

Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer

LESSON PLAN: INTRODUCTION

You can use this lesson plan to give you a quick-to-prepare way of engaging with the story in *Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer*, and with the Scripture that underpins it, helping children see what it means for them.

This plan includes:

- a suggested session for pre-school-aged children (3-5 years).
- a differentiated lesson plan for children from 5-11, with different activities signaled as being for “Younger” (approximately 5-8-year-old) and “Older” (approximately 8-12-year-old) children. Use what you judge appropriate for your children’s experience, understanding, and concentration. (You may find the “younger” questions more helpful for an older child who is unfamiliar with the Bible or the gospel message.) But try to include something from the “Let’s listen to God,” “Let’s think,” and “Let’s pray together” sections, as well as the storytelling. Feel free to cover the material in more than one sitting!

The lesson is put together so that it can be read out directly as written.

ⓘ Any explanatory notes for
adults will look
like this.

The lesson for 5-12s includes:

- an introductory activity that establishes a key concept which will help the children understand the passage.
- activities to help them engage as they listen to or read the Bible story.
- a storytelling segment that uses the storybook *Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer*.
- an opportunity to think about a passage of Scripture and what it means, using appropriate questions.
- an activity or discussion that encourages the children to understand what the passage means for us today.
- encouragement for children to pray in light of what they’ve learnt about Jesus in the lesson.
- games that reinforce the learning but that also provide a concentration break and a chance to move around!
- craft activities, ranging from those requiring minimal resources to more complicated projects.
- specific suggestions for ways families can revisit what the children have been thinking about, over the course of the week.

We pray that these resources will give families and churches a way of helping their children engage with Scripture, and that they will grow in love for our powerful, loving, saving Lord!



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LESSON PLAN

3-5
year-olds



God's Word Tells Us...

Prayer is talking with God. We can talk with God anytime, anyplace, and about anything.



1. Pray

Let's talk to God before we read the story:
God our Father, please teach us to pray.
Amen.



2. Listen

Read the *Any Time, Any Place, Any Prayer* storybook.



3. Game and Thinking

Do one of the two activities below and then ask the three simple questions that follow it.



1. Have various objects that relate to familiar places, times, and activities in the children's day (for instance, a toy car, a garden toy, a pillow, a breakfast bowl, toy food, a coat, a shopping bag, a bath toy). Put them in a bag or hide them around the room for children to take out / hunt for. For each object ask where or when they might use or need that it. Then say, "God our Father tells us we can talk with him when we are (in the car/playing outside/going to bed/at the shops/at nursery)."

Then say... We can talk with God in all sorts of places, at all sorts of times, and when we are doing all sorts of things.

2. Set up a toy picnic / tea party for your children. Play with them and as you do, act out various toys asking for things; saying thank you for things; breaking/dropping something or doing something wrong and saying sorry; asking for help to do something

Then say... At our tea party/picnic, all the toys talked with one another. We can talk

with God like we talk with people we love.

Then ask...

- Can anyone who loves and trust Jesus talk with God?
- Can we talk with God about anything, any time, anywhere?
- Can we thank God for things, ask him for things, and say sorry for things?



6. Listen to God from the Bible

In James 5 verse 13, God tells us, "If one of you is having troubles, he should pray. If one of you is happy, he should sing praises" (ICB).

That means that however we're feeling and whatever we're doing, we can talk with God about it.



7. Pray

Let's talk to God again now:

Father God, you love us as your children. Wow! Thank you that we can tell you when we're happy or sad. Thank you that you always listen when we say thank you, please and sorry to you. Amen.



8. Craft Idea

Decorate a paper cup or jar or box together with pens/stickers etc. Families could then put pictures or photos in the container as prompts for prayer. These might be pictures of family members and/or of places and objects that feature in the children's daily life. The children can pull them out and pray or say thank you for each one.

Wordsearch

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garden

prayer

Jesus

friends

anything

feelings

questions

anytime

earth

God

anyplace

Father

Wordsearch

s	a	l	m	f	v	z	h	e	l	p	f	r	f	x
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heaven

love

talk

Spirit

life

forever

promise

help

family

afraid

obey

forgive

Now Jesus' friends didn't ever have to be afraid of talking with God... about anything, anytime, anyplace.

You can tell God every thought you have.

You can pray...







You can pray...

For a friend
who is sick.

After a dream
you had.



About adventures you
want to go on.



Most of all, you can pray for God's help to love the things he loves, and obey the things he says.







