

Prayer Hop

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 18:9-14

Materials

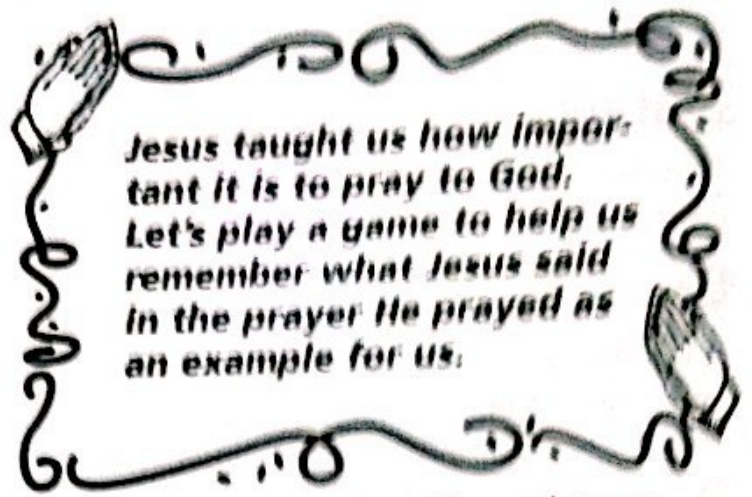
Bibles, index cards, marker, masking tape, four chairs.

Prepare the Game

Divide the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) into 10 phrases. Print each phrase on a separate index card. Make a duplicate set of cards. Make a masking-tape line on one side of the classroom. Place chairs in two rows of two in center of the playing area, one row for each team. Place five cards on each chair, using one set for each team.

Lead the Game

1. Divide class into two teams of five students each. Teams line up behind masking-tape line. At your signal, first student in each line hops to each chair in his or her line, picking up top card on each stack. Student then returns to tag next student in line. Continue until all cards have been collected.
2. When team has collected all its cards, team members put the cards in order, referring to Matthew 6:9-13 in their Bibles as needed. First team to finish reads prayer aloud. Repeat relay as time permits.



Options

1. If you have more than 10 students, shuffle into each team's set of cards two blank cards for each additional student on team. As students put cards in order, they remove blank cards. Limit each team to 10 students, making additional sets of cards and setting up more chairs as needed.
2. Bring a snack for the class. Before playing the game, draw a small star on one of the cards. Student who collects that card serves a snack to all students at the end of the game.

Discussion Questions

1. **What are some things Jesus prayed about? What did Jesus ask His Father in heaven to do?**
2. **What are some things you can talk to God about?** (Problems at school, Family members I'm thankful for. Things I need help with.)
3. **What are some things you can thank and praise God for? What are some things you need God to help you with?**