

THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



Prayer: An Object Lesson

- Best for Preschool through Middle Elementary •

Main Point: Teaching young children that prayer is simply talking with God.

Instructions: This object lesson has four steps: First, demonstrate your paper cup phone. Next, let the kids experiment with phones of their own. After that, draw attention to the topic of talking to God in prayer. Finally, do the Activity Page craft.

Show the Object Lesson: The demonstration video gives details on constructing a paper cup and string telephone. Make a phone and show it to the kids. Have a volunteer child help you demonstrate the phone; more kids can then give it a try.

Fun Activity: Follow your demonstration by handing out materials to the kids to make their own phones. Because this object lesson is aimed at young children, you'll want to have adult helpers. You can also quickly replace the string on your phone with longer and longer pieces as an experiment to see how long a string can still carry an audible message.

Bible Story Suggestion: Jesus talks with God, John 17

Jesus spoke a beautiful prayer for His followers (including us) in the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John. Because this object lesson is for young children, most of the prayer would be over their heads. We recommend you simply read John 17:24, explaining that it is a great example that Jesus loved to talk with God in heaven, and He prayed for us:

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am. I want them to see my heavenly glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the world was created."

Explain that God hears the things we say to Him. Lead in a simple prayer that shows the kids what you mean.

Other Bible verses you might like to use instead: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Philippians 4:6,7; Matthew 6:9-13; 1 John 5:14; Psalm 5:3.

Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video:

<https://www.clamcentral.com/objectlessons/prayerobjectlesson.pdf>

Activity Page: The activity page features simple clip art that kids can color and tape to their phones. You'll want to cut the shapes out before class. As the kids work, remind them that we don't need a phone to talk to the Lord. He hears our prayers no matter where we are or when we pray. When everyone has finished, send the phones home with the kids.

Paper Cup Phone Clip Art

Teacher: These simple shapes are for the children to color and tape to the paper cup telephones they make in class. Make enough copies for the number of kids you expect. Cut the shapes apart before class time.

Tip: Align five copies, stapling them together with about eight staples—this way you can cut the shapes apart much more quickly.

