INVITE SHARING

Ask the children to share what they did during the past week to be a light or example for someone.
TEACH THE DOCTRINE

• Click here for the “Younger Children’s” Program

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ENCOURAGE LEARNING AT HOME

- Invite the children to share with their families their favorite teaching from the Sermon on the Mount.
• Our Closing Prayer will be given by

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YOUNGER PROGRAM
I CAN PRAY TO MY HEAVENLY FATHER AS JESUS DID.

Children can learn to pray by listening to others’ prayers.

How can you help them learn from Jesus Christ’s prayer in these verses?
I CAN PRAY TO MY HEAVENLY FATHER AS JESUS DID.

- Click on the Activity below that you want to go to:
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I SHOULD TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WANT TO BE TREATED.

- Jesus’s teaching in Matthew 7:12—also known as the Golden Rule—provides a simple guide for how to treat others.

- What will help the children you teach live by this principle?
I SHOULD TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WANT TO BE TREATED.

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I CAN BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION BY FOLLOWING JESUS.

- Using the Savior’s parable about building a house on sand or on a rock can be a memorable way to teach children about the importance of acting on what we learn.
I CAN BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION BY FOLLOWING JESUS.

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OLDER PROGRAM
These chapters have many messages that could apply to the children you teach.

Read them with the children in mind.

What stands out to you?
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT CONTAINS MESSAGES FOR ME.

» Click on the Activity below that you want to go to:

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HEAVENLY FATHER WILL HEAR AND ANSWER ME WHEN I PRAY.

As you study Matthew 6:5–13; 7:7–11, what do you feel the children need to understand about prayer?
HEAVENLY FATHER WILL HEAR AND ANSWER ME WHEN I PRAY.

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I CAN SEEK ETERNAL TREASURES INSTEAD OF EARTHLY TREASURES.

- How will you help the children you teach place greater value on eternal things than on worldly things?
I CAN SEEK ETERNAL TREASURES INSTEAD OF EARTHLY TREASURES.

Click on the Activity below that you want to go to:

- Possible Activity ‘A’
- Possible Activity ‘B’
YOUNGER POSSIBLE 1
I CAN PRAY TO MY HEAVENLY FATHER AS JESUS DID. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘A’

- Review Jesus’s teachings about prayer found in Matthew 6:5–13.
I CAN PRAY TO MY HEAVENLY FATHER AS JESUS DID. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘B’

- Use this week’s activity page to help the children remember the different parts of prayer.
I CAN PRAY TO MY HEAVENLY FATHER AS JESUS DID. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘C’

- Trace each child’s hand on a piece of paper.
- Talk about what we should do with our hands and arms while we pray.
- On each tracing, write something we do to show reverence when we pray (for example, bowing our heads, closing our eyes, and so on).
I CAN PRAY TO MY HEAVENLY FATHER AS JESUS DID.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘D’

- Help the children make a poster or chart that will help them remember to pray morning and night, and invite them to share it with their families.
I CAN PRAY TO MY HEAVENLY FATHER AS JESUS DID. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘E’

- Sing a song about prayer with the children (such as “We Bow Our Heads,” Children’s Songbook, 25), and bear your testimony of the power of prayer.

- You could also invite the children to share their experiences with prayer.
YOUNGER POSSIBLE 2
I SHOULD TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WANT TO BE TREATED.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘A’

▶ Read **Matthew 7:12**, and paraphrase it in simple words that the children can understand.

▶ Help the children think of several ways to complete a sentence like the following: “I like it when others ___ for me.”

▶ After each sentence, invite them to repeat with you, “So I should ___ for others.”
I SHOULD TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WANT TO BE TREATED. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘B’

- Sing with the children “Jesus Said Love Everyone,” Children’s Songbook, 61, and make up simple actions to accompany the song.
- Ask the children what they learn about how we should treat others from the Savior’s example.
I SHOULD TREAT OTHERS THE WAY I WANT TO BE TREATED. POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘C’

- Invite the children to list kind things their parents or other family members do for them.
- Read [Matthew 7:12](https:// BereanBibleStudies.com/matt712), and invite the children to make a list of kind things they can do for their families.
YOUNGER POSSIBLE 3
I CAN BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION BY FOLLOWING JESUS.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘A’

- Sing with the children “The Wise Man and the Foolish Man,” Children’s Songbook, 281, and use actions to go along with the words.
I CAN BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION BY FOLLOWING JESUS.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘B’

- Use Matthew 7:24 to teach about the differences between the wise man and the foolish man.
- Invite the children to pretend they are building a house.
- How can we be like the wise man?
I CAN BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION BY FOLLOWING JESUS.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘C’

Let the children draw pictures of the parable of the wise man and the foolish man.
OLDER POSSIBLE 1
Remind the children that they have been learning about what Jesus taught during the Sermon on the Mount.

What truths can they remember learning about last week?
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT CONTAINS MESSAGES FOR ME. - POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘B’

- Write on the board some phrases from the Sermon on the Mount and some other phrases that are not from the scriptures.
- Invite the children to identify which phrases come from the Sermon on the Mount and share what they learn from them.
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT CONTAINS MESSAGES FOR ME. - POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘C’

- Select several verses from Matthew 6–7 that you feel will be meaningful to the children.
- Write the scripture references on cards, and hide them throughout the room.
- Let the children find them, read the verses, and explain why these teachings are important to them.
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT CONTAINS MESSAGES FOR ME. - POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘D’

- Share a favorite passage from Matthew 6–7, and explain why you like it.
- If the children have a passage they like, invite them to share why they like it and what they learn from it.
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT CONTAINS MESSAGES FOR ME. - POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘E’

▶ Sing **“I’m Trying to Be like Jesus,”** Children’s Songbook, 78–79, with the children and stop the song when you come to a phrase that relates to a principle taught in **Matthew 6–7** (such as “learning to serve my friends”).

▶ Help the children make connections to things they are learning from these chapters.
OLDER POSSIBLE 2
HEAVENLY FATHER WILL HEAR AND ANSWER ME WHEN I PRAY.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘A’

- Invite the children to read Matthew 6:9–13 out loud and then list things the Savior said in His prayer.
- How can we follow His example when we pray?
SING A SONG about prayer with the children, such as “Did You Think to Pray?” Hymns, no. 140.

Help the children search the lyrics to find reasons we pray and blessings that come from prayer.
HEAVENLY FATHER WILL HEAR AND ANSWER ME WHEN I PRAY.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘C’

- Help the children memorize *Matthew 7:7* by playing a game like the following: One child recites the first word or phrase from the verse and then tosses a ball to another child, who then recites the next word or phrase.
HEAVENLY FATHER WILL HEAR AND ANSWER ME WHEN I PRAY.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘D’

- Act out [Matthew 7:9–10](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew%207%3A9-10&version=NIV) with the children using simple props.
- Ask the children to share what this teaches them about prayer.
HEAVENLY FATHER WILL HEAR AND ANSWER ME WHEN I PRAY.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘E’

▶ Share an experience in which your prayers were answered.
OLDER POSSIBLE 3
I CAN SEEK ETERNAL TREASURES INSTEAD OF EARTHLY TREASURES.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘A’

- Bring a “treasure” box filled with objects or pictures that represent things the world values—for example, money or toys.
- Read Matthew 6:19–21 together, and then ask the children to help you think of heavenly treasures that could replace the worldly items in the box.
I CAN SEEK ETERNAL TREASURES INSTEAD OF EARTHLY TREASURES.
POSSIBLE ACTIVITY ‘B’

- Invite the children to name or draw some things they could do to “lay up ... treasures in heaven” (Matthew 6:20).
RESOURCES
1. We bow our heads and close our eyes
And say a little prayer.
We thank our Father graciously
For blessings we all share.

2. We bow our heads and close our eyes
And ask that thru the day
The Lord will keep us safe from harm,
At home, at school or play.

Words: Anna Johnson, 1892–1979
Music: Alexander Schreiner, 1901–1987
JESUS SAID LOVE EVERYONE

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   And say a little prayer.
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   The wise man built his house upon the rock,
   The wise man built his house upon the rock,
   And the rains came tumbling down.
2. The rains came down, and the floods came up, 
The rains came down, and the floods came up, 
The rains came down, and the floods came up, 
And the house on the rock stood still.
3. The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
The foolish man built his house upon the sand,
And the rains came tumbling down.
THE WISE MAN AND THE FOOLISH MAN

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4. The rains came down, and the floods came up,
   The rains came down, and the floods came up,
   The rains came down, and the floods came up,
   And the house on the sand washed away.

Words and music: Southern folk song
I’M TRYING TO BE LIKE JESUS

1. I’m trying to be like Jesus;
2. I’m following in his ways.
3. I’m trying to love as he did, in all that I do and say.
4. At times I am tempted to make a wrong choice,
5. But I try to listen as the still small voice whispers,
6. “Love one another as Jesus loves you.
7. Try to show kindness in all that you do.
8. Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought,
9. For these are the things Jesus taught.”
I'M TRYING TO BE LIKE JESUS

2. I’m trying to love my neighbor;
I’m learning to serve my friends.
I watch for the day of gladness when Jesus will come again.
I try to remember the lessons he taught.
Then the Holy Spirit enters into my thoughts, saying:
“Love one another as Jesus loves you.
Try to show kindness in all that you do.
Be gentle and loving in deed and in thought,
For these are the things Jesus taught.”

Words and music: Janice Kapp Perry, b. 1938
DID YOU THINK TO PRAY?

1. Ere you left your room this morning, Did you think to pray?
In the name of Christ, our Savior, Did you sue for loving favor
As a shield today?

Oh, how praying rests the weary!
Prayer will change the night to day.
So, when life gets dark and dreary,
Don’t forget to pray.
2. When your heart was filled with anger, did you think to pray?
Did you plead for grace, my brother, that you might forgive another
Who had crossed your way?

_Oh, how praying rests the weary!_
Prayer will change the night to day.
So, when life gets dark and dreary,
Don’t forget to pray.
3. When sore trials came upon you,
Did you think to pray?
When your soul was full of sorrow,
Balm of Gilead did you borrow
At the gates of day?

*Oh, how praying rests the weary!*
*Prayer will change the night to day.*
*So, when life gets dark and dreary,*
*Don’t forget to pray.*
REFERENCED SCRIPTURES
And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathendo: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

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

10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread.

12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.
12 Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.
Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
1 *Take heed* that ye do not your *alms* before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

2 Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the *hypocrites* do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have *glory* of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:
4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

5 ¶ And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

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13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.
17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;

18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?
26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?
31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.
1 Let not the judgment with which you judge others fall back on you.

2 For with what measure you judge others, it will be measured to you.

3 Why do you judge others, but do you not see the beam in your own eye? Why do you not consider the mote in your brother’s eye?

4 How do you say to your brother, ‘Let me pull out the mote from your eye,’ and when you look, behold, a beam in your own eye?

5 Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam from your own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote from thy brother’s eye.
Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone?

Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent?
If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.
Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?

Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.
20 Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.

21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?

23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:
And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.

And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine:

For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.
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MATTHEW 6:5-13:7:7-11

11 Give us this day our daily \textit{bread}. 

12 And forgive us our \textit{debts}, as we \textit{forgive} our debtors. 

13 \textit{And lead} us not into \textit{temptation}, \textit{but} deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the \textit{glory}, for ever. Amen.
MATTHEW 6:5-13:7:7-11

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MATTHEW 7:9-10

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20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.
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MATTHEW 7:7

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