAITH SERIES



SMALL GROUP

FAITH 5 TIME HANDOUT

BY SAYING "OUR FATHER" JESUS IS TELLING US THAT GOD IS MORE THAN SOME VAGUE DISINTERESTED FORCE WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR LIFE FLOATING AROUND IN SPACE.



BUT WHAT IF I WANT A VAGUE DISINTERESTED FORCE WHO DOESN'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN MY LIFE?

I GUESS YOU'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND YOURSELF ANOTHER GOD THEN...

GUESS SO...



OUR FATHER

LORD'S PRAYER

THEME



THE FAITH 5

SHARE, READ, TALK, PRAY, BLESS



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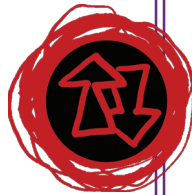
THEME VERSE

OUR FATHER
IN HEAVEN...

— MATTHEW 6:9A

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.



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. You invite a friend to a meal at your home. Before eating, you pause and say a prayer. Your friend asks, "What's that prayer all about?" How do you respond?
2. A friend says, "I don't believe in prayer. I prayed when my grandma was sick and she died anyway. Prayer doesn't work." How do you respond?

✦ QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Share your thoughts on the questions below

1. What makes a good parent? How is God like this and more?
2. Do you think you can or should pray to God saying "Our Mother?" Why or why not?
3. What does the introduction to the Lord's Prayer have to say about the confidence we can have in coming to God with our needs?

✦ QUOTATIONS

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

QUOTATIONS TO CHEW ON

LEARNING WHO GOD IS BY NAME IS THE ANSWER TO EVERY SITUATION IN LIFE.

KAY ARTHUR

I AM READY TO MEET MY MAKER. WHETHER MY MAKER IS PREPARED FOR THE ORDEAL OF MEETING ME IS ANOTHER MATTER.

WINSTON CHURCHILL

COURAGE IS FEAR THAT HAS SAID ITS PRAYERS.

DOROTHY BERNARD

FAITH IS TO BELIEVE WHAT WE DO NOT SEE, AND THE REWARD OF THIS FAITH IS TO SEE WHAT WE BELIEVE.

ST. AUGUSTINE



Play this online game using FINKlink
LF11 @ www.faithink.com



CATECHISM CONNECTION

Go over Questions 174-181 (pg 193-207) in the Small Catechism and discuss.

Use your catechism to help answer the following questions.

1. What is prayer?
2. Share what prayer means to you, interesting prayer customs, and times and places for prayer that are or have been special for you.
3. Talk about different places where the Lord's Prayer is used—regularly in church, at weddings, funerals, and other public services. How do you feel about the argument that if used too often, the Lord's Prayer will become meaningless—compare to eating three meals a day and not growing tired of food.
4. Why may we pray with confidence?
5. Why should we pray often?
6. When does God say Yes? When does God say No? When does God say Wait?
7. In response to our heavenly Father's invitation to come to Him in prayer (Matthew 7:7-8), write a prayer based on Psalm 113 thanking Him for His Word and His salvation in Christ.



CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

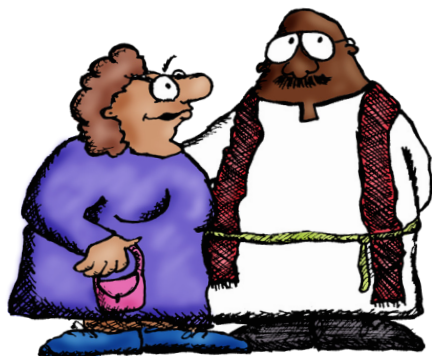
Excerpts from the Large Catechism on the Lord's Prayer

Mankind is in such a situation that no one can keep the Ten Commandments perfectly; even though he has begun to believe. Besides, the devil, along with the world and our flesh, resets our efforts with all his power. Consequently nothing is so necessary as to call upon God incessantly and run into his ears our prayer that he may give, preserve, and increase in us faith and obedience to the Ten Commandments and remove all that stand in our way and hinders us from fulfilling them (420:1-2).

The human heart is by nature so desperately wicked that it always flees from God, thinking he neither wants nor cares for our prayers because we are sinners and have merited nothing but wrath (421:10).



I CAN ALWAYS TELL THE UNSPIRITUAL PEOPLE IN THIS HERE CHURCH 'CAUSE THEY'RE THE ONES WHO KEEP THEIR EYES OPEN WHEN WE PRAY!



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

ABBA

FATHER

HEAVEN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

YAWEH



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



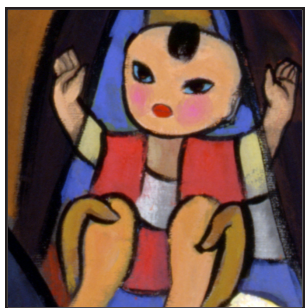
BLESS

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 YOUR DAYS BE LIVED WITH COURAGE AND YOUR NIGHTS BE BLESSED WITH PEACE IN THE ARMS OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER."

✦ REMEMBER 1 THING

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray, he began with "Our father in heaven..." Jesus called God a loving parent. Believe it.



OUR FATHER

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 LF11 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 Matthew 6:9a
- Day 2 Malachi 2:10
- Day 3 Psalm 103:13
- Day 4 John 14:9b
- Day 5 I Corinthians 8:6
- Day 6 Galatians 4:6
- Day 7 Review - Matthew 6:9a

WEEK 2

- Day 1 Romans 8:15b-16
- Day 2 Romans 5:1-2
- Day 3 John 14:6
- Day 4 I John 3:1
- Day 5 I Thessalonians 5:17
- Day 6 Hebrews 4:16
- Day 7 Review - Matthew 6:9a



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 YOUR DAYS BE LIVED WITH COURAGE AND YOUR NIGHTS BE BLESSED WITH PEACE IN THE ARMS OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER.”

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

Parent's Signature

Teen's Signature

Date