

Twinkles Doing Church Differently

Week 4 - God loves it when I talk to Him

The aim of this session is to teach the children that we can talk to God about anything and also that we can hear from God.

Message/Story time:

God loves it when we talk to Him. Talking to God is called prayer.

Ask the children the following questions:

WHAT do you think we can talk to Him about? Make some suggestions and end by concluding we can talk to him about ANYTHING.

WHERE do you think we can talk to Him? Make some suggestions and conclude that we can talk to Him ANYWHERE.

WHEN do you think we can talk to Him? Make some suggestions and conclude that we can talk to him at ANYTIME.

We can talk to God about anything, anywhere and at anytime. God will always hear us.

But how do we pray to God. Jesus prayed to God all the time and his friends asked him how to do it.

Watch the story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dwWHs4ccYps&t=154s>

Or read a shorter, simpler version printed on the last page.

Prayer/Craft time:

Over the next few weeks, now that we know we can talk to God, we will try out different ways of doing it. This week we will learn the Five Finger Prayer which helps us to focus on what we want to talk to God about.

Five finger prayer: Draw around your child's hand and label each finger as below before decorating.

Thumb (pointing towards you) – use this to pray for friends and family, those closest to you.

Index finger (points away) – use this to pray for someone far away

Middle finger (tallest finger) – use this to pray for someone important like a teacher, parent

Ring finger (weakest finger) – use this to pray for someone who is sick or needs help

Little finger – use this to pray for yourself.

To talk about during craft time:

Introduce the idea that just as we can talk to God, he can also talk to us. Think about some of the ways we might hear God. It doesn't always mean we will hear God out loud.

- God might speak to us through our family or our friends
- God might give us a thought in our head
- God might show us something really fun or beautiful about the world that makes us think about Him.

Worship time: Bigger than Big https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_Vwba3dGeY

Story - Praying as Jesus Did

Jesus' friends wanted to pray just like Jesus did! But they were never sure what to say to God. So one day they asked "Jesus, how should we pray?"

"I'll help you," Jesus told them. So Jesus' friends sat down with him and listened.

"When you pray," Jesus said, "talk to God in just the same way as you'd talk to someone who loves you and cares for you - a mother or a father or someone else who looks after you. You wouldn't worry about talking to your dad or your mum. Just say how you feel. Ask him for things you need. Tell God you love him. Thank him for what he's given you. You can say you're sorry too for anything that you've done that was wrong. Your Father in heaven loves you and knows just what you need."

