Preschool–Grade 5

Lord's Prayer Craft

Prayer door · Matthew 6:6–13 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



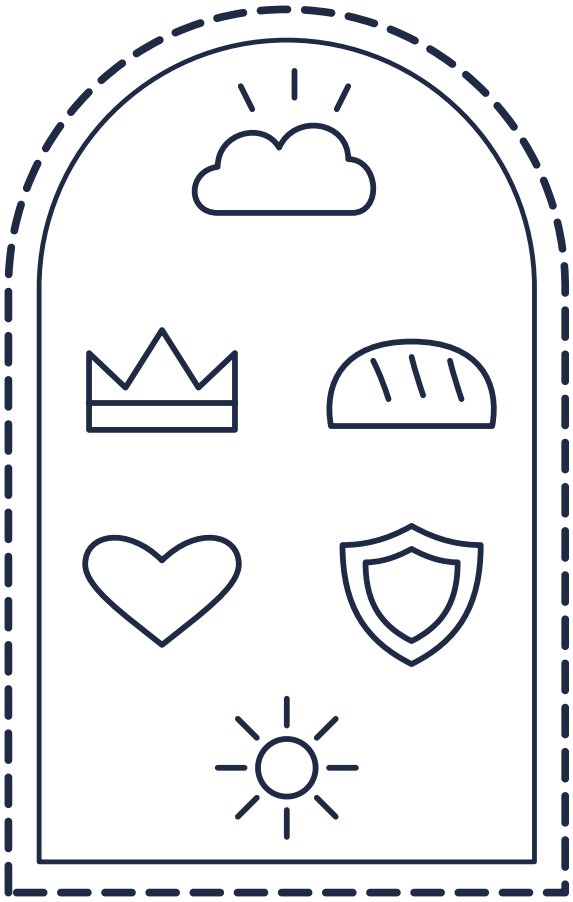
Harder

Both levels have a white room panel with six pictures, one for each part of the prayer, and a brown door that opens and shuts, glued on light green paper, because Jesus said, "when thou hast shut thy door, pray" (Matthew 6:6). Medium (left): the door open to show the pictures. Harder (right): the door shut, and a pocket from page 3 holding six prayer cards the kids write themselves.

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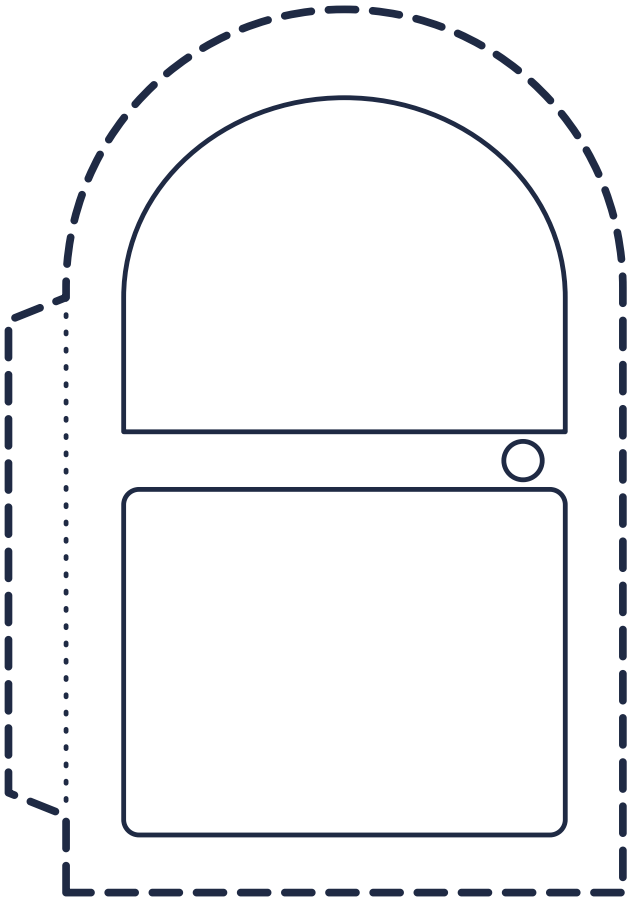
Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



Room: color the pictures

cloud light blue, rays yellow, crown yellow, bread light brown, heart red, shield blue, shining light yellow and orange



Door: color it brown

knob yellow, tab white
Fold the tab on the dotted line.

After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
Matthew 6:9 (KJV)

Color the six pictures, the door brown and the knob yellow. Cut out every piece. Glue the room panel on the green paper. Glue only the door's tab, beside the room's left edge, so the door opens and shuts over the pictures.

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level: pocket and prayer cards

Pocket: color it yellow

Fold the 3 tabs back. Glue only the tabs.

Prayer cards: color each picture like your room. Write your own prayer on the lines.



How to make the pocket and prayer cards

1. Make the room and door from page 2, but glue the room panel a little left of the middle of the green paper, so the pocket fits on the right.
2. Color the pocket yellow. Color each card's picture the same colors as the room. Cut out the pocket and the six cards on the dashed lines.
3. On each card, write a short prayer in your own words for that part of Jesus' prayer (the list is on the teacher pages).
4. Fold the pocket's three tabs back on the dotted lines. Glue the tabs only, and press the pocket on the paper to the right of the room. The top stays open.
5. Put the cards in the pocket, the cloud card in back and the shining light in front, fanned out so every picture shows.

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/lords-prayer-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), one sheet of light green construction paper per child (9 by 12 inches), brown, yellow, orange, light blue, blue, red and light brown crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a pencil.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the pieces, glue each room panel in the middle of its green paper, and glue the door's tab beside the room's left edge.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's room panel, door and verse strip, glue the room panel on the green paper, and glue the door's tab beside it. Kids color the six pictures and the door, then open and shut the door. You glue the verse strip on the back. Read the verse together, or just "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out the pieces, glue the room panel, glue the door by its tab so it opens and shuts, and glue the verse strip on the back. This is the craft in the first photo, with the door open.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the room and door like the medium level, then make the pocket and the six prayer cards from page 3. Kids write their own short prayer on each card, keep the cards in the pocket and say Matthew 6:9 from memory before they take it home. This is the craft in the second photo, with the door shut.

What the six pictures mean (Matthew 6:9–13)

- **Cloud:** "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." We honor God.
- **Crown:** "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." We ask for God's will.
- **Bread:** "Give us this day our daily bread." We ask for what we need.
- **Heart:** "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors." We say sorry, and we forgive.
- **Shield:** "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." We ask God to keep us from evil.
- **Shining light:** "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." Everything is God's.

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Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the pictures on the room panel. The cloud is light blue with yellow rays, the crown yellow, the bread light brown, the heart red, the shield blue, and the shining light yellow and orange. Color the door brown and its knob yellow. Leave the tab white.
2. **Cut:** cut out the room panel, the door with its tab, and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
3. **Room:** hold the light green paper the wide way. Glue the whole back of the room panel and press it in the middle of the paper.
4. **Door:** fold the door's tab back on the dotted line, then open it again. Put glue on the back of the tab only. Lay the door right on top of the room panel so the edges match, and press the tab down on the paper at the left side.
5. **Open it:** open the door. It swings open to the left like a real door and shows the six pictures. Jesus said, "enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray" (Matthew 6:6).
6. **Verse:** glue the verse strip on the back of the green paper and read it together.
7. **Pray:** open the door and touch each picture as you talk to God about that part of the prayer, in your own words. Jesus said, "After this manner therefore pray ye" (6:9).

Questions to ask while kids work

- Open and shut your door. Where did Jesus say to go to pray? *(Into your closet, an inner room, and shut the door, Matthew 6:6)*
- Does God know what we need before we ask? *(Yes, 6:8)* Point to the bread. What do we ask God for every day? *(Our daily bread, 6:11)*
- Point to the heart. Who do we forgive? *(People who did wrong to us, 6:12, 6:14)*

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Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** after this manner = like this; ye = you; art = are; hallowed = holy; thy = your; closet = an inner room; debts = the wrongs we have done (Luke 11:4 says "sins"); temptation = being pulled toward doing wrong; deliver = rescue; thine = yours.
- **What the Bible says:** Jesus said to go into a room, shut the door and pray to God, who sees in secret (Matthew 6:6). The Bible doesn't describe the room or the door, so the craft shows a simple door. The six pictures are reminders we added to help kids remember each part; they are not in the Bible text. The shield reminds us of "thou, O LORD, art a shield for me" (Psalm 3:3). The craft shows no people.
- **A pattern, not a magic saying:** the pictures help kids pray in their own words. Jesus warned against "vain repetitions," empty words said over and over (6:7), because God already knows what we need (6:8).
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and glue the room panels and door tabs before class, and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Doors that open:** remind kids to put glue on the tab only, never on the door itself, or it won't open. Cardstock makes a sturdier door.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Lord's Prayer Sunday school lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/lords-prayer.

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