

Theme: Our Father God



Book: Amazing Daddy by Rachel Bright

Theme Introduction:

A six year old once said 'when your dad is his very goodest, he's just a little bit like God'* – God is the perfect parent to us all. Prayer is talking to God just like children and parents talk to each other.

The Bible has plenty of examples, depicting God as a someone who loves and cares for us e.g. a shepherd of a flock of sheep (John10:11-18), or as a mother (Psalm 17:8). God wants us to talk with him through prayer. Prayer will help to build a family's relationship with God.

* taken from *The Lord's Prayer unplugged* by Lucy Moore.

Theme exploration:

What a lovely story about an amazing Daddy. There is a prayer that we sometimes pray, that starts 'Our Father', that's because God loves us, just like your amazing daddies or mummies.

Free play suggestion:

Link with book:

- Set up an obstacle course for the children to go on an adventure. Use tunnels chairs to go under and things to go around.

I wonder which bit of the adventure was the most fun. ?

- Play Simon says, but the commands should only be followed when you say 'Dad says' or 'Mum says'.

I wonder do you always do what Mum and Dad tell you to do. ?

Craft ideas:

Link to theme:

- The Lord's prayer colouring in sheet.

? I wonder if there are parts of this prayer you don't understand – ask the leaders.

- Make bread (children shape pre-made dough).

I wonder what shape you are going to make your bread. ?

Faith in action:

Pray the Lord's prayer this week. Say prayers while blowing bubbles – watch the bubbles as they go just like your prayers go to God.

Reflection on last week's faith in action, with the families.

What was last week's action?

How did that make you feel?

Why did that make a difference?



Prayer time

Hello Father God,
thank you for these children.
Help us all to love and care for them,
as much as you love and care for us. Amen.

Inspiration ...

Biblical References:

Matthew 6:9-13

The Lord's Prayer

John 10:11-18

A story about a good shepherd and his sheep.

Psalm 17:8

'Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.'

SNACK TIME

Bread

SONGS

Use musical instruments

Sing Hosanna

Additional resources:

A re-telling of the story on Youtube

<https://youtu.be/qf5aqNkSXsA>

The Lord's Prayer colouring in sheet.

A similar book: 'I love you Mummy' by Jillian Harker