

## **Lesson 77 - Talk to God Anytime**

### **Aim**

- \* to learn that we can talk to God anytime

### **Materials**

- \* Picture cards
- \* Prayer pyramid pattern, crayons, pictures to cut and paste/magazine pictures, glue, scissors
- \* Action Song - I Can Talk to God

### **Lesson Outline**

1. How we usually pray
  2. We can talk to God anytime
  3. Activities - memory game, missing picture, prayer pyramid, action song
  4. Review the aim
  5. Prayer
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### **1) How we usually pray**

Remind the children how we usually pray

1. Hands together
2. Eyes closed
3. Say thank you
4. Tell God what you did at the end of each day (This part you can say at the end of Sunday school)

Begin the lesson with prayer. For example: "Thank you Heavenly Father that we can come to Sunday school to learn about You and to grow our hearts . . . ." Children can repeat your words.

### **2) We can talk to God anytime**

When do you pray together in your family? - *in the morning, at mealtimes, at bedtime?*

Where do you pray? - *in front of True Parents picture? at the kitchen table? In bed?*

We usually put our hands together and close our eyes is so that we can concentrate on God, but we can also pray when we are doing something, such as going for a walk. God hears our prayers, even when we whisper to Him and when we pray silently. We can also pray to God at anytime and in anyplace.

Use the picture cards to show that we can talk to God anytime. Discuss what the child is doing in each picture, and suggest what he or she could pray about. Then have everyone bow their heads and pray that prayer.

### Some suggested prayers and actions

- \* WAKING UP - Kneel down. Say a prayer, "Dear God, help me to be good today." Get up.
- \* EATING FOOD - Sit at the table. Say a prayer, "Dear God, thank You for my food." Eat.
- \* HELPING MOTHER - Say a prayer, "Dear God, help me be a good helper." Choose a helping activity and do it.
- \* PLAYING WITH FRIENDS - Say a prayer, "Dear God, help me to share." Give a small toy to each child. Have the children exchange toys.
- \* RIDING IN THE CAR - Say a prayer, "Dear God, please keep us safe." Sit in chairs. Make engine noises and pretend to drive a car.
- \* GOING TO BED WHEN THERE IS A STORM Say a prayer: "Dear God, please help me not to be afraid." Pretend to go to sleep.

### **3) Activities**

Memory game - Use the picture cards to play the memory game. Make pairs of each card. Place them face down. One child turns over two cards to find a pair.

Missing picture - 12 cards lie face up. Children have a good look. Teacher covers all the cards with a cloth and takes one card away. Take the cloth away. Which card is missing? Describe it. What could the child in the picture pray about?

#### Prayer Pyramid

This craft will teach the children that there is no time when God is not listening. We can pray at any time.

- \* Colour and cut out the prayer pyramid pattern.
- \* Cut out pictures of rooms in a house, outdoor scenes, people in action, etc. from magazines or use the pictures shown. Each child should have at least three pictures. As they work, help them understand that they can pray anywhere. Hold up a few pictures and say,

*"This boy could be praying as he rides his bike."*

*"A kitchen is a place people sometimes pray."*

*"When you are on holiday you can pray. "*

- \* Glue the pictures onto the pyramid pattern. Help children print their names on the pyramids, pray aloud and thank God for giving the children such good ideas.
- \* Action Song - "I Can Talk to God" - This action song prepares children for prayer and helps them understand that they can pray at any time, in any place.

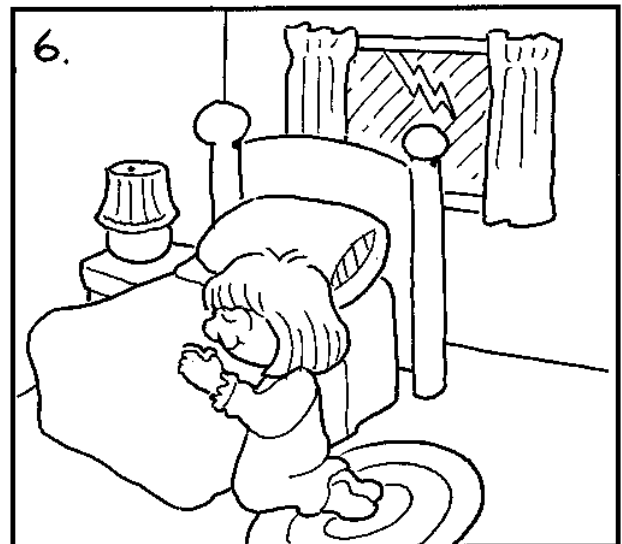
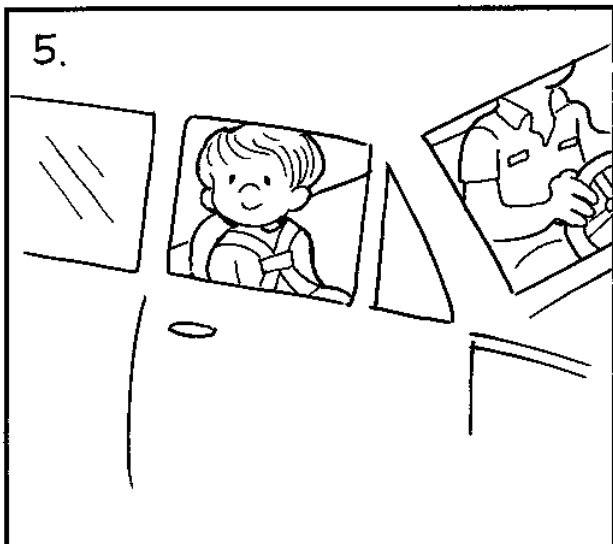
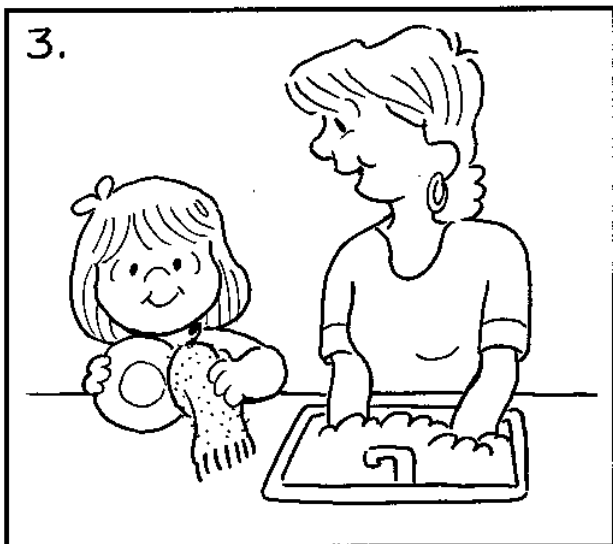
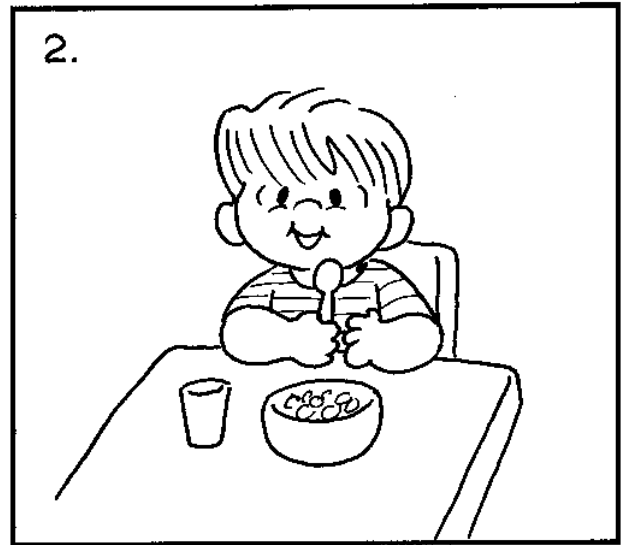
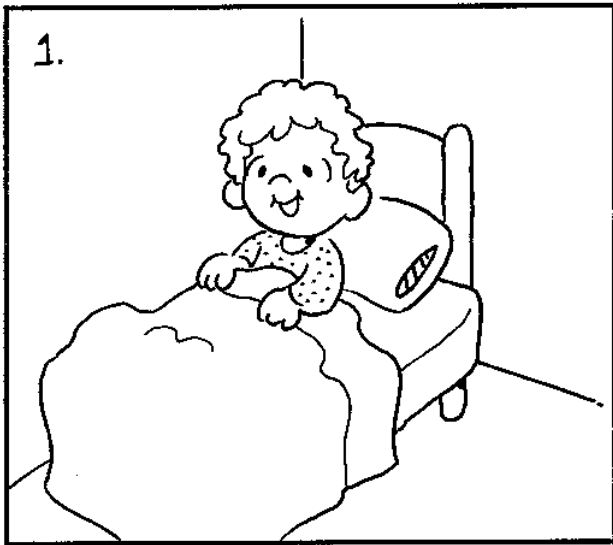
### **4) Review the Aim**

to learn that we can talk to God anytime

### **5) Prayer**

Ask children to say what we did today in Sunday School then say a prayer to tell God

# Talk to God Anytime Cards



# Action Song - I Can Talk to God



This action song prepares children for prayer and helps them understand that they can pray at any time, in any place.

Have children sit quietly before beginning the song.

## HOW TO PLAY

Sing this song just before you pray. (The music is below.) Explain that on the word "prayer," everyone should bow their heads and close their eyes.

## I CAN TALK TO GOD

1) I can talk to God (*point to self, then point up*),  
Any time, anywhere;  
I can talk to God (*point to self, then point up*),  
And He will hear my prayer (*fold hands, bow head and close eyes*).

2) I can talk to God (*point to self, then point up*),  
Any time, any day;  
I can talk to God (*point to self, then point up*);  
He hears me when I pray (*fold hands, bow head and close eyes*).

### I Can Talk to God

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The musical notation is written on two staves in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the song: 'I can talk to God, An - y time, an - y - where;'. The second staff contains the melody for the second line: 'I can talk to God, He hears me when I pray.'.

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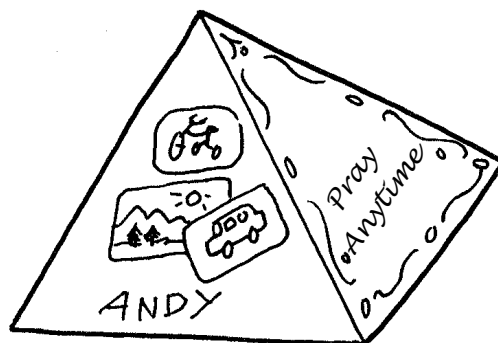
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2. Cut out pictures of rooms in a house, outdoor scenes, people in action, etc. from magazines or catalogs. Alternatively use the pictures shown. Each child should have at least three pictures. As they work, help them understand that they can pray anywhere.

Hold up a few pictures and say,  
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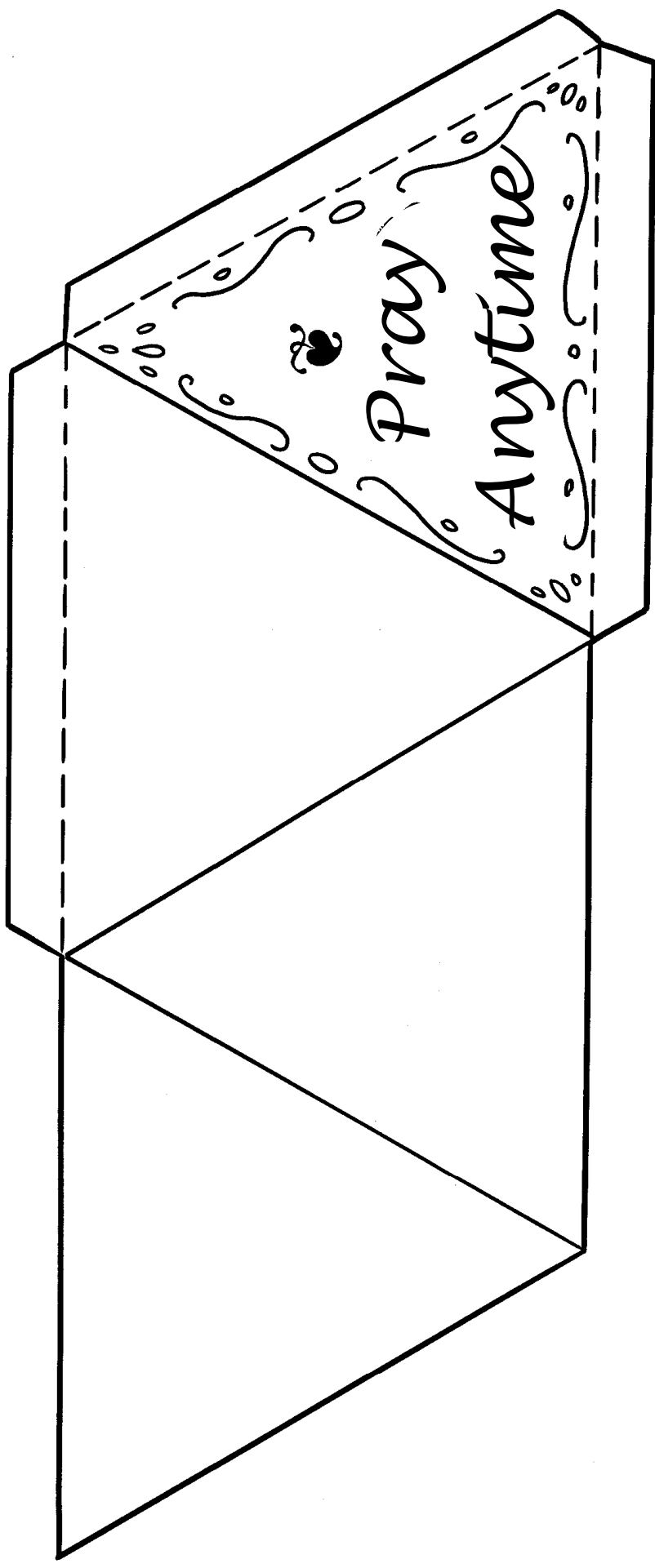
3. Glue the pictures onto the pyramid pattern. Help children print their names on the pyramids, pray aloud and thank God for giving the children such good ideas. Explain that although we usually close our eyes, God hears us even when our eyes are open. The reason we usually close our eyes is so that we can concentrate on God. God hears us whenever we talk to Him, when we pray silently and when we pray out loud. Some children may think prayer is only supposed to happen in church or before meals or at bedtime. Let them know that they can pray at any time, in any place.

## Materials

Prayer pyramid pattern  
crayons  
Pictures to cut and paste  
Magazine pictures  
glue  
scissors



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