

# THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



## Teaching the Lord's Prayer

- Good for Elementary ages •

**Purpose:** A good object lesson/activity to teach kids in Sunday School.

**Objects Required:** The printed items on the next pages, plus eight paper cups per small group.

**Bible Passage:** Matthew 6:9-13 - The Lord's Prayer.

**Prepare:** For each small group of no more than eight kids, print one copy of the pages featuring eight circles with the Lord's Prayer, and the cartoon buildings. Cut out the circles and buildings. Tape each set of eight circles to table tops for small groups to access. Because the circles are numbered, they don't need to be in any particular order or formation.

Cut out the cartoon buildings. Tape them to upside down paper cups as shown in the illustration.

**Present:** When ready to teach, have kids volunteer to read the phrases of the Lord's Prayer in order. Then say something like this: "Jesus taught this prayer to His disciples. I've divided the prayer into eight parts. These eight parts show us everything we need to know to enjoy a great relationship for now and forever with God."

**For the Older Kids:** Tell them that you have a fun challenge. Hand out the cups, saying that each cup represents one phrase from the Lord's Prayer.

Point out the "hallowed be your name" circle. Explain, "To hallow God's name means to honor Him, to hold His name as holy, to praise His greatness. In short, it means to worship. We can worship God anytime, anywhere but we gather together to worship each Sunday at church."

Have the kids place their church building on the #3 circle.

Challenge small groups to work together to be the first to figure out where the buildings (and street signs cup) go.

**For the Younger Kids:** Skip the challenge. Have the kids place the cups as you discuss the prayer. After that, let kids build a "city" from all the cups. For this you need extra copies.

**On the next page you'll find suggested dialog for all eight steps.**



**Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video:** <https://youtu.be/uLPQkWeSWf8>

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# Suggested Dialog

**Challenge the kids to figure out what buildings (and the street signs cup) go where. Depending on the age of your group, you may need to cite another example or two as time goes by. Here are suggested points to teach as kids work the challenge...**

**1. Our Father in heaven.** THE HOSPITAL. Probably the hardest to guess. Why a hospital? They have maternity wards, where babies are born into families. A good time to talk about how to join the family of God through faith in God's Son Jesus.

**2. Hallowed by your name.** This means to honor as holy, to lift up. To worship. We can worship our Father anywhere but CHURCH is where we gather together to do so. Once God has become our Father, we should quickly begin to realize just how awesome He is, and joyfully praise and honor Him. Worship is an essential part of the Christian life.

**3. Your kingdom come.** THE CASTLE. In ages past, people were expected to offer service to their king when called upon to do so. Serving God with our time, treasure and talents is an essential part of the Christian life.

**4. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.** His will is found in the Bible. The Bible is a book. Books are found in THE LIBRARY. Obeying God is an essential part of the Christian life. Learn the Bible and do what it says.

**5. Give us today our daily bread.** This could have been a grocery store, but most kids would rather be in a RESTAURANT than a grocery store. God has invited us to depend on Him for our needs. We learn to trust in Him.

To sum up so far: **Salvation, worship, service, obedience and trusting dependence.**

**6. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.** We can put a stop to a sin or two, but we can't stop being sinful. The only real cure for our sin is God's forgiveness. In essence, God let's us out of JAIL. We no longer are trapped by sin. We are free to be the person God wants each of us to be. Confession is an essential part of the Christian life.

**7. Lead us not into temptation.** THE WARNING SIGNS. Stay away from the things that tend to suck us back into sin.

**8. But deliver us from the evil one.** So why a HOUSE? It's a place where we should find safety and the love of our family. It represents heaven.

These are the eight essential steps Jesus gave us, steps that, when followed, lead to a great relationship with God, a life of meaning and purpose, and reward in eternity!

**1**

**Our Father  
in  
heaven...**

**2**

**hallowed  
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**3**

**your  
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**4**

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