



Prayer Of Consecration

MEMORY VERSE: Luke 22:42, "Not my will, but yours be done" (NIV)

TAKE HOME POINT: Prayer of consecration is the prayer to find God's will.

▶ TO THE TEACHER:

There are three points to this lesson:

1. If you know God's will, you don't need to pray this prayer.
2. If you don't know God's will, this is the prayer to pray.
3. You can also pray this prayer as an act of submission.

You don't need to pray the prayer of consecration if you know the will of God. If the Bible tells you what God's will is, then you don't need to pray, "if it be thy will." For example, the Bible says, "God is not willing that any should perish, but all should come to repentance." I don't have to pray, "Jesus, please save me, if it be thy will." Because I know that God wants everybody to get saved.

The prayer of consecration is the prayer that you pray when you don't know what God's will is and you want to find out. Faith begins where the will of God is known, but how do you pray when you don't know God's will? That's when you pray the prayer of consecration, to find out God's will.

You may pray this prayer concerning who your friends should be, or who you should marry when you grow up, or what type of ministry you should get involved in.

You can also pray this prayer as an act of submission. Maybe God is asking you to do something hard. Maybe he told you to be friends with the new kid or go on a missions trip. He might tell you to give away something you like. This is when you pray, "Lord, I don't want to do this, but not my will but Yours."



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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. Motion Comic:	Adventures of the Masked Hero #8
_____	6. Bottom Line:	Prayer of consecration is the prayer to find God's will.
_____	7. Memory Verse:	Luke 22:42, "Not my will, but yours be done" (NIV)
_____	8. Drama:	Martha Stewie: "Her Will Be Done"
_____	9. Object Lesson:	Your Will
_____	10. Short Film:	"If It Be Thy Will"
_____	11. Inter-Active Lesson:	The Memory Game
_____	12. Digital Review Questions	

MOTION COMIC

The Adventures of the Masked Hero

Episode #8

▶ 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

***Martha Stewie:
"Her Will Be Done"***

TAKE HOME POINT: Not our will, but God's be done

CHARACTERS: Martha Stewie

PROPS: Paper doilies
Potpourri

Drama Script:

(Martha Stewie enters.)

Teacher: Martha, hello. We weren't expecting you today.

Martha: I just thought I'd stop by and see how things look.

Teacher: How they look?

Martha: Well, a church should be nice, but cozy. I brought some doilies to put under each chair leg in the sanctuary, and fresh potpourri for the restrooms, and that bare old parking lot looks worlds better now that I painted it in a refreshing pastel peach.

Teacher: That's, uh, very...kind of you.

Martha: Well, it's God's will for things to be well kept and smelling good.

Teacher: It is? I don't think I've ever read that scripture before. Where is it found in the Bible?

(Teacher begins looking through the Bible.)

Martha: Well, cleanliness is next to godliness.

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Martha Stewie: "Her Will Be Done" Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: Yes, cleanliness is a good habit.

(Martha gags.)

Martha: I'm terribly sorry, but what is that awful aroma?

Teacher: I don't smell anything.

Martha: It's not God's will for us to ignore our senses. It's God's will for us to smell pleasant and appropriate to the season.

Teacher: Appropriate to the season is God's will? That sounds a little fishy to me.

Martha: Look, you won't get into heaven smelling like Summer in the Fall.

Teacher: What? That doesn't sound right.

Martha: Sure, it's plain as day in the Bible. The Lord loves a cheerful giver.

Teacher: So what does that have to do with a smell?

Martha: It is God's will for us to be cheerful, and who could be cheerful when the whole room smells terrible?

Teacher: This room smells fine to me.

Martha: It's God's will for us to make potpourri balls. I'm sure of it!

Teacher: Martha, that sounds more like your will than God's.

Martha: What's the difference?

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Martha Stewie: "Her Will Be Done" Drama Script — Continued

Teacher: Well, when we don't know what God's will is we can seek him to find out. Did you seek God and find out if it is His will was for us to make this room smell better?

Martha: Well, not exactly, it just seems to make sense.

Teacher: So really it's just your will for us to make potpourri balls?

Martha: Yes, I suppose it is.

Teacher: Martha, there's nothing wrong with making potpourri, but it's not honest when you go around telling everyone that it's God's will even though he hasn't told you that it is.

Martha: It's not?

Teacher: No, it's your will, not his.

Martha: Well, do you think God would mind if I made some potpourri to freshen up the room?

Teacher: No, I don't see why he would. As long as you don't pretend he told you to do it.

(Martha becomes energized again).

Martha: Wonderful! I think some nice mint tea leaves with a hint of jasmine, and just a touch of vanilla would be perfect. . .

(She sniffs a few of the boys)

Martha: It may take more than just a hint of jasmine. There are a lot of stinky boys in

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Martha Stewie: "Her Will Be Done" Drama Script — Continued

here!

Teacher: That sounds great. Why don't you come back tomorrow and we'll find a nice spot for the potpourri?

Martha: Excellent! I just adore doing craft projects! Perhaps a few doilies for under the chair legs would be appropriate?

Teacher: That's okay, maybe just the smelly stuff.

Martha: Very well. I'll see you tomorrow.

(Martha exits.)

Teacher: Thanks Martha! Bye now!

The End



OBJECT LESSON *Your Will*

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: **Luke 22:42**, *“Not my will, but yours be done” (NIV)*

TAKE HOME POINT: We pray the prayer of consecration for anything that the Bible is not specific about.

WHAT YOU NEED: Large black Bible
Starbuck’s coffee cup

PREPARATION: Hold the coffee cup in your hand.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Starbuck’s coffee cup needed, if one is not available any coffee cup will work.

OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:

(Have your coffee cup in your hand.)

At the Last Supper, Jesus and his disciples went to the Garden of Gethsemane. Jesus knew what was about to happen, even though the disciples were still clueless. Jesus knew that Judas was going to betray Him, and that He would be arrested in a few short hours. Jesus knew that He was going to be put on trial in the middle of the night. He knew that the next day He would be sentenced to die on the cross.

In the garden, He told His disciples that He was going to go away and pray by Himself. He looked up to Heaven. His hands were sweaty, not just regular sweat, but He was sweating blood.

Jesus prayed a prayer He had never prayed before. He said, “Father, if you are willing let this cup pass me by, nevertheless not my will, but yours be done.”

What was Jesus talking about? “Let this cup pass me by?”

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Your Will Object Lesson — Continued

Was He talking about Starbucks's coffee? (Hold up Starbucks's cup.) I like Starbucks's coffee. Was He being tempted to drink some Starbucks's when He knew He should be sleeping?

No. Jesus was talking about what was about to happen. He wasn't afraid of the arrest, the trial, the whip, or the nails. The "cup" Jesus was talking about was "the sins of the world" that were going to land upon Him. He knew He would be separated from His Heavenly Father.

Sometimes you will hear people say, "whenever you pray you should always pray like Jesus and say, 'If it be thy will.'" Some people will tag every prayer with "if it be thy will." Jesus didn't do that. Jesus didn't say, "Lazarus, come forth, if it be thy will." In fact Jesus only prayed this way one time that we know of. The only time you pray this way is if it is not in the Bible.

(Hold up the Bible)

For example, I don't have to pray, "Jesus save me, if it be thy will." The Bible tells me that it is God's will for me to be saved. I don't have to pray, "Jesus, heal me, if it be thy will." We know that God doesn't want us to be sick because Jesus said, "the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy, but I have come that you might have life and life in abundance." My Heavenly Father is a loving Heavenly Father. Just like my earthly father doesn't want me to be sick, my Heavenly Father doesn't want me sick either.

The Bible does not tell us who to marry or what ministry we should serve in. The Bible doesn't tell us who our friends should be. For these kinds of situations, we need to pray the prayer of consecration.



**INTER-ACTIVE
OBJECT LESSON**

The Memory Game

▶ WHAT YOU'LL LEARN:

Knowing God's will gives you confidence. If you don't know for sure, just ask Him.

▶ WHAT YOU NEED:

Memory game - either powerpoint or classical card game
If a powerpoint game is not available, you can use the classical card type. Just tape the cards onto a white board so the whole class can see what is on the other side.

▶ INSTRUCTIONS:

- Divide the class into two teams.
- Play a round of any type of Memory Game.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Ask your class two questions:

QUESTION #1 What did it feel like when you had to make your choice, but you had no idea what was on the other side of the card?

QUESTION #2

What did it feel like when you knew for sure where a match was?

In Question #1, it was kind of like a shot in the dark or a roll of the dice. That is how many people approach their choices in life.

In Question #2, it a much better situation because you know for sure how to get success. Is it possible to know for sure about my choices in life? Like, who my friends should be? Who do I marry when I grow up? What do I want to do when I grow up? If you don't know what to do, then pray the prayer of consecration, ask God. If you know what God's will is, then you know for sure you have the right answer and you will be successful.



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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. The prayer of consecration is a prayer to find _____.
 - a. your Bible
 - b. your dog
 - c. the remote control
 - d. God’s will**
2. When do you pray the prayer of consecration?
 - a. When you know God’s will
 - b. When you don’t know God’s will**
 - c. When you have to go potty
 - d. When your mom tells you to
3. What do you pray the prayer of consecration for?
 - a. Who will be my friends
 - b. What ministry should I serve in
 - c. What do I want to do when I grow up
 - d. All of the above**
4. How do we find God’s will most of the time?
 - a. In the Bible**
 - b. Playing with your dog
 - c. Eating vegetables
 - d. Praying really loud
5. “If it be thy will” is what prayer?
 - a. Prayer of Intercession
 - b. Prayer of Agreement
 - c. Prayer of Commitment
 - d. Prayer of Consecration**



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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)

Martha Stewie: "Her Will Be Done" — Pages 4-7

Characters

_____ Martha Stewie

Props

_____ Paper doilies

_____ Potpourri

Object Lesson: Your Will — Pages 8-9

_____ Large Black Bible

_____ Starbucks coffee cup

Starbucks coffee cup needed, if one is not available any coffee cup will work

Inter-Active Lesson: The Memory Game — Page 10

_____ Memory game - either powerpoint or classical card type game

Small Group Club: Have Confidence

_____ Marker board and markers or paper and pen

_____ How many needed

_____ Activity page

_____ How many needed

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids

_____ How many needed