

WEEK ONE: Pray Like Jesus

Big Idea: We can pray every day.

HANG OUT Do you talk to anyone on the phone?
 What do we call it when we talk to God?
 PLAY: If children are old enough, play a game of telephone passing the message, "We can pray every day!" to the children.
 SING and DANCE to The Meeting House Kids Music song "We Can Pray Every Day!"
 (Get children to create actions or play as a freeze dance activity)

HEAR **Read** "Pray as Jesus Did" and "Jesus' Prayer" from the Big Bible Storybook (pages 178-179), based on Matthew 6:8-12 and Luke 11:2-4.
 After reading, invite children to repeat the prayer after you:

Our Father in Heaven (*repeat*)
 Holy is your name (*repeat*)
 Your kingdom come (*repeat*)
 Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven (*repeat*)
 Give us today what we need for today (*repeat*)
 And forgive us our sins (*repeat*)
 Help us to forgive others (*repeat*)
 AMEN!

HUDDLE What is something you pray about with your mom or dad or grandpa or grandma?
 Is there anything that we can't pray about? (NO!)
 Pray now with children, and invite them to pray about anything they'd like. If needed, guide them by saying, "Thank you God for..."
 "God please help us with..."
 "God please forgive us for..."
 "God please help me forgive..."

COLOURING TO MUSIC

Play the song again, and this time, encourage children to colour along to the music.