



PRAYER

“Praising and Thanking God”

INTRODUCTION

What is something you enjoy doing? Who taught you how to do it? (*Allow responses.*)

When Jesus was on Earth, He taught His disciples how to pray. His teaching is in the Bible, in Matthew 6. Let’s look at just the first thing Jesus taught His disciples about prayer.

PRAISING AND THANKING GOD

(*Read Matthew 6:9.*) Jesus taught His disciples to pray to God the Father and tell Him how great He is. This is called praising God. He wants us to pray in the same way. We can praise God for being loving, good and holy. We can praise God for being the Creator King and the loving Father. We praise God for who He is. Then we can thank Him for what He does.

PRAYER

(*Have everyone sit in a circle. Toss a ball or beanbag to one person at a time. When a child catches the ball he says, “I praise you, God, for being _____.” After everyone has had a turn, tell the children to say, “I thank You, God, for _____.” when they catch the ball.*)

Preschool Welcome Activity “The Telephone Game”

Use toy phones or pretend phones. The teacher tells the first child, that child tells next child, and so on until all the children have told the message. Messages could include: “God made you,” “God loves you,” “Jesus died for you,” “Jesus is alive.”

Preschool Song “Hear God’s Word,” vv. 1-2

Materials Ball or beanbag