

SERMON ON THE MOUNT- FAMILY WORSHIP



Week 5 K-5 8:30/11:00

“Jesus takes time to pray” Mark 1:35-39

Summary: Jesus spent time with God early in the morning and made talking to him a priority, we should too!

Memory Verse: He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.” Mark 16:15

Passage to study: Mark 1: 35-39

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Welcome Question

What is one thing you would like to talk to God about?

1. Write the welcome question on the board and give students journals, label, and pens to answer the question in their journals.
2. Discuss the students answers and explain to them that we are going to talk about how Jesus made talking to God through prayer a priority and we should too.

Memory Verse Activity

Supplies: small rocks or pebbles; two Styrofoam bowls

Instructions:

- Set the bowls at an equal distance apart in the middle of a table. Designate two teams.
- Give each team a pile of small rocks.
- Each team will have two players face off. The first player on one team will say the memory verse. If she is correct, she will have a chance to toss a rock into her opponent's bowl. If she is incorrect, the first player on the other team will get a chance to say the verse and toss a rock.
- Continue playing until every person has had a chance to play. The team with the fewest rocks in their bowl wins.

Small Group Discussion

Discuss the following questions.

What did Jesus do early in the morning?

(He went to a quiet place to pray.)

Where did Jesus go to pray?

(To a solitary or quiet place.)

Who went looking for Jesus?

(Simon and the other disciples.)

What did the disciples say to Jesus when they found Him?

(“Everyone is looking for you!”)

Why did Jesus say He needed to go to other towns?

(So He could preach there too — that was why He came.)

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What can we learn from Jesus about prayer and purpose?

(We should take time to talk to God and follow His plan for us.)

Prayer Time

Take some time to share prayer requests. Then lead the kids in prayer.

Game

“Everyone Is Looking for You!” Tag

How to Play:

- One child is Jesus and hides or walks quietly around the room.
- Others (disciples) are seekers.
- When they find Jesus, they shout, *“Everyone is looking for you!”*

Craft

Supplies:

- Paper plates (2 per child)
- Brass fasteners (brads)
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons

Instructions:

1. **On the bottom plate**, divide the circle like a pie into 4–6 sections. Label each one with:
 - “Wake up early”
 - “Find a quiet place”
 - “Talk to God”
 - “Listen to God”
 - “Help others”
 - “Go and share God's love”
2. **On the top plate**, cut out a small window or triangle “view hole.”
3. Stack the plates and fasten them in the center with a brad so the top plate spins.
4. Decorate the top plate with the title:
“Jesus Took Time to Pray”
Mark 1:35
5. Kids spin the top plate to reveal one action at a time — steps to follow Jesus' example of praying and living with purpose.