

# PARENT GUIDE

## Week 22—The Lord's Prayer

### What We Covered

This week, students began exploring the **Lord's Prayer**, focusing on the first part of the prayer Jesus taught:

- God is our Loving Father – We're helping students see that God isn't distant; He is close, caring, and actively listening to them.
- God's Name is Holy – We're learning what it means to respect and honor God's name, understanding its power and significance.
- God's Will is Good – Students are reflecting on what it means to desire God's will above their own and how that can shape their choices.

Our goal is not just to help them memorize these words, but to help them live them—with hearts that seek God, respect His holiness, and trust His plans.

### Why We Talked About It

Jesus didn't just teach about prayer; He modeled it. When His disciples asked how to pray, He gave them the perfect prayer. Your middle schooler(s) are learning how to pray on their own, and this lesson helps them understand not only what to pray but why it matters.

### Catechism Connection

- **The Lord's Prayer, Introduction & First Three Petitions**
  - *"Our Father..."* – God invites us to speak with Him like children speak to a loving father.
  - *"Hallowed be Thy name"* – We keep God's name holy when we use it in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
  - *"Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done..."* – God's will is that His name is known, His rule spreads, and His people love Him and each other.

### What You Can Do

- **Pray the Lord's Prayer Together** – Say it together and walk through what each phrase means to you.
- **Talk About God as Father** – Ask, "What do you think God is like as a perfect Father?" or share your own view of God's love.

- **Honor God's Name** – Model reverence in how you speak about God. Reflect on how your words and tone can teach your child to treat His name with awe and love.
- **Live the Kingdom** – Encourage simple acts of kindness, forgiveness, or self-control this week as ways to “do God’s will.”

### Family Time Prompt

This Week, watch the Bible Project [The Prayer of Jesus](#) (Matthew 6:9-13). This video explains the Lord’s Prayer in the Bible and understanding the meaning of Matthew 6:9-13