

Teach Us to Pray

Matthew 6:5-15



The disciples wanted to learn how to pray. Jesus taught them that when they prayed, they should be humble and never try to show off. He taught them the Lord's Prayer, praising God, giving thanks to God, and asking God's forgiveness.

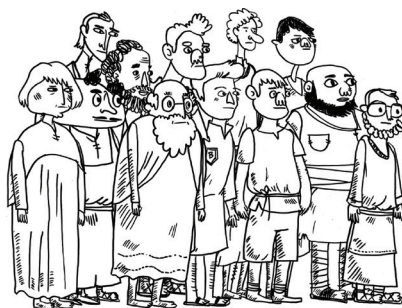
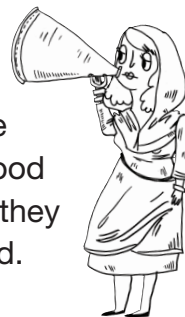
Take a Look

Here are some of the people and things in today's story. What can your child tell you about them?



Jesus taught that prayers should be simple and private. He said God "knows what you need before you ask" (Matthew 6:8).

Hypocrites in this story are people who only pray or do good to get attention. Jesus taught they would not be rewarded by God.



The **disciples** alone heard the Lord's Prayer when Jesus gave the Sermon on the Mount. They were Jesus' closest followers.

About the Video

Some people pray just to get other people's attention. It looks like a show. Other people pray silently, where no one can see. The disciples asked Jesus how to pray, and he taught them the Lord's Prayer to help them, and us, talk to God every day.

- Why do you think the woman in the video kept moving around?
- What did Jesus see in people's prayers that he didn't like?
- When does your church pray the Lord's Prayer?

Try This!

Make a prayer jar. Write simple prayers on small scraps of paper, and keep them in the jar. Pull one out to use whenever you pray.

Prayer

Dear Jesus, our prayer today is simple. Thank you for teaching us how to pray. Help me remember you each day. Amen!