

*Hey Parents!*

*In this series, we're talking about talking -- talking to God! Kids will see that they can talk to God in any way, about anything, anytime, and anywhere. It's as easy as saying, "Hey God!" Kids will learn that one way they can pray is by following the acronym PRAY - praise, repent, ask, and YES! By the end of the series, they'll know and understand what God's Word tells us in Philippians 4:6: "Don't worry about anything. No matter what happens, tell God about everything. Ask and pray, and give thanks to Him."*



*Have Fun!*

*Traders Point Kids Team*

## circle up

*Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking. Let your kids know that this is safe place for them to share their feelings, emotions and questions.*

- For your elementary-aged kids, ask them about the best part of their week. Allow space for them to share a hard part of their week if they would like.
- For your preschool-aged kids, have them tell you about and draw something fun from their week.

## watch

*Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on [tpcc.org/kids-messages](http://tpcc.org/kids-messages) or on the Traders Point Kids YouTube channel.*

### Elementary

Review the Bible Story by asking the following questions:

1. Did Jesus say it's better to pray as loud as you can or by yourself? (By yourself) Yes! He said this because the Pharisees were praying to show off instead of just wanting to talk to God.
2. Is praying supposed to be easy or hard? (Easy) Praying is easy because it's just talking to God like He is your friend!

## Preschool

Review the Bible Story by asking the following questions:

1. Does the Bible tell us that God is our Father or our brother? (Father) Yes! God is our good Father in heaven who loves us so much!
2. When we pray, does God hear us — yes or no? (Yes) You got it! God loves to hear you talk to Him, and He loves to talk to you, too!

## have fun together

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*From playing to praying together, have fun learning more about God!*

- Take some time to pray together as a family. Praise God that we have His example of what is best and what is pleasing to Him. Repent for those times when we haven't thought about what is best and pleasing to God. Ask God to answer any prayer requests. Say yes to what God wants and receive all God has for us.
- Draw the following and allow your family to guess the picture. Once guessed, read the question, and allow your family to respond.
  - Eyes - Do we have to close our eyes to pray? (Allow responses) No! If you feel yourself getting distracted, you can close your eyes. But you can talk to God with your eyes closed or open. You can talk to Him in any way
  - Heart - What are some things you love to talk about? (Allow responses) God, our Father, loves to hear us talk to Him and tell Him all the things we care about because He loves us so much!
  - Toys - What is something you can tell God, "Thank You," for? (Allow responses) Yes! Every good thing we have is from God, and we should talk to Him and say, "Thank You," as much as we can!
  - Mad Face - Has anyone ever done something to hurt you or that made you mad? (Allow responses) Jesus teaches us that we can ask God to forgive us when we do wrong things, AND we can pray and ask God to help us forgive others when they hurt us or make us mad.
  - Clock - When can you pray? (Allow responses) Those are great times to pray! God wants us to talk to Him all the time. Say this after me:

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Parent Guide

**need to know:** I Can Talk to God

**bible reference:** Matthew 6:5-15. Luke 11:1-13

I Can (thumbs to chest)

Talk to God (make praying hands)