



Kinds Of Prayer

MEMORY VERSE:

Ephesians 6:18, "...and pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests." (NIV)

TAKE HOME POINT:

There are many different kinds of prayer for the different situations we face in life.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The purpose of this lesson is two-fold:

1. The Bible teaches us how to pray.

Our prayer life is more effective if we pray according to the Bible.

2. There are different kinds of prayer.

There are many different prayers for the different situations we face in life.

Most people don't know how to pray when they get started. We are like the disciples who said, "Lord, teach us to pray." The Bible is our instruction book on "How To Pray."

On the other hand, some people get into a rut in their prayer life. They click into a certain way of praying because that is what they have always done. However, if our prayer life is not being effective, we need to stop and think about what the Bible says about prayer.

For example, sometimes you will hear people say, "Whenever you pray you should always pray like Jesus did and say, 'if it be thy will.'" That is just one kind of prayer, the "Prayer of Consecration." In the Bible, we find many different kinds of prayer for the different situations that we face in life.



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LARGE GROUP SCHEDULE Today's Date: _____

Lead Teacher: _____

WHO	LESSON OUTLINE	WHAT
_____	1. Participation Awards	
_____	2. Praise & Worship	
_____	3. Announcements	
_____	4. Offering	
_____	5. Digital Comic Book:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #2
_____	6. Bottom Line:	There are many different kinds of prayer for the different situations we face in life.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Ephesians 6:18, "...and pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests." (NIV)
_____	8. Drama:	Not Too Bright: "The Right Tool"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	The Game Of Life
_____	10. Short Film:	"Mixed Bag"
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	Knife or Fork?
_____	12. Digital Review Questions	

DIGITAL COMIC BOOK

The Adventures of the Masked Hero
Episode #2

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

Goal: get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- At the conclusion of the Digital Comic Book, Johnny asks the question **“What is the Bottom Line?”** Words pop up one at a time. Encourage your kids to guess the Bottom Line as the words pop up.

- Next Commissioner Thornton asks the question **“What is the Memory Verse?”** Again words pop up one at a time.

- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.



Panel 1



Panel 2



Panel 3



Panel 4



DRAMA

Not Too Bright: "The Right Tool"

TAKE HOME POINT:

Pray the right prayer for the situation

CHARACTERS:

Not Too Bright

WHAT YOU NEED:

- An old shoe
- Bubble gum
- Jar of Vaseline
- Empty glass jar labeled "Bed Bugs"
- Two slices of bread
- A slice of cheese

Drama Script:

(Not Too Bright enters the room wearing his rainbow wig and suspenders.)

Teacher: Today we have a special guest. Mr. Not Too Bright!

NTB: Duh, you didn't tell me it was a mini church!

Teacher: A mini church?

NTB: Yeah, look at all those mini people!

Teacher: They're not miniature people, they're kids. Why did you think that they're mini people?

NTB: 'Cause, I'm Not Too Bright!

Teacher: Well, Mr. Not Too Bright, what was it you wanted to show the kids today?

NTB: Can I show them how to make a tasty sammich?

Teacher: A sammich? Oh, a "sandwich." You know how to make a sandwich?

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Not Too Bright: "The Right Tool" Drama Script — Continued

NTB: Duuuhh! Why wouldn't I know how to make a sammich?

Teacher: Cause you're Not Too Bright.

NTB: Oh, yeah! Well, it's easy. I saw how to make a sammich on the Martha Stewie show.

Teacher: Okay, how do you make it?

(Not Too Bright pulls the cloth off the table at the room front and reveals the ingredients.)

Teacher: These are your sandwich ingredients?

NTB: Bread, bubble gum, Vaseline, bed bugs, and cheese!

Teacher: Gross!

NTB: Okay, no cheese on your half.

Teacher: I like cheese, but bubble gum and Vaseline?

(Not Too Bright uses an old shoe to butter the bread with Vaseline.)

NTB: Yummy, Yum, Yum!

Teacher: Why would you eat that stuff?

NTB: 'Cause, I'm Not Too Bright!

Teacher: But if you do it like this, your sandwich won't be any good.

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Not Too Bright: "The Right Tool" Drama Script — Continued

NTB: Huh?

Teacher: Did Martha's show say to make it with bed bugs?

NTB: No, I don't use the stuff she says.

Teacher: It's important to use the right ingredients and tools when we make a sandwich. Just like it's important to use the right prayer when we pray.

(Not Too Bright laughs as he puts the cheese on the bread, and shakes a jar over top with a label that reads "Bed Bugs".)

NTB: I don't use the right tools for anything!

Teacher: Well, why not?

NTB: 'Cause, I'm Not Too Bright!

Teacher: Well, Mr. Not Too Bright, you should use the right tool for the job!

NTB: No way. A shoe works just as good as a knife to butter bread.

Teacher: Ugh! You're not going to eat that disgusting sandwich are you?

NTB: I sure am! Yummy, yum, yum!

Teacher: Well are you at least going to pray over it first?

NTB: No way! It's silly to pray!

Teacher: You don't pray either?

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Not Too Bright: "The Right Tool" Drama Script — Continued

NTB: No way! I don't ever pray!

Teacher: Well, why not?

NTB: 'Cause, I'm not Too Bright!

(Not Too Bright takes a bite of the sandwich as he walks toward the door.)

NTB: Yummy, Yum, Yum...Oh no. I don't feel so good.

Teacher: Good bye, Not Too Bright. We hope you feel better. Kids, now do you see why it's so important to be bright and pray the right prayer for the job?

(Allow kids time to respond.)

The End



OBJECT LESSON *The Game Of Life*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: **Ephesians 6:18**, *“...and pray in the Spirit on all occasions, with all kinds of prayers and requests.”* (NIV)

TAKE HOME POINT: We need to look to the Bible to teach us to pray.

WHAT YOU NEED: The “Game of Life” board game (if it is not available any board game will do)

PREPARATION: Set the game up in front of the class.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

Have you ever played “The Game of Life?” I see that some of you have played this game and some of you have not. It is a really fun game. Who wants to play this game with me?

(Pick someone who has not played the game before.)

Okay, the first thing that we need to do is read the rules. (Pull out the rules of the game.)

Sometimes we are so excited about playing a new game, that we forget to read the rules. This is a mistake, because the rules are your friend. They teach you how to play the game. Have you ever gotten into an argument about the rules of a game right in the middle of playing the game? That does not make for a fun game.

Prayer is like the “Game of Life.” Just like the rule book will teach you how to play the game, the Bible teaches us how to pray.

Nobody knows how to pray when they start. We are like the disciples who said, “Lord, teach us to pray.” We can learn a lot

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The Game Of Life Object Lesson — Continued

about prayer by listening to what Jesus said about prayer.

One time Jesus said, “Don’t use vain repetitions when you pray.” In other words, don’t say the same thing over and over again. Many times people will click into a pattern of prayer because that is what they always do. We all hear people say the same words over and over again. Words like “Amen” or “Hallelujah” have been overused and they don’t mean anything to us.

Another way to learn how to pray is to watch how Jesus prayed, but we have to be careful. One time in the garden, Jesus prayed, “If it be thy will.” I’ve heard people say, “When you pray you should always pray like Jesus and say, ‘If it be thy will’ at every prayer.”

Jesus only prayed this prayer one time - before He was going to the cross. If you are praying the “Prayer of Salvation” you don’t have to say, “If it be thy will.” The Bible already tells us that “God is not willing that any should perish.”

There are many different kinds of prayer with different rules for each prayer. We shouldn’t pray the same way for each situation in life. Look to the Bible to teach you how to pray, just like you look to the rule book to teach you how to play the “Game of Life.”



**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON** *Knife Or Fork?*

- ▶ **WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:** We need to use the right prayer for each situation just like there is a right tool for each job.
- ▶ **WHAT YOU NEED:**
 - 2 jars of peanut butter
 - 2 jars of jelly
 - 1 loaf of bread
 - 1 stainless steel bread knife
 - 1 plastic fork
- ▶ **CONTESTANTS:** 2
- ▶ **INSTRUCTIONS:** One contestant will use the knife and one will use the fork while making their sandwich.
- ▶ **GOAL:** This is a race between the contestants to see who can make a sandwich the fastest.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Talk about how it is easier to make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich when you have the right utensils. (Take both sandwiches in your hand.) You can get a sandwich made by using a fork, but it goes a lot smoother if you use a knife. Our prayer life is the same way. If we want to have an effective prayer life, one where you connect with God and you get answers to your prayers, then you need to learn what the Bible says about prayer. One thing that the Bible says is that there are many different kinds of prayers for the different situations we face in life. For example, if you are asking God for something for yourself, you would pray the "Prayer of Petition." If you are praying for a friend who is not a Christian, you would pray the "Prayer of Intercession." (Intercede means to stand in the gap. You are standing in the gap between your friend and the Father God.) So, you will want to learn the different prayers so you can be an effective pray-er.



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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

The **Digital Review Questions** are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then **PAUSE** the video.

After you have done your teaching then **PLAY** the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a **Review Game** by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. What did the disciples ask Jesus about prayer?
 - a. Do we have to kneel to pray?
 - b. Do we have to pray before going to bed?
 - c. Lord, teach us how to pray.**
 - d. How come you pray so much?
2. How do we know how to pray?
 - a. Read the Bible.**
 - b. Ask your neighbor.
 - c. Play video games.
 - d. Just do what you always have done.
3. What is the “Prayer of Consecration?”
 - a. Prayer for help with homework.
 - b. Prayer to win the lottery.
 - c. Prayer to find God’s will.**
 - d. Prayer for your goldfish.
4. When you pray you should always pray, “If it be thy will.”
 - a. True
 - b. False**
 - c. Only if you feel like it
 - d. All of the above
5. What prayer should you pray for an unsaved friend?
 - a. Prayer before you eat
 - b. Prayer of Intercession**
 - c. Prayer of Consecration
 - d. Prayer of Petition



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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)

_____ How many needed?

_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Not Too Bright: "The Right Tool" — Pages 4-7

Characters

_____ Not Too Bright

Props

_____ An old shoe

_____ Bubble gum

_____ Jar of Vaseline

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Object Lesson: The Game of Life — Pages 8-9

_____ "Game of Life" board game

Inter-Active Lesson: Knife or Fork? — Page 10

_____ 2 jars of peanut butter

_____ 2 jars of jelly

_____ 1 loaf of bread

_____ 1 stainless steel bread knife

_____ 1 plastic fork

Small Group Club: Use The Right Prayer

_____ 1 ping pong ball

_____ How many needed

_____ Activity page

_____ How many needed

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed