

# Unit 14 at a Glance

## Prayer

### Unit Overview

Two and three year olds are learning to communicate. In this unit, the children will learn that prayer is talking to God and that God loves when they pray. The children will also be taught that God hears and answers their prayers.

### Unit Goals

- The children will understand that praying is talking to God.
- The children will learn that they can pray in all situations.
- The children will believe that God hears and answers their prayers.

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#### Bible Truth

Pray all the time.  
(1 Thessalonians 5:17)

#### Lesson 1 Hannah Talks to God

The children will learn about one of the Bible's most encouraging answers to prayer as they study Hannah. They will witness how Hannah fought through her sadness to pray, and then how God answered her prayers by giving her a son.



#### Lesson 2 I Can Talk to God

The children will be reminded of Hannah's prayer for a child. This lesson also emphasizes to the children that God wants to hear from them no matter how they might feel.

#### Lesson 3 Jesus Talks to God

The children will see that Jesus prayed powerfully to God and taught his disciples to pray that way, too. Following this example, the children will learn more about praying to God, specifically praising and thanking God for special things he has given them.

#### Lesson 4 I Love to Pray

The children will learn that they can pray or talk with God anytime, day or night. They will also discuss things they can pray about specifically. This lesson assures the children that their prayers always "go up" to God by comparing prayer to the concept of bubbles rising in the air.



Dear Parent,

Two and three year olds are learning to communicate. In this unit, the children will learn that prayer is talking to God and that God loves when they pray. The children will also be taught that God hears and answers their prayers.

On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and description of the lessons, which comprise this unit. Included is a Bible Truth for you to review with your child at home. Please note that this is simply a biblical concept and not an actual verse.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Learn the prayer songs from the Unit 14 Song Sheet, and then sing them with your child. Try singing in different situations such as riding in your car, walking; or playing on the swings at the park.
- Say short prayers with your child throughout the different activities of the day. When your child is afraid or struggling to do right, stop and pray together, asking for God's help.
- Talk about how much God loves to hear your child's voice, just like you. Reaffirm how special and precious your child is to God.
- Children love to play dress up! Make your child a "dress up box" with different items of clothing, hats, etc. Have your child act out different grown up jobs. Sing "When I Grow Up," from the Unit 14 Song Sheet, reminding your child that, no matter what job you do, you should always pray to God.
- Go outside and blow bubbles with your child. Talk about how prayers "go up" to God's ears. God always hears our prayers! Do the finger play "My Prayers Go Up" from the Unit 14 Song Sheet together.

We look forward to being partners with you as together we help plant Seeds of Faith in the heart and mind of your child.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers



# Unit 14 Song Sheet



## Read Your Bible; Pray Every Day

Read your Bible, pray every day,  
And you'll grow, grow, grow.  
And you'll grow, grow, grow.  
And you'll grow, grow, grow.  
Read your Bible, pray every day,  
And you'll grow, grow, grow.  
*(Reach up for the sky as you say "grow.")*

But,  
Don't read your Bible, don't pray every day  
And you'll shrink, shrink shrink.  
And you'll shrink, shrink shrink.  
And you'll shrink, shrink shrink.  
Don't read your Bible, don't pray every day,  
And you'll shrink, shrink shrink,  
*(Crumple down to the floor as you say shrink.)*

## It's Time To Pray

(Tune: "Happy Birthday")

What time is it now?  
It's time to pray.  
What time is it now?  
It's time to pray.

2. When we wake up...
3. When we eat dinner...
4. When we play...
5. When we sleep....

## When I Grow Up

(Tune: "Are You Sleeping?")

If I am a *(doctor)*,  
If I am a *(doctor)*,  
When I grow up!  
When I grow up!  
I will always pray,  
I will always pray,  
When I grow up!  
When I grow up!

*(Repeat using "evangelist," "mommy," "teacher," "ballerina," etc. You can also sing the song using "I will be a disciple" in place of "I will always pray.")*

## (Finger Play) My Prayers Go Up

1. When I'm sad,  
*(Put your hands up to your face as if you're crying.)*  
Does God hear?  
*(Look up and gesture with your hands as if asking a question.)*  
Do my prayers go to his ear?  
*(Make praying hands.)*  
When I'm sad,  
*(Put your hands up to your face like you're crying.)*  
God *does* hear!  
*(Smile and shake your head, yes.)*  
My prayers go up, up to his ear!  
*(Stand on first "up." Put your hands in the air for the second "up.")*  
  
*(Repeat using "When I'm scared" and "When I'm happy" in place of "When I'm sad.")*
2. Keep on praying!  
*(Stand still, make praying hands.)*  
Do not stop!  
*(Shake your head, no.)*  
I do not want my prayers to pop!  
*(When you say "pop," make a popping sound with your mouth and move down to the floor as if you're deflating.)*