

AIRPLANE PRAYERS ☆

A fun team building activity that helps teach children to pray for others.

TOPICS:

Prayer

MATERIALS:

Airplane Prayers Map [PDF] [Click here](#)

Tables, chairs, blocks or other assorted toys.

DURATION:

Approximately 20 minutes

PREPARATION:

Before class print out a copy of the map for each child.

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

Gather the children together and ask them if they would like to build their very own airplane! Arrange a couple of tables as if they were wings, and arrange the chairs to be the seats in the airplane. Use other assorted toys to be the pilot's controls, the engine and a radio. Use your imagination to come up with other sections of the airplane.

Next, tell the children that you need quite a few volunteers to help you fly the airplane. You will need a pilot, a co-pilot, a mechanic for the engine, and a person to work the radio. Tell them that they will all have to work together to make it a successful flight. Act surprised and tell them that you forgot one of the most important jobs, that of being the navigator.

Pull out the "Airplane Prayers Map" and ask the children where they would like to go. Use a sticker or a marker to mark the destination on the map and then hand the map to the navigator. (Please note that you can easily substitute other maps to narrow the flight to specific areas within your country.) Have the children take their places, children without jobs can be the passengers. Have the mechanic check the engines before taking off. Have the radio operator give the clearance for takeoff, and have the pilots take off. As they pretend to fly, have the navigator track their location.

You can pretend to fly to Biblical lands, missionary fields, the capital of your state or country, or other areas where there are people for whom the children can pray. Once playtime is over, ask the kids what types of prayer the people of the area you pretended to visit may need. Take several minutes to allow for children's comments and then lead the children in prayer time. Let each child take a copy of a map home to remind them to pray for others around the world.

This activity will introduce children to geography and sharpen their awareness of the world around them.

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SOW THE WORD ☆

A song about the parable of the sower. Sung to the tune "Row, Row, Row Your Boat."

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TOPICS:

Gospel, Witnessing

MATERIALS:

Song sheet [PDF] [Click here](#)

Audio Sample 🎵 [Click here](#)

DURATION:

Approximately 5 minutes



VERSES

Sow, sow, sow the Word,
Precious seeds of Faith;
Some that fall along the path,
Are quickly snatched away.

Sow, sow, sow the Word,
Precious seeds of Truth;
Some that fall on rocky soil,
Won't last the whole day through.

Sow, sow, sow the Word,
Precious seeds of Hope;
Some that fall among the thorns,
Grow weak from fear and woe.

Sow, sow, sow the Word,
Precious seeds of Life;
Some that fall into good soil,
Will live a life for Christ.

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GOOD NEWS ☆

Where can you find the best news in the world? You can find it in the Bible, of course.

TOPICS:

Bible, Gospel, Jesus

MATERIALS:

Newspaper
Bible



DURATION:

Approximately 8 minutes

WHAT YOU WILL DO:

You will compare a newspaper to a Bible that is full of the Good News of Jesus.

WHAT YOU WILL SAY:

This is a newspaper. *(Open the newspaper and show it to the class.)* There are many newspapers in this world. Almost every town and city has one. Many people spend hours and hours gathering information and stories to put in the newspaper. And many people spend hours and hours reading them. Does anyone read a newspaper in your family? What kind of things do you find in a newspaper? *(Allow for answers.)*

Of course, one of the reasons to have a newspaper is to tell people about what is going on. We call this "news." Get it newspaper!

Some news is good, and other news is bad. Unfortunately, today most of the news is not too good.

The Bible is not a newspaper, but it does have news, good news! *(Open the Bible and show it to the class.)* In the Bible, you can find the good news of Jesus. You can read how Jesus is the Son of God and how He came to earth to live with us. Then He died on a cross to save us from our sins. This may seem like bad news, but the story does not end there. We read further that Jesus rose on the third day, and now He is alive with the Father in Heaven. He is there preparing a place for us.

God is so wonderful. He cares so much for us He sent His Son, Jesus to save us, so we can be with Him in Heaven. Jesus is our Lord. That is real great news!

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North
America

Central
America

South
America

Africa

Europe

Asia

Australia

GODLY LIVING

LESSON 4: WHO WILL GO? ☆

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This lesson teaches children the importance of sharing the Good News to others. In this way, they can show their love and the love of Jesus to those around them.

TOPICS

Church, Gospel, Witnessing

AS KIDS ARRIVE (10 MINUTES)

God Loves Me (Activity) [Click here](#)

WORSHIP TIME (5 MINUTES)

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BIBLE VERSE (7 MINUTES)

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12 NIV

Say this verse several times with the children until they can repeat it by themselves. Then, have the children answer the following questions:

1. Who is saying these words? (*Jesus*)
2. How does Jesus love us?
3. What are some ways we can love someone else like Jesus loves us?

BIBLE STORY (15 MINUTES)

Gather the children around you in preparation for story time. After the introduction, read the story from the Bible. If possible, use a Children's Bible so it will be easier for the kids to understand.

Introduction:

Did you know that some people in the world don't know Jesus? God wants all of us to know about Him and His Son Jesus. One of the jobs that God gives us is to tell others the Good News about Jesus. God loves us and wants all of us to be part of His family.

Read Matthew 9:35-38 (The Workers Are Few)

Discussion Questions:

1. Where did Jesus go to preach the Good News? (*All the towns and villages.*)
2. What is the good news that Jesus spoke about? (*Heaven and God's solution for the forgiveness of sin.*)
3. Jesus had compassion on the people, who were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd to protect them. Who is our good shepherd? (*Jesus.*)
4. Jesus told His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." Jesus wants us all to do our part and tell others the Good News. What are some ways we can do this? (*Tell our friends about Jesus and ask them to come to church and Sunday school with us.*)
5. How are we showing love when we tell someone about Jesus? (*When we tell someone about Jesus, that person can also receive Jesus' love.*)
6. Finish this verse, "Love each other as _____" (*I have loved you.*)

FUN TIME (20 MINUTES)

Airplane Prayers (Activity) [Click here](#)

ALTERNATE FUN TIME (8 MINUTES)

Good News (Object Talk) [Click here](#)

PRAYER/SNACK (10 MINUTES)

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Explain to the children that God has many good gifts for us, but He does not want us to keep these gifts to ourselves, He wants us to share them with others. Have apple slices in a bowl. Have the children take turns passing the bowl of apples to other children in the room. When the bowl is passed to them they may take out one apple slice and then pass the bowl onto another child who does not have an apple slice yet. As the children enjoy their snack explain how this is similar to sharing the Good News of Jesus with our friends.

CLOSING ACTIVITY (5-10 MINUTES)

Sow the Word (Song) [Click here](#).

NEXT WEEK

Come back next week to hear about the heavenly home Jesus is making for us!

TAKE HOME PAGE

Give one copy to each child at the end of the class to take home [PDF]. [Click here](#)