

Jesus Taught About Prayer

Bible Phrase: I can talk to God (pray). *Psalms 55:16*

Scripture Reference: *Matthew 4:23-25; 5:1-2; 6:5-13*

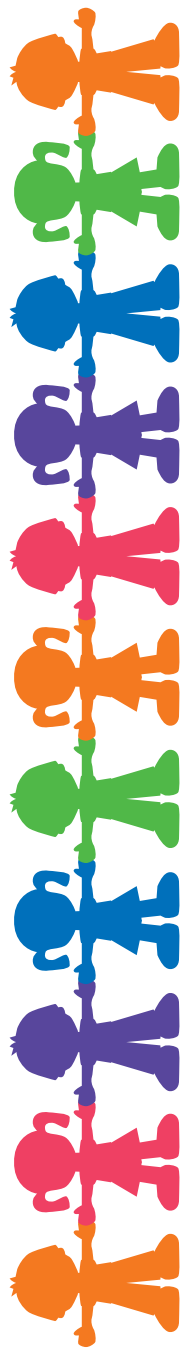
Bible Story: Jesus was traveling from town to town to village. Everywhere Jesus went, He would go to the synagogues (churches) and teach people, telling them about God. Jesus would help sick people become well. People told other people about the things Jesus was doing. Soon everyone began to bring sick and hurt people to where Jesus was, and He made them well.

Many, many people began to follow Jesus. One day Jesus went up on a mountainside and began to teach the people. He taught about God's love. Jesus taught about being kind. He taught about loving others.

Jesus also taught the people how to pray. He said, "When you talk to God, say words like these—God, You are so wonderful. We know that You care for us. Give us the food we need for today. Help us not to do wrong things. Help us do things that make You happy. When people hurt us or make us mad, help us love them, just as You love us. Help us make the right choices. Keep us safe. Amen."

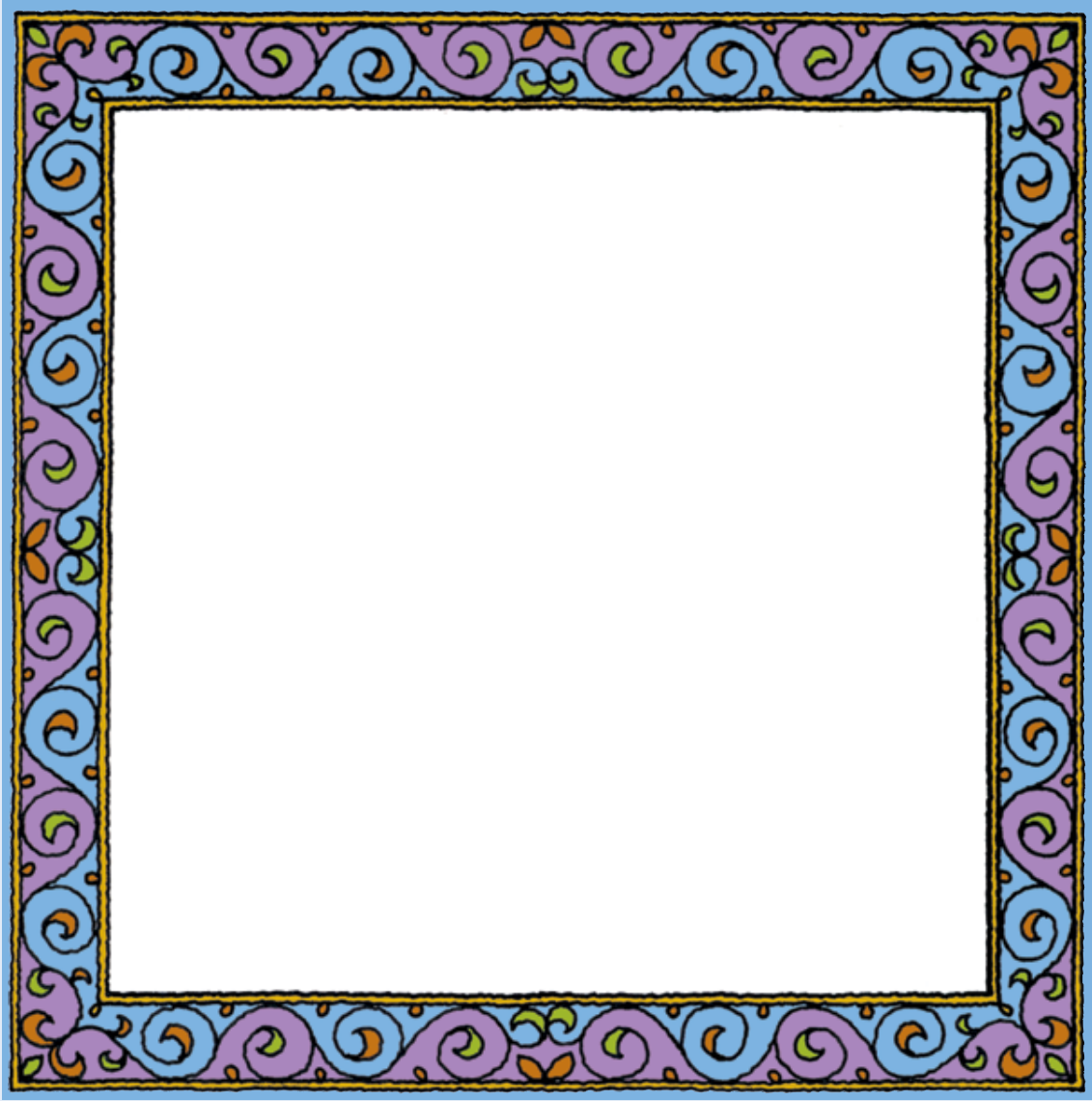
Parents:

- Tell your child that God wants us to talk to Him. Identify things you and your preschooler can talk to God about together.
- Pray aloud with your preschooler so he will grow in his understanding that prayer is talking to God.



Where Can I Talk to God?

Draw a picture of yourself at bedtime, at lunch, or at church.



Sing the words to the tune of "The Muffin Man."
Insert one phrase each time you sing the song.



Oh, I can pray
and talk to God;
talk to God;
talk to God.

Yes, I can pray
and talk to God

when I ____.

(go to bed)

(eat my lunch)

(go to church)



I can talk to God (pray).

Psalm 55:16