



Faith Adventures for Children Together

Committed to URC Children Together:



Experience

For this story we recommend using the Children's International Bible

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+6%3A9-13&version=ICB>

Where can I find the story online?

Under 5s story from Nicola <https://youtu.be/L70unT8rpX4>

Five to elevens: David Suchet reads How to Pray from the Jesus Storybook Bible

<https://youtu.be/dwWHs4ccYps>

Songs to support the story

Under fives: The Lord's Prayer by AllStar Kids <https://youtu.be/9btVsBJarWY>

Five to elevens: The Lord's Prayer





Express

Praying together: how can you involve the children actively in prayer?

Spoon prayer activity

This creative prayer idea uses the spoon idea from the story section where each letter for the word spoon represents a different type of prayer.

You will need:

- Spoons any size or disposable spoons
- Sticky labels
- Marker pen



Responding together

Here are some suggested crafts and activities, and there is a colouring sheet at the end of this resource. You could also use small play toys and/or have a basket of resources available so children can choose their own way to respond. <https://urc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/FACT-how-to-sheet.pdf>

With an online group, plan whether to deliver any resources in advance or how you will encourage them to use what they've got to hand in their response.

However you do it, it is good for the adults to engage in the response too, and all chat together.

Prayer beads

You will need:

Some coloured beads

Wool

What you do:

Talk about how we pray and maybe some colours which could represent different prayers (purple for God being in control like an emperor; green for the world; yellow or brown for provision for our needs; grey for the things we need to say sorry for and white for forgiveness.

Create a friendship bracelet by simply plaiting the different colours of wool together - you could create these into bookmarks if the children prefer. Or what about threading beads onto a piece of wool? Or you could create pompom bunting for your room as a prayer spot. Maybe you even have a different idea of what to make to help you when you pray.



Prayer catapults

You will need:

A foil or plastic film inner core, or similar hard cylinder

A rubber band or hair bobble

A wooden spoon

A cardboard picture frame

Something to use as a (non-dangerous) projectile

What you do:

Loop the hair bobble or elastic band over the cardboard tube twice. Find the spot where the hair elastic crossed over and makes an X.



With the wooden spoon at right angles to the cardboard tube, insert the handle of the wooden spoon under the X, and slide through until approximately halfway.

A scrunched-up piece of recycled paper can be used as a projectile, you could get the group to write prayers on the paper before you scrunch them up.

A cardboard picture frame makes a great target. Write on them Thank you, Sorry and Please. See if your group can get their prayers through the right target.

Everyday with Jesus – Walking the Way

What could we do this week to carry on what we've learned? Maybe members of the group could come up with a suggestion. If not, get them to choose from these two challenges:

If you made prayer beads, a bracelet or a bookmark as the activity, put this somewhere you will see it every day and use it to help you remember some of the things to include in your prayers. Talk to God as though you're talking to a member of your family that loves you most.

Jesus's prayer reminds us to forgive other people in the same way as we'd like God to forgive us when we get things wrong. Is there someone you could put things right with this week? Maybe a friend you fell out with at school, or a sibling who broke one of your toys.

We hope you enjoyed exploring the Lord's Prayer with us.

Please let us know what you liked or what you would find useful by emailing lorrainewebb@urc.org.uk

Why not have a look at next week's resource on **Psalm 27**





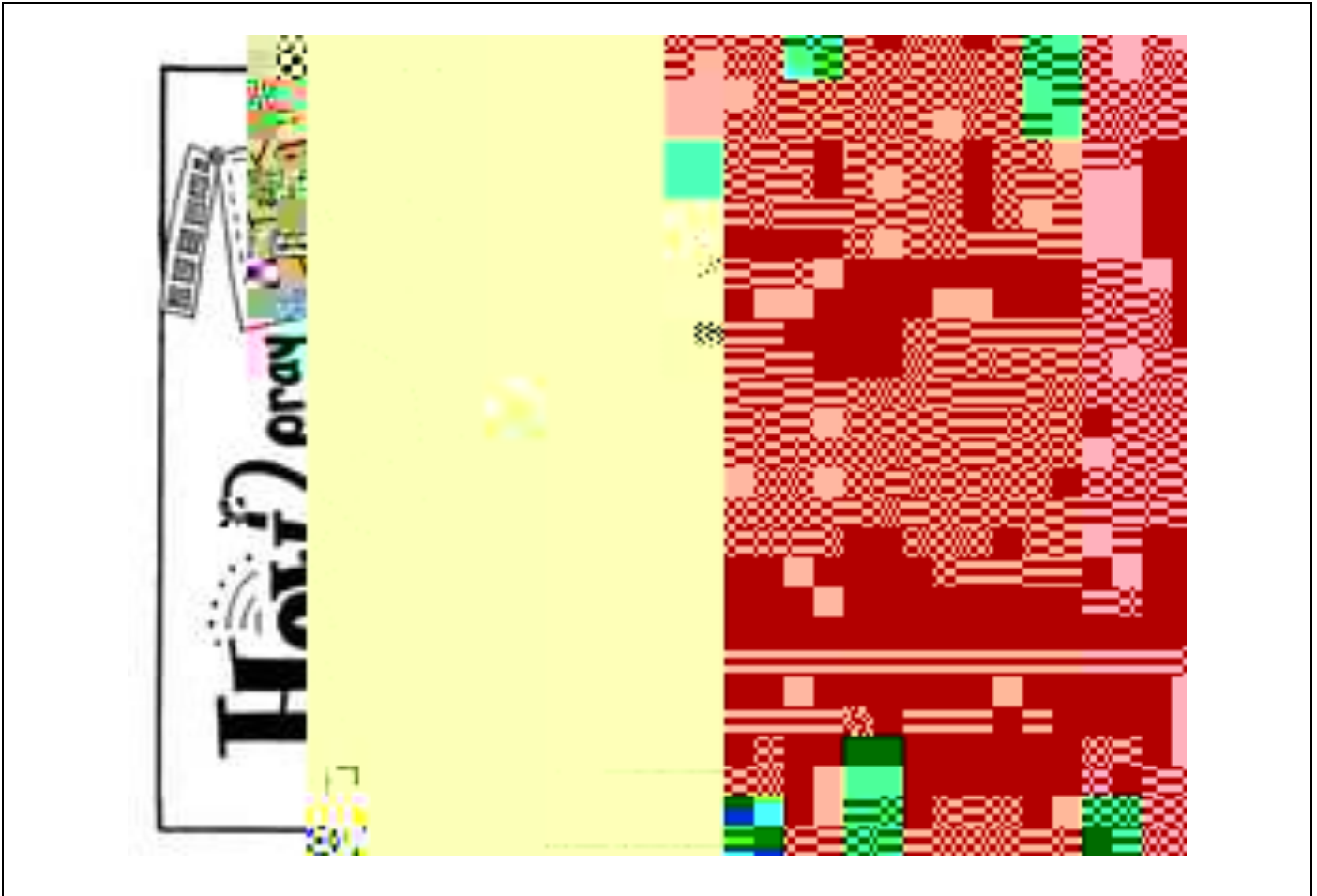


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