

# LORD'S PRAYER: INTRODUCTION

1. **Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear Father, help us as we learn about the prayer You taught us to pray. Help us to understand the words You have given us and to see the importance of spending time talking to You. Thank You for this incredible gift and that we have the opportunity to come to You whenever we desire.

In Your Son's Name, Amen.

2. **Teaching:** Watch Lesson 7: Introduction to the LORD's Prayer. Video link: <https://vimeo.com/74307567>

3. **Scripture Search:** Read through the following section of Scripture:

- 3.1. [Luke 11:1-4](#), pages 1528-1529.

- 3.2. Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:

- 3.2.1. The LORD's Prayer, page 231

- 3.2.2. Questions 230 -242 (pgs. 231-236);

- 3.2.3. The Central Thought (page 237);

- 3.2.4. Questions 243 -246 (pgs. 237-239);

- 3.2.5. Connections and Applications 247-249 (pgs. 239-241)

4. **Question Time:**

- 4.1. Who is somebody in your life that you feel like you can talk to about anything? What makes them so easy to talk to?

- 4.2. What are some ways that prayer should be like talking to a close friend? What are some ways it should be different?

- 4.3. How should you pray? What are some ways you shouldn't pray?

- 4.3.1. Read [Matthew 6:5](#) and discuss what it means to be a hypocrite who is just concerned with how other people see them.

- 4.4. What are some of the ways that God might answer our prayers? *\*Hint: There are three options*

- 4.5. Say the words of the LORD's Prayer and then, using your own words, write out an adapted version that is easy for you to understand. Here is an example from the Jesus Storybook Bible, <https://vimeo.com/367867392>

5. **Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Father, thank You for being someone that I can talk to. Thank You for always listening and hearing my prayers. Help me to always remember to spend time talking with You so we can continue to grow closer and closer. In Jesus' Name, Amen.