

**PRAYING  
WITH  
JESUS**

A CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RESOURCE

**FAMILY WORSHIP EXPERIENCES**

# HOW TO USE

These simple activities are designed to help keep little hands busy while simultaneously engaging their brains and hearts in the service and in the sermon text. This component is multifaceted for the sake of flexibility based on context.

Print off each week's activities and provide the necessary supplies for each kid. You may want to provide kids with a hard writing service, like a clipboard or a piece of sturdy cardboard.

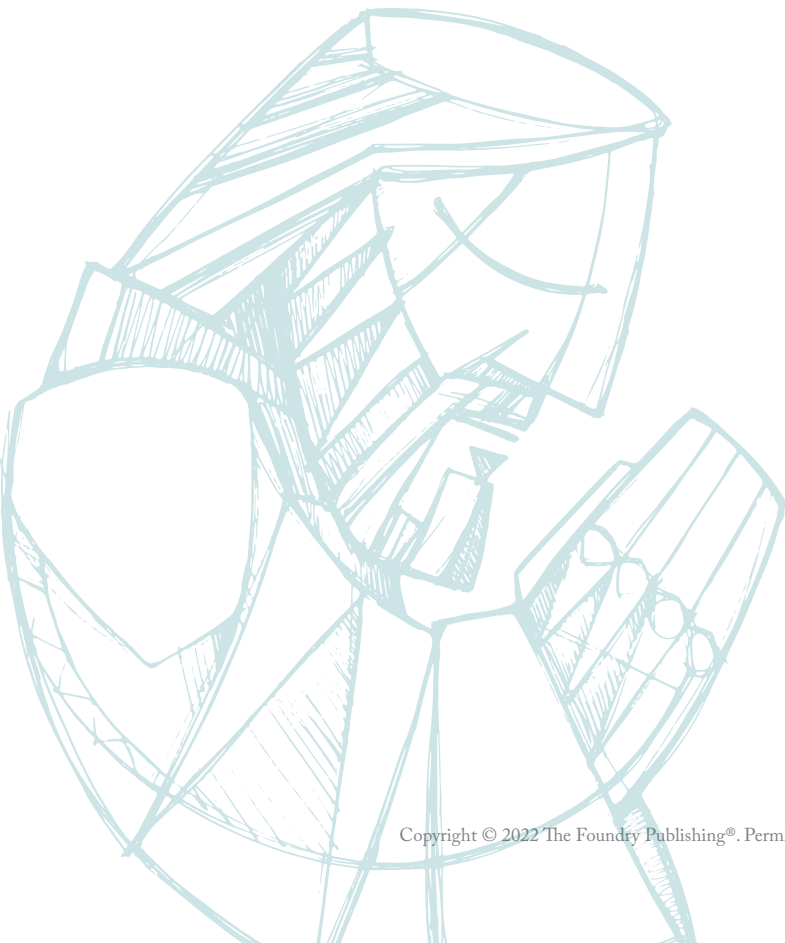
*If used during adult worship, you may want to focus the child(ren) on quiet crafting.*

Or, maybe these are activities and discussions you want families to engage in at home, either around the Sunday dinner table or throughout the week to keep the ideas fresh in kids' minds.

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WEEK 1

# WHY PRAY THE LORD'S PRAYER?

## PLAY-DOH PRAYER CHALLENGE:

Use the clay as a prayer station as you prepare to dive into God's Word. God is the potter. We are the clay. We need to trust God with our whole life. We need to let Him mold us and shape us into the disciples He wants us to be. Put the *Play-Doh* in your hands and as you press it, say a prayer to God. The prayer goes something like this, "God, you are the Potter, I am the clay. I trust you with my life. Please mold me and shape me into the disciple you want me to be."

## SUPPLIES:

- Little tub of *Play-Doh*
- Crayons or colored pencils
- *Magic Scratch* paper and scratcher

## TAKE TIME TO PRAY:

Several times in the Bible we see where Jesus went by himself to pray. Why? Prayer was important to Jesus. Let's follow His example. Prayer is not something we just do at church. God wants it to be a part of our everyday lives, so we remain connected and close to Him. Draw three places where you can pray.

Jesus took  
time to pray.



Draw a place where you can pray.

Draw a second place where you can pray.

Draw a third place where you can pray.

## REMAIN:

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Did you know that if things are repeated over and over again in the Bible that God is telling us that whatever is being repeated is really, really important?

- Circle the word remain in John 15:5-9 below. How many times does it appear in the passage?
- As you pray, write the word REMAIN on the *Magic Scratch* paper. God wants us to remain—or stay—connected to Him. Pray that you'll always choose to remain connected to God.

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.”

—John 15:5-9 (NIV)



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