

# KIDS ZONE

## TREASURE HUNTERS



Welcome to Kingsway Kids Home Edition! In this series, we're Treasure Hunters! Digging through the Bible for the truths and treasures hidden in God's Word!

**A NOTE TO PARENTS:** This is a new season for all of us! My hope is this material will help keep our Kingsway Kids connected, and encourage you and your family as you dig into God's word together. I'd love to hear your feedback, or if you have questions, please feel free to get in touch – you can reach me at [kids@kingswayfoursquare.com](mailto:kids@kingswayfoursquare.com)

Each week's material will be adaptable to best fit the needs of your family. You can set aside time to do the content all at once, or work through little bits at a time. There will be a memory verse, bible study element, discussion questions, craft options or experiments (using things you'd find around the house,) game ideas, and if you have access to a printer – puzzles and colouring sheets too. Some activities will be better suited to certain ages, so please read through and pick the options that are best for your child.

Please know I'm praying for you and your kids. I hope you have a lot of fun with this series!

All the best,

*Rose*

Children's Ministry Director

### **PHILIPPIANS 4:6 (NLT)**

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.



### **ROMANS 5:11 (NLT)**

Now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God, because Jesus has made us friends of God.



## ***BIBLE STUDY & DISCUSSION:***

**Recap last week:** Can you remember last week's memory verse? Try and recite it together. How did you do with last week's challenge? *Take some time to share with one another and encourage each other.*

Let's recap what we've covered so far. We've talked about seeking God requiring action and one action we can take is reading our bibles. The bible points us to Jesus and by knowing Him we're saved.

### **This week's study:**

Opening activity: How many different forms of communication can you think of? *Here are some ideas to get you started: Talking, smoke signals, drawings...*

Today we're going to talk about prayer.

Q: What is prayer? A: *Prayer is communicating with God. It's 2 way! We can talk with Him, but we need to listen too.*

Prayer is for anyone, anywhere, anytime. It's so important! A friendship is impossible without communication – the same can be said for our relationship with God. When we read about people talking with God in the Old Testament (before Jesus came) people would communicate to God through a priest or a prophet (like a giant game of telephone) often in a holy or special place. Now, because of Jesus, we can talk to God directly, anywhere.

But how do we pray? Jesus tells us how!

**Read** Matthew 6:7-13. *Ask your kids to share their observations from the passage.*

The passage we just read is often referred to as the Lord's Prayer. It teaches us how to pray. You can use the acrostic PRAY as an easy way to remember some of the things the Lord's Prayer teaches us.

**P**RAISE: *The Lord's Prayer starts out with declaring who God is (v9). We can start our prayers by declaring truth and praise too. That might look like singing a song to God, saying truths about who God is or reading scripture, saying things we're thankful for. We can express praise in lots of different ways.*

**R**EPENT: *The Lord's Prayer teaches us to ask God for forgiveness and say sorry for things that we've done wrong (v12). Repent means to be sorry and turn away from what was wrong.*

**A**SK: *We should pray for the things we need (v11). These might be physical needs, but emotional and spiritual needs. Not just for ourselves, but for others too.*

**Y**IELD: *This means we give way to God, we acknowledge He is in control and we follow His lead (v10,13). We can do this by taking time to listen.*

## ***WEEKLY CHALLENGE:***

Set a prayer goal for this week! Pray twice this week? Try and pray each day. Do something that will help you remember your goal. Your prayer time doesn't need to be super long – aim for a few minutes. Practice using **P**raise, **R**epent, **A**sk, **Y**ield as a framework for your prayers. You could speak your prayers out loud, write them out, or draw pictures, sing or talk in your head! Make sure you take some time to listen to God too.

## **ACTIVITY OPTIONS:**

### **1. String Phone**

Follow the YouTube tutorial to make a String Phone! You'll need 2 paper or plastic cups, string and tape.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yqB2KFwJCo>

*LINK IT TO THE BIBLE POINT:* We can talk to God through prayer! It's important we talk with God, but it's also important we take time to listen.

### **2. Work on the Memory verse**

Come up with actions for each part of the memory verse

OR

try and fit the words to a song or tune you know

OR

write it out and post it by the sinks in your house and recite the verse while you wash your hands!

### **3. Dot-to-Dot Colouring Sheet**

If you have access to a printer, print the Colouring Sheet for your kids!

### **4. Right Now Media Video**

Worship Song, Yancy and Friends: Little Praise Party, Episode 11 "I will pray"

### **5. Prayer Spinner**

Use the template below to make a prayer spinner as a reminder of Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield. Encourage your kids to use it during their prayer time.

## **GAME OPTIONS:**

### **1. Telephone**

*LINK IT TO THE BIBLE POINT:* We have a way to talk to God directly!

### **2. Pictionary/Creationary**

You'll need pen and paper for this game. Try and communicate a word or phrase to the others playing by drawing (you can't talk or draw any letters or numbers)

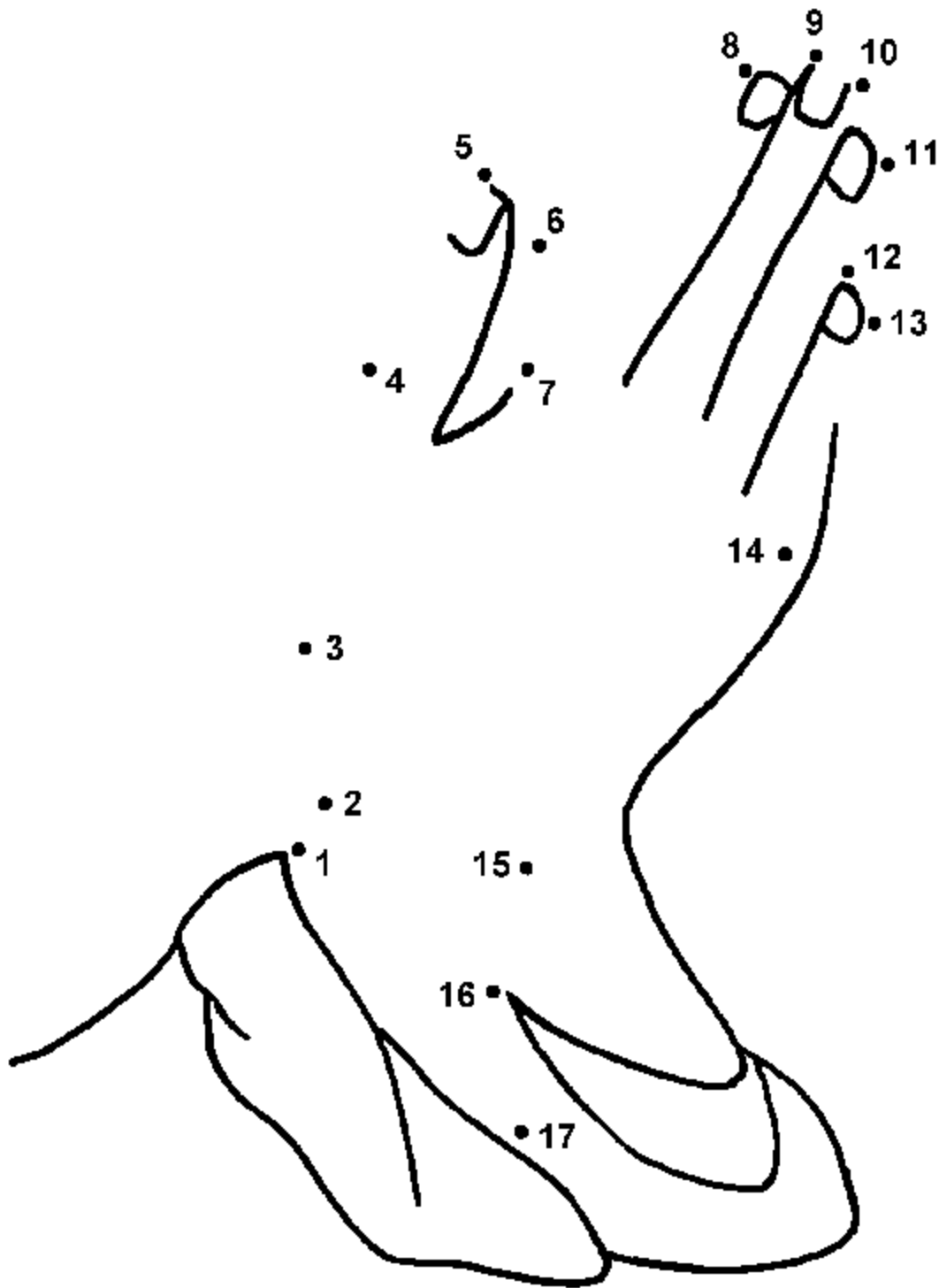
If you have playdoh at home, you can play by trying to build the word/phrase instead

### **3. Coded Messages**

Get your kids to create their own code and write messages to you, or decode messages from you. This blog has some great ideas to get you started.

<https://www.kidsactivitiesblog.com/27282/secret-codes-to-write-a-coded-letter>

*LINK IT TO THE BIBLE POINT:* There's so many ways to communicate. Because of Jesus, we have a way to talk to God directly! We don't need to use complicated or fancy words - we can keep it simple.



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ABOUT EVERYTHING. TELL GOD WHAT YOU NEED,  
AND THANK HIM FOR ALL HE HAS DONE.  
PHILIPPIANS 4:6*

**Prayer Spinner Activity**

- Decorate the circle.
- Cut the circle and arrow out.
- Attach the arrow to the centre of the circle using a brad pin so it can turn.

