

# LIVE

Choose from the following activities and crafts to help connect Bible learning to life.

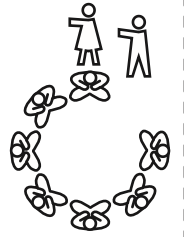
## Praying Hands

Give children a lump of clay or salt dough (find recipes online). Help them flatten it and make their hand-prints, keeping their fingers together to look like praying hands. Air-dry or bake it in an oven. Talk about how we often fold our hands to pray. Say, **We can pray anywhere and anytime. God promises to hear our prayers!**



## Sleep, Sleep, Wake

Children sit in a circle with their heads on their hands, pretending to be asleep. One child walks around the circle, tapping the heads and saying, "Sleep," each time. When ready, she taps a child and says, "Wake." That child runs around the circle after the first one, trying to catch her before she takes his spot. Repeat with the new player. Say, **God is with us when we are awake or asleep. He always listens to our prayers and answers them.**



## Prayer Bracelet

Give children a blue, white, purple, green, brown, red, yellow, and gold (or silver) pony bead to thread on a pipe cleaner, and twist ends to make a bracelet. Say, **These beads remind us of things we pray for in the Lord's Prayer.**  
Blue: **Our Father in heaven.** White: **God is holy.**  
Purple: **Jesus is our King.** Green: **God's will on earth.**  
Brown: **God gives us daily bread.** Red: **Jesus died for our sins.** Yellow: **God protects us from evil.** Gold: **God is great, forever and ever!**



## Bible Verse Prayer Chain

Read the verse from **James 5:16**. Say, **God tells us in His Word:**  
**Pray for one another.** *Fold hands. Point to children.*  
Talk about people we can pray for. Write prayer suggestions on strips of colored paper. Link together into a prayer chain to use at the closing.



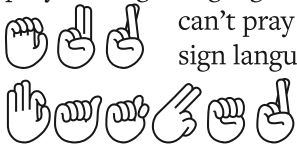
## Pretzel Prayer Snack

Serve pretzel twists. Show children how a pretzel can look like a hug or arms crossed in prayer. Tell them that whenever they eat a pretzel, they can remember to pray! Say a snack prayer together.



## Sign-Language Prayer

Look up a video of an American Sign Language version of the Lord's Prayer online. Help students learn this prayer in sign language. Explain that some people who can't pray out loud with their voices use sign language speak to God with their hands.



## Prayer Journal

Help students create a prayer journal with white sheets of paper folded in half. For a cover, use a piece of construction paper folded over the outside. Staple together. Children can decorate the cover and write "My Prayer Journal." Use a paper punch to make a hole in the fold and tie with yarn to use as a bookmark.



# LEAVE

## SAY

How wonderful that Jesus Himself teaches us to pray and assures us that God keeps His promise to answer our prayers.

## PRAY

Dear heavenly Father, You are the good and gracious giver of all good things. Thank You for the gift of prayer. Thank You for giving us the Holy Spirit to help us believe. Thank You for always answering our prayers. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.