

Focus: Trust Jesus

Materials:

Prayer Altar: Cross, Candle, Chasuble on stand (priest's vestment) and Altar Cloth
CD: Bible Songs for Kids. Vol 2
Gospel: Read and Share Bible
Book: Prayer of Jabez for Little Ones
Book/CD:100 Bible Stories, 100 Bible Songs

Gathering (children find/sit on a carpet square)

Say: *Good Morning everyone, my name is _____. Last week we talked about how Jesus wants us to be safe and how he calmed the seas and the storm. This week Jesus will help a little girl who is very sick.*

Opening Prayer

Together we make the Sign of the Cross (do in reverse so children can mirror).

Say: *Now let's put our hands together and bow our heads.*

Let us pray.

Dear Jesus, you are our light and savior, with your help we will not be afraid. We trust that you will keep us safe. Help us to feel your love all around. We pray this in your name.

Amen.

Song/Movement

Standin' In the Need of Prayer, track: 8, from Bible Songs for Kids-Vol. 2

Play music, encourage children to stretch or move to the music (clapping, stamp feet march in place to the beat), turn to each other and shake hands, saying hello, etc.

It's me, it's me, O Lord
Standing in the need of prayer;
It's me, it's me, O Lord
Standing in the need of prayer.

Not my father, not my mother, but
it's me, O Lord
Standing in the need of prayer.

Not my sister, not my brother. but
it's me, O Lord
Standing in the need of prayer.

Repeat both verses 2 more times.
Last time repeat last line: "Standing
in the need of prayer."

Memory Verse

Say: *Now let's take a moment together to learn a verse from the bible.*

Please come and pray for her.

Have the children repeat the verse after you a couple of times.

Say: *It is hard to believe things we can't see. That's why we say we "Have Faith" in Jesus. We have faith that when we pray, Jesus hears our prayers and can answer them. The answer isn't always what we expect. If we pray for a new toy and you get to spend extra time at a friend's house. You still got a gift; it just wasn't exactly what we wanted. Sometimes we do get what we wanted. Our faith helps us be good followers of Jesus.*

Gospel Story

Say: *Today we are reading from the Gospel of Mark.*

Have children make sign of the cross on their forehead, mouth and heart saying. *“Lord, open my mind, my lips and my heart so that I may learn it, speak it and love it.”*

Read: Read and Share Bible, pp. 328-329, *Jesus Brings a Girl Back to Life*

After the reading say: *The Gospel of the Lord*

Children respond: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

Discussion Starters:

- *Who came to ask Jesus for help?*
- *Who was sick?*
- *What did Jesus do?*
- *What happened when Jesus got to Jairus’ house?*
- *What did Jesus say after he cured the young girl?*

Reflection on Reading:

Jairus’ daughter was very sick and Jairus was very sad. He wanted to make his daughter better. He couldn’t, but he had heard of a man who could help—Jesus. Jairus put his faith in Jesus and asked for his help to make his daughter well again. Jairus was amazed and overjoyed. He had faith in Jesus and he was greatly rewarded. He loved his daughter very much and was very happy to have her able to get up a play again.

Gospel ActivityActivity 1:

Jairus believed that Jesus could heal his daughter and begged him to come to his house. When a person believes that God can do something—that is faith. Faith pleases God. When we are having a hard or sad time we should always come to Jesus and pray. We come to pray—believing he can help us. Jesus always hears and answers our prayers no matter how big or small we think it is. Jesus loved Jairus and his daughter and he loves us too!

Read the book —*“The Prayer of Jabez for Little Ones”*

Prayer is special because it brings us closer to God and Jesus. We can say our prayers anywhere. We don’t have to save them for church. We can pray at home, at school, at the playground, at the library (very quietly please). We can pray anywhere!

Activity 2:

We are going to learn a song to help us remember to pray to Jesus.

In the book, *100 Bible Stories, 100 Bible Songs* read, *“Ask, Seek, Knock”* on page 120. Then play and sing along with the song: Disc 2, Track 8.

Complete the weekly bulletin as a group-let the children color them if there is extra time

Closing Prayer

(Children respond: "I Believe!")

Ask: *Do you believe in God, who wants us to pray for him?*

Do you believe in Jesus, who heals the sick and shows us the way to heaven?

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, who helps us to share God's love with others?

Sending Forth

Say: *Think of someone close to you who need's God's help. Say a prayer for them that they have what they need.*

Lining Up/Closing Song

Play "*Peace Like a River*" track 10 from Bible Songs for Kids, Vol 2 while children put away any materials and lineup. Hand out weekly bulletins. Remind them it is important that they return to their family quietly so that we may all listen and pray together in church.