

Jesus taught us that God is our Father. We will learn more about talking to God in prayer.

Living for God Matthew 6

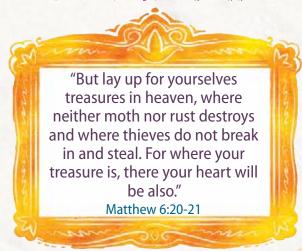


Day 1

Learn the Truth

- 1. Review: Were you kind or forgiving to someone last week?
- 2. In Matthew 6, Jesus taught His disciples how to pray. This week, try to spend a few minutes each day talking to God. Share with your Core Group.

God's Word for the Week



Giving—Matthew 6:1-4



- 1. Say God's Word for the Week: Matthew 6:20-21.
- 2. Jesus talked about the reasons why people do good things. A hypocrite is someone who pretends to be better than he really is.

Why do hypocrites give? (verse 2)

to "be ______by others."

- 3. How should we give? (verse 4) Circle one.
- so that everyone will see

in secret

so a few people will see

4. Who sees us when we give in secret? (verse 4)



Prayer—Matthew 6:5-18

- 1. Say God's Word for the Week: Matthew 6:20-21. Say the verse several times as you tap your hand or foot and think about what it means.
- 2. How many times do you read the word "Father" in verses 6-18?
- 3. How does it make you feel to know that God is a loving Father?
- 4. Why do the hypocrites pray on street corners?

"That they may be _______by others."

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- 5. How does Jesus tell us we should pray in verse 6? Draw a picture or write your answer.
- 6. Verse 9 says, "Hallowed be your name." Hallowed means "holy." What must we do for God to forgive our sins? (verses 14-15)





Treasure in Heaven—Matthew 6:19-24

1. Say God's Word for the Week: Matthew 6:20-21. Say the verse several times and then try to say it to someone else without looking.
Have that person sign here:
2. What happens to treasure (or riches) stored on earth? (verse 19)
3. Treasure can mean what is most important to us. Where should we store up treasures for ourselves? What are some ways we can do this?
4. What truth do we learn from verse 21?
5. What are some of the things that are most important to you?
6. Verse 24 tells us that we can serve only one of two masters. What are the two masters we must choose between?

Day 5

Don't Worry—Matthew 6:25-34

- 1. Slowly say God's Word for the Week: Matthew 6:20-21. Say the verse several times. Can you say it without looking?
- 2. To be anxious is to worry. God doesn't want us to worry. Why don't birds worry? (verse 26)
- 3. Jesus told us not to worry about clothing. What does God do for the lilies and grass? (verses 28-30) Draw a picture or write your answer.
- 4. What does Jesus tell us to do instead of worry? (verse 33)



Grow



Is it easy for you to worry? Jesus doesn't want us to worry. He takes care of the birds and flowers and promises to take care of us. Will you talk to God about things that worry you? Thank Him for the ways He takes care of you. Ask Him to help you trust Him.