

8th Grade Confirmation Class 8
I GROW in faith through Prayer
St. John Lutheran Church - Palmer, Alaska

Opening of Class:

3:15-3:20

- Prayer - (request from one person)
- Handouts - PUT INTO NOTEBOOKS.

I. REVIEW

3:20-3:30

1. Read together - Colossians 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your heart to God.

1. A B C D This year's Confirmation Class is about a) Bible History, b) the Lord's Supper, c) Living as a mature child of Jesus', d) Baptism.
2. A B C D The FIRST unit was about a) believing what God says as a child of God, b) growing as a child of God, c) serving as a child of God, d) sharing as a child of God.
3. A B C D The unit we are studying right now is
4. A B C D God's plan for worship is that it is a) a time for me to grow as HE strengthens me with His Word, b) a time for Christians to grow so they can teach and help and admonish each other to live as Christians, c) a time for ME to praise and THANK GOD, d) all of the above.
5. T F One way God helps me grow as His child in my faith is through worship.

Today's Lesson

II. GROWING PERSONALLY

3:30-4:30

A. MEMORY VERSE -

1. Read together Today's Memory Verse - Matthew 7:7-8-Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

2. **Questions**

6. T F According to Matthew 7, God only answers SOME prayers, not all.
7. T F According to Matthew 7, God answers all prayers.

III. GOD'S answers to questions about prayer

A. ***DOES GOD ALWAYS GIVE ME WHAT I WANT AND PRAY FOR?*** Matthew 7:9-11 9 "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give GOOD GIFTS to those who ask him!

Questions

8. T F According to Matthew 7, when God answers prayers, He always gives me what I want?
9. T F According to Matthew 7, when God answers prayers, He always gives me what is good for me rather than what I want.

B. *WHY WOULD I PRAY?*

1. Read the Bible Verses below.

Mark 1: 35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Matthew 14:23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone,

Matthew 26:36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray."

2. Questions

10. T F Jesus didn't pray, so I don't need to pray.
11. T F Jesus prayed, but I'm stronger than Jesus is, so I don't need to pray.
12. T F Jesus prayed, and I'm not as strong as Jesus is, so I need to pray.

IV. WAYS and REASONS to pray. Practice.

A. How should I pray? PRAISE!

Student: _____

1. Read the verses

Psalms 9:1-2 I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonders. 2 I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Revelation 5:11-13 1 Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. 12 In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" 13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

2. How do we pray by 'Praising?'

3. Offer a prayer of praise.

B. How should I pray? OFFERING THANKS.

Student: _____

1Thessalonians 5:17-18 17 pray continually; 18 GIVE THANKS in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

2. How do we pray by 'Thanking?'

3. Offer a prayer of Thanks.

C. How should I pray? IN TROUBLE.

Student: _____

Psalm 50:15 and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will honor me."

2. How do we pray by when in trouble?

3. Offer a prayer for help.

D. How should I pray? DURING ILLNESS.

Psalm 30:2-4 2 O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me. 3 O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit. 4 Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.

2. How do we pray by when ill?

3. Offer a prayer for healing.

E. How should I pray? FOR OTHERS.

Student: _____

1 Timothy 2:1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone--

2. How do we pray for Other?

3. Offer a prayer for someone else.

F. How should I pray? FOR ALL LEADERS.

Student: _____

1 Timothy 2:1-2 1 I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone-- 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. December 5, 2007 3 This is good, and pleases God our Savior,

2. How do we pray for Leaders?

3. Offer a prayer for our Leaders.

G. How should I pray? FOR OTHER CHRISTIANS.

Student: _____

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

2. How do we pray other Christians?
3. Offer a prayer for other Christians.

H. How should I pray? FOR PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS.

Student: _____

Ephesians 6:18-19 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. 19 Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

2. How do we pray for Church Leaders?
3. Offer a prayer for our Church Leaders.

I. How should I pray? FOR HELP IN DOING GOD'S WILL

Student: _____

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2. How do we pray for Help doing God's will?
3. Offer a prayer for help doing God's will.

J. How should I pray? FOR ENEMIES

Student: _____

Matthew 5:44 But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

2. How do we pray for enemies?
3. Offer a prayer for enemies.

K. How should I pray? ANY TIME - ALL THE TIME

Student: _____

1Thessalonians 5:17 pray continually;

2. How do we pray in School? At Home? In Church? Other times?
3. Offer a prayer anything on your heart, right now!

V. SKIT - ?

VI. Closing

1. Attendance / Sermon Notes
2. Memory Verse Matthew 7:7-8-Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

Confirmations Skit
Lesson 8 - Praying

- Narrator: Four students are seated in chairs facing the front of science class. Mrs. Huffmeister dismisses the class for the next period but Jared does something strange. The teacher dismisses class, but Jared remains in his seat, eyes closed, hands in his lap, head down, seemingly oblivious to the rest of the world.
- Mrs. Huffmeister: OK class, that's all our time for today. You understand what we were studying. You have your homework. If you have any questions I'll be in the classroom till 2:45 today. You may leave.
- Narrator: Mrs. Huffmeister turns back to the white board. Everyone else is leaving, and Jenny notices Jared. She goes back.
- Jenny: Jared. (No answer). Jared (louder). Jared (shaking him.)
- Jared: O, sorry Jenny.
- Sam: Hey, Jenny, what's taking you so long?
- Jenny: I was waiting on Jared.
- Jessica: Hey guys, we don't want to be late to math class.
- Jenny: We're coming, I was waiting on Jared.
- Narrator: As they walk out of class (toward the stairs) and into the next class (from the fellowship hall) they discuss things.
- Jessica: So Jared, what took you so long.
- Sam: Yeah, Jared. Were you in a trance?
- Jenny: Guy, (pause) I think Jared was praying.
- Jessica: So Jared, were you praying?
- Sam: If so, what about?
- Jared: Well, that lady who was hurt attends our church, and so does her mom. I was praying for them. And, I prayed for the guy that did it.
- Sam: What? Why pray for him?
- Jared: Jesus says to pray for our enemies, and (pause) we all need help.
- Jenny: And we do pray in church for people to get well.
- Jessica: But do they? Do they get well?

Jared: Some do. Sometimes people get better and the doctors don't understand. Other times, I think God just helps people as they are ill.

Sam: So, you think prayer really helps.

Jared: I know there are situations I'm not big enough to deal with.

Jenny: Me too.

Jared: And, if God can help in the big things, well, I need help with the little stuff too.

Sam: Yeah, I could use some help in math.

Jessica: Studying would help you, Sam.

Sam: But, even when I study, I have trouble.

Jenny: Hey guys, we're going to math class. Let's just go in to class, and each take time to pray for Sam and his math.

Sam: Gee, thanks guys.

Narrator: The students sit down, and each bows his head. Just before class starts, after the prayers, Jared talks to Sam.

Jared: Hey, Sam, I'm good at math. How about if I help you.

Sam: Really? Thanks, Sam.

Jenny: I think God already gave an answer to our prayer.