



# Prayer

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**Matthew 6:6**, "But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private." (NLT)

**BOTTOM LINE:**

Prayer is simply talking and listening to God.

**▶ TO THE TEACHER:**

- A consistent prayer life is vital to a relationship with God.
- Relationship prayer is the prayer that you do every day when you just talk to God like He is your best friend and you listen to Him like He is your best friend.
- We don't have to pray perfectly, we just need to show up for prayer.

**A consistent prayer life is vital to a relationship with God.**

Many times kids will depend on mom and dad's prayers. Your goal during the grade school years is to help transfer the prayer responsibility from the parents to the children so, that when children graduate to the youth ministry, they have a consistent prayer life.

There are many different kinds of prayer in the Bible; however, the kind of prayer I am talking about here is what I call devotional prayer or relationship prayer.

This is the prayer that you do every day when you just talk to God like He is your best friend and you listen to Him like He is your best friend. It isn't really about asking God for things or even praying for other people. It is all about spending time with God because you love Him.

I think that some children do not pray because they don't know what to say to God.

However, our words don't have to be perfect. He just wants to spend time with us because we are His kids.



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It's kind of like this. Have you ever been to a piano recital? I've been to lots of them when my kids were taking piano lessons. Let's face it- recitals are boring, except when your child is playing. It's usually not that your kid is better than all the others. The reason that I focus and pay attention is because it's my child playing. I want to share this part of their life with them.

The same is true with our prayer life. We don't have to pray perfectly, we just need to show up for prayer. God the Father is waiting to draw close to us. He listens because we are His kids. He is looking for opportunities to have close encounters with His children.



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## LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Motion Comic	Adventures of the Masked Hero #6
_____	6. Motion Comic Follow-up	
_____	7. Bottom Line	Prayer is simply talking and listening to God.
_____	8. Memory Verse	Matthew 6:6, "But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private." (NLT)
_____	9. Drama	Who Are You Talking To?
_____	10. Object Lesson	Just be Yourself
_____	11. Short Film	"Prayer Is Powerful"
_____	12. Short Film Application	
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson	Turtles And Frogs
_____	12. Altar Call	
_____	13. Digital Review Questions	
_____	14. Small Groups	



MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero  
Finding God: Episode #6

TO THE TEACHER:

**Goal:** get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- Johnny sure has quite the imagination.
- What was Johnny doing before he went to bed? He was saying his prayers.
- What else was he doing? He was reading his comic books.
- Do you think that is a good idea? To read comics while you are praying.
- Is it a sin to read comic books?
- No, but when you are talking to God, He wants all of your attention. You don't have to pray a long time, but you do need to give all of yourself to Him.
- Your Father wants all of you - spirit, soul and body.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



**DRAMA**

***“Who Are You Talking To?”***

**CHARACTERS:** Martha Stewie

**PROPS NEEDED:** Two chairs and a cell phone

**DRAMA SCRIPT:**

(Both enter and sit in chairs as though it were a car. Teacher is driving the car and Martha Stewie has the cell phone.)

Martha Stewie: Thanks for picking me up for church.

Teacher: No problem.

Martha Stewie: I am really interested in what pastor has been talking about.

Teacher: Prayer?

Martha Stewie: Yeah, I just don't seem to get it. (Phone interrupts, ringing.) Excuse me just a minute while I take this.

Martha Stewie: Hi, this is Martha Stewie (continues to talk for a few moments). Sorry about that.

Teacher: No problem. Back to prayer.

Martha Stewie: Well, I have a few questions. How do you know if He hears you? (As she is talking, she points her fingers heavenward.)

Teacher: It's really easy .....

(Interrupted by Martha Stewie's cell phone again. She talks for a few moments again.)

Martha Stewie: Sorry about that.

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***“Who Are You Talking To?” Drama Script — Continued***

Teacher: No problem. Well prayer is very simple. You see, God is not interested in a show.

Martha Stewie: A show?

Teacher: Yeah. Like He already knows who you are. He doesn't need an introduction from you.

Martha Stewie: Oh, I see.

Teacher: He really just wants to spend time with you.

Martha Stewie: Yeah. That's the part that gets me mixed up. What do I do? I mean, I didn't go to Bible school. I'm just Martha Stewie.

Teacher: Well, just Martha Stewie. That is how God is. He loves you no matter what. He just wants to spend time with you.

Martha Stewie: There's that "spend time with you" thing again. What.. ....

(Martha Stewie's cell phone interrupts again and Martha Stewie proceeds to talk for a time, then hangs up.)

Teacher: (Starts laughing and pulls car over to side of road.)

Martha Stewie: What are you laughing about?

Teacher: Yeah! You. Here you are all tensed up because you don't know how to pray.

Martha Stewie: Yeah. So?

Teacher: Give me your phone.

Martha Stewie: My phone?

Teacher: Yeah, your phone. (Holds phone in her hand.) You know how to pray, you just don't know it.

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***“Who Are You Talking To?” Drama Script — Continued***

Martha Stewie: How?

Teacher: Prayer is like talking on the phone. You have a conversation with God. It is you talking and then you listening and letting Him talk.

Martha Stewie: Really. I thought I had to kneel and at least be at church to pray.

Teacher: No. You can pray anytime and there are different kinds of prayer; but devotional prayer or relationship prayer is when you just be yourself with God.

Martha Stewie: Really!

Teacher: You spend time with Him and it isn't always about what you have to say. Sometimes it's about just being quiet and letting Him be Him.

Martha Stewie: That makes it easy.

Teacher: So the next time that you aren't sure, just remember it's like talking on a cell phone.

Martha Stewie: Yeah! That's easy enough.

**THE END**





**OBJECT LESSON**

***Just Be Yourself***

**TAKE HOME POINT:**

Prayer is talking and listening to God.

**WHAT YOU NEED:**

Two cell phones. One for you and one for your helper.

**OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

We understand that we need to pray every day. But did Jesus even tell us what to do when we pray? As a matter of fact, He did. (Read Matthew 6:5-8)

Let's think about this: what did Jesus mean when He said, "Don't pray like the hypocrite?"

Jesus meant, do not put on a show when you pray. Don't try to impress other people. Just be yourself when you pray. We've all heard people pray like this (sometimes they will even change their voice when they talk to God), "Oh, God! Have mercy on thy humble servant, thou Almighty God!"

Would you talk to your best friend that way? (Pick up the cell phone and call Johnny's cell phone. Change your voice like you did in the prayer to God.)

"Oh, Johnny! Have mercy on thy humble friend, Ohhhh, Johnny." (Johnny gets a real funny look on his face.) What does

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***Just Be Yourself*** Object Lesson — *continued*

Johnny think when I talk to him like that? He thinks that I'm crazy. I think that God thinks the same thing sometimes.

The Bible also talks about praying vain repetitions. What are vain repetitions?

How about words like this: Praise the Lord ... Praise the Lord .. Praise the Lord....Hallelujah.....Hallelujah.....Amen ... Amen ... Amen .

Some people actually think that God will hear them if they pray long enough, hard enough, or say their prayer over and over; but the Bible says that God looks on your heart. These are good words but they are just vain repetitions if we don't say them from our heart. God wants us to pray from our heart, not our head.

What would Johnny think if you talked to him like this?

(Pick up cell phone and call Johnny)

"Hello, Johnny. Hello, Johnny. Hello, Johnny. How are you? How are you? How are you?" Again, he would think that you were crazy.

Remember, when you pray, be yourself. Just talk to God. He isn't looking for a show and He is not hard of hearing. He really just wants you to show up and be yourself, not a fake.



## SHORT FILM

### APPLICATION: *“Prayer Is Powerful”*

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Do you talk to God like the young boy in the video?

Do you have a best friend?

(Allow for response.)

Do you talk to your best friend?

Do you listen to your best friend?

If you know how to talk, and you know how to listen, then you know how to pray.

God the Father isn't real concerned about how perfect your prayers are. He just wants to spend time with you because you are one of His kids.

So, with prayer, half of the battle is just showing up. It is important that you set aside time every day to talk and listen to God, just like you take time every day to talk to your parents and friends.

#### **Prayer involves three things:**

1. Set aside time every day to pray.
2. Talk to God about yourself. Don't try to be somebody else. Just be yourself.
3. Listen to God. At least half of your prayer time should be spent listening.

#### **How do you listen to God?**

- Stop talking.
- Be quiet.
- Listen to the still, small, quiet voice on the inside.



**INTER-ACTIVE  
OBJECT LESSON**

***Turtles & Frogs***

**WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:**

We should be slow to speak like a turtle and quick to hear like a frog.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- Pick 2 girls and 2 boys to be contestants.
- One at a time, they will walk across the front of the class like a turtle, then like a frog.
- The rest of the class will vote on the best turtle and the best frog.

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**SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:**

Read James 1:19.

The Bible says let everyone be swift to hear - like a frog is fast, slow to speak and slow to get angry - like a turtle is slow. This verse gives us guidelines about friendship. Some people need to talk all the time but they never want to listen. The need to talk all the time is really a sign of an unspiritual person. Ask yourself this question: when someone is talking to me, am I listening to them or am I thinking about what I am going to say? Let's face it, a good friend is someone who will listen to you and you like to listen to them. The same is true with God. He wants to listen to us, but He also wants us to listen to Him. When we pray we really should spend more time listening than talking, because the Bible says to be swift to hear and slow to speak. Take time to listen to God when you pray. It will change your life. God is waiting for opportunities to draw close to us, and one way that this happens is when we listen to Him.



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## DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

### ▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. A consistent prayer life is vital for a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. pirate
  - b. relationship with God**
  - c. long time
  - d. little while
2. Relationship prayer is the prayer that you do \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. at Easter and Christmas
  - b. before you play video games
  - c. every day**
  - d. once
3. When you pray make sure you take time to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. eat candy
  - b. listen**
  - c. do jumping jacks
  - d. kneel for a long time
4. Father God wants a relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. nobody
  - b. Sponge Bob
  - c. you**
  - d. horses
5. God is looking for opportunities to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. go skiing
  - b. have a relationship with you**
  - c. take a nap
  - d. fly a plane



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## PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

\_\_\_\_\_ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

\_\_\_\_\_ Review Prizes (penny candy)

### Drama: "Who Are You Talking To?" — Pages 5-7

#### Characters

\_\_\_\_\_ Martha Stewie

#### Props

\_\_\_\_\_ Martha Stewie Costume

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 chairs

\_\_\_\_\_ A cell phone

### Object Lesson: Just Be Yourself— Pages 8-9

\_\_\_\_\_ 2 cell phones

### Inter-Active Lesson: Frogs & Turtles— Page 11

No props needed

### Small Group: Sweet Times

\_\_\_\_\_ A chocolate candy bar

\_\_\_\_\_ Carrot

\_\_\_\_\_ Glass of water

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?

### Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

\_\_\_\_\_ How many needed?