Prayer 1

Song that they are familiar with.

Boys and Girls, the Bible says in Psalm 8:2 that “Through the praise of children and infants You have established a stronghold against Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.” (NIV)

So, your praise to God is very powerful and very precious to God. So, remember how special your praise and worship is to God and it is a weapon against the enemy—the devil. Be thinking about God as you sing to Him today.

Praise Songs:

Worship Song:
Boys and Girls, we are going to talk about Prayer. Who knows what prayer is?

Yes, you are right! Prayer is talking to God, isn’t it? God, who created (or made) the whole earth—the sun, the moon, the sky, the trees. And even you and me! He’s the mighty God! And you know what? He loves to hear YOU pray to Him. The Bible says that He’s attentive and listening to your prayers. Did you know that?

And, did you know that the Bible says that when you call on God, He will answer? You know, sometimes when I call my friends, they are busy and they don’t answer the phone. Sometimes I get a message that says, “Please call back” or please leave a message. Or I might get an answering machine. But you know what? That never happens when you call on God! He’s never too busy to talk to you. You will never get an answering machine that says, “Please call back, I’m too busy now.” He’s always there for you! He will always answer you because He loves you so very much and He wants to hear you talk to Him. So, we can call on God anytime. We can pray to God anytime day or night! The Bible says that He never sleeps or slumbers.

So, our scripture memory verse for today is from the Bible. It is Jeremias 33:3a: Call on Me and I will answer.
Lesson:

Boys and Girls, did you know that the Bible says that children are like arrows? Wow!!! Children are like weapons against the enemy. The Bible says in Psalm 127 that Children are like sharp arrows in a warrior’s hands. The Bible says that “Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.” A quiver is just a container that holds the arrows. So, the Bible says that a man is blessed if he has many arrows, or many children! The Message Bible says that when your quiver is full of arrows (or children) your enemies don’t stand a chance against you! So, children allow people to be successful against the enemy. So, Children are like arrows or mighty weapons. Boys and Girls, did you know that you are a mighty weapon against the enemy?

Since you are a mighty weapon, let’s learn how you can be mighty in prayer! Let’s learn a prayer secret. These are secrets that are found in God’s special book. Who can tell me the name of this special book? Yes, you are right! It’s the Bible!! So, this prayer secret is found in the Bible!

It is found in the Bible in the Book of John—John 14:13. In this verse, Jesus said, “…if you ask the Father for anything in My Name, He will give it to you.” When Jesus is talking about the Father in this verse, who is He talking
about? Yes, Jesus is talking about Father God. So, this prayer secret tells us that we can ask Father God anything in Jesus’ name and He will give it to us. That’s what Jesus said! That’s pretty awesome, isn’t it?

So, if I wanted to pray for Guatemala, I could do what Jesus said and pray to Father God in Jesus’ name. It could be a very simple prayer, something like this…”Father God, in the Name of Jesus, please turn the hearts of the people of Guatemala to Your Son, Jesus.”

Next let’s practice

Praying to Father God in the name of Jesus for Guatemala. I have a map of Guatemala here with balloons on it. Each balloon has a prayer need for Guatemala. One balloon says, “Violence”, one says “Crime”, one says “Drug Dealing,” one says “Poverty”, one says “Corruption” and one says “idolatry”. When you pray, you will be popping one of the balloons with an arrow. Who would like to come up and help up with this?

Okay, since the Bible says children are “arrows” you will be the “arrows”. I would like for you to take the arrow and pray a prayer for one of the prayer needs on one balloon using our prayer secret of asking the Father in the Name of Jesus. For an example, you could say, “Father God, in the Name of Jesus, I ask You to remove drug dealing from my nation” and then burst the balloon with your arrow. (Demonstrate how it is done)
Wow! You all did a great job of praying for your nation! You all did a great job of praying for Guatemala!! You all did such a great job that Sandra would like for you to come over to her House of Prayer tomorrow and pray for Guatemala there! So, tomorrow we will be praying at Monte Kabod—at the House of Prayer!
Prayer is an invocation or act that seeks to activate a rapport with an object of worship through deliberate communication. In the narrow sense, the term refers to an act of supplication or intercession directed towards a deity (a god), or a deified ancestor. More generally, prayer can also have the purpose of thanksgiving or praise, and in comparative religion is closely associated with more abstract forms of meditation and with charms or spells.