

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Primary Lesson One Hundred Eighteen: Jonathan's Faith

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Kings
Bible Reading & Discussion: I Samuel 14:1-23
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions about Prayer
Learning Objectives: (1) Jonathan, Saul's son, had faith that nothing could hinder the Lord from saving Israel. (2) When Jonathan and his armor-bearer went up to the Philistine's garrison, the Philistines fell before them, the raiders trembled, the earth quaked, and there was a very great panic. (3) When Saul and the Israelites joined the battle, the Philistines were fighting against one another and there was great confusion. (4) The Lord saved Israel that day. (5) God provides the physical needs of His children.
- Opening** Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal.
Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you.
Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.
- Bible Facts** Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed
5-10 minutes Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate
Instructions: Ask students to lead songs about the Bible & the Kings, including visuals and motions as appropriate. For free songs sung to familiar hymn tunes, use the following link.
<http://gardenofpraise.com/biblsong.htm>
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Group Read Aloud & Picturing
Scripture: I Samuel 14:1-23
Instructions: Give each student a set of verses to read. Have students take turns standing to read their passage while the other students close their eyes and picture what they are hearing. Encourage readers to read very expressively. Allow listeners to share what they pictured.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Beanbag
10 minutes Strategy: Beanbag Toss
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. The leader asks a question and then tosses a beanbag to someone who must answer and then toss the beanbag back to the leader.
Questions:
- Who was Jonathan? (Saul's son)
 - What young man went with Jonathan to the Philistine's garrison? (His armor-bearer)
 - Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "It may be that the blank will work for us, for nothing can hinder the blank from saving by many or by few." (Lord)
 - Jonathan said the Philistine's response to him would be the sign as to whether or not the Lord had given the Philistines into the hand of Israel. What was the Philistine's response when they saw Jonathan? ("Come up to us...")
 - Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, "Come up after me, for the Lord has given them into the hand of blank." (Israel)
 - The Philistines fell before Jonathan and his armor-bearer killed them; about how many? (20)
 - "The garrison and even the raiders trembled, the earth quaked, and it became a very great blank." (Panic)
 - Did Saul know where Jonathan had gone? (No)
 - After Saul knew that Jonathan had gone, when Saul was speaking to the priest, "the tumult in the camp of the blank increased more and more." (Philistines)
 - When Saul and the Israelites went into the battle, "every Philistine's sword was against his fellow, and there was very great blank." (Confusion)
 - "So the blank saved Israel that day." (Lord)

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Transitional Thought: Jonathan had faith that nothing could hinder the Lord from saving Israel, by many or by few. That day the Lord provided physical salvation for the children of Israel from their enemy, the Philistines. The Lord provides the physical needs of His children.

Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is and for providing the spiritual and physical needs of believers.

Bible Memory Materials: White board with markers and eraser

10-15 minutes Strategy: Erase-a-Word

Instructions: Have students sit in a semi-circle or rows facing a white board with the following passage written on it:

Question: What is prayed for in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will provide our physical needs.

Verse: "Give us this day our daily bread," Matthew 6:11

Read in unison. Have students cover their eyes. Erase random words from the board. Ask students to open their eyes and tell you what words were erased. Read again, saying the missing words from memory. Repeat several times until quoting rather than reading.

Bible Craft Materials: Books from previous lesson, book material, markers, art supplies, sample project

As time allows Activity: The Lord's Prayer Book

Note: Each student will make an eight page "Lord's Prayer" book that will be completed during several lessons. A new page will be completed each lesson until the entire prayer is included in the book.

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Any students that are not up to date with this project should complete pages as described in previous lessons. On the sixth page, have students write, "Give us this day our daily bread" and illustrate with pictures of food. Optional: Have students cut the words and illustrations from magazines or advertisers and glue them onto the page. Collect the books for use during future lessons.

Have students recite the parts of the Lord's Prayer that they have learned to this point: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread..."

Closing Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.

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Questions about Prayer

Question: What is prayer?

Answer: Prayer is talking with God.

Verse: "Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven...'" Matthew 6:9a-b

Question: What is prayed for in the first petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God may be honored.

Verse: "...hallowed be your name." Matthew 6:9c

Question: What is prayed for in the second petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That the gospel may be preached, believed, and obeyed in all the world.

Verse: "Your kingdom come..." Matthew 6:10a

Question: What is prayed for in the third petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That men on earth may serve God as the angels do in heaven.

Verse: "...your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Matthew 6:10b

Question: What is prayed for in the fourth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will provide our physical needs.

Verse: "Give us this day our daily bread," Matthew 6:11

Question: What is prayed for in the fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will pardon our sins.

Verse: "and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Matthew 6:12

Question: What is prayed for in the sixth petition of the Lord's Prayer?

Answer: That God will keep us from sin.

Verse: "And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil." Matthew 6:13