

Teach us TO
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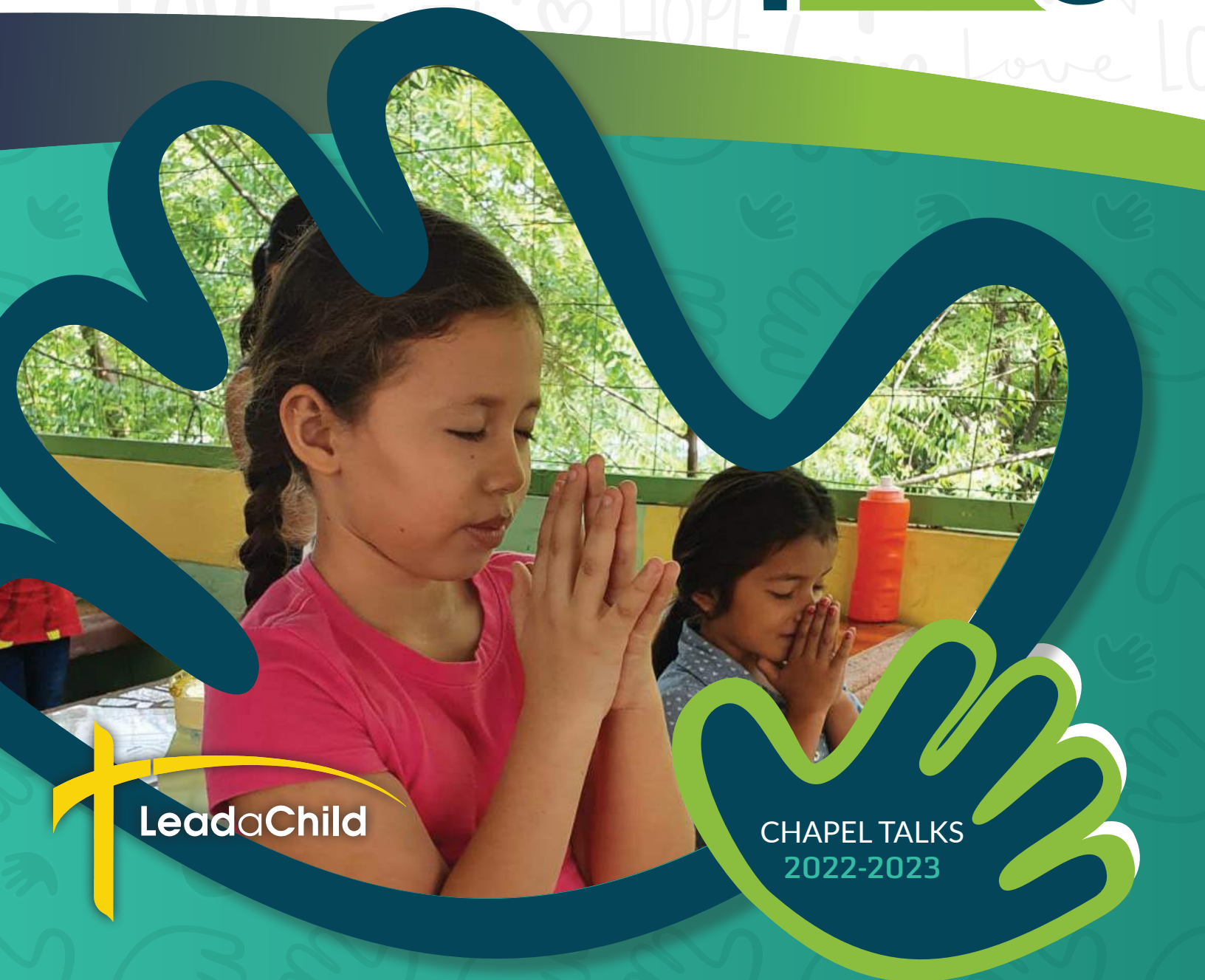


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And Jesus said to them, “When you pray, say: ‘Our Father...’

Prayer is a wonderful gift that God has given to His children. It is a great invitation as well as a command. I Thess. 5:16-18 exclaims “Be joyful always; Pray continually; Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” Teaching our students about prayer is an integral part of their faith journey as they learn about our faithful, benevolent Lord.

These four simple chapel outlines are created for you to use during your weekly chapel services, classroom devotions, or Sunday school openings. They explore our Lord’s teaching about how we should pray as God’s dear children, learning about our faithful God and the topics of trust, thankfulness, and forgiveness. Also included are a few classroom handouts and projects in order to reinforce the lessons with your students.

LeadaChild exists to “share the love of Jesus with children around the world through Christian education.” We desire that more and more

children hear about God’s great love, come to trust in Him, and experience great peace, hope, and joy.

CHAPEL OFFERINGS If you are interested in participating in our Kids Helping Kids offering program by setting aside part of your yearly chapel offerings for LeadaChild, email me at executivedirector@leadachild.org or call me (979-702-0925). If you sign up, we have a special prayer book mark for each of your students.

Our Kids Helping Kids program is a tremendous way to connect your students to the mission of sharing Jesus with children who attend international Lutheran schools and after school programs. God can use you and your students to help answer the prayers of many children!

GOD BLESS!

Dr. Phil

Executive Director



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**When you pray say:
‘Our Father...’**

Luke 11:3

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He’ll take and shield thee,
Thou wilt find a solace there.

4. Blessed Savior, Thou hast promised
Thou wilt all our burdens bear;
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to Thee in earnest prayer.
Soon in glory bright, unclouded,
There will be no need for prayer—
Rapture, praise, and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there.

THEME SONG
What a Friend We Have
in Jesus (AGPS #261)



1 Lesson

INTRO | Asking the Right Person

Asking the right person: Imagine your birthday is just a week away. While sitting at the dinner table, you might ask your dad to buy you a birthday gift (*what would you like for your birthday? Ex.- a doll, or a baseball glove, Legos...maybe even a bike!*). He might say, "those are some good ideas, maybe I'll get one of those gifts for you."

2 Lesson

INTRO | Give us this day...

I'm hungry, I'm cold, I'm scared: What should I do? (role play) (props: lunch box, bottle of water, sweater, flashlight, displayed on a table for all to see)

- I am starving, I haven't eaten in two days – what should I do?
- I am thirsty, my throat is dry, I need a drink - what should I do?
- I am cold, I'm shaking, I need to warm up – what should I do?
- At night, I am afraid of the dark... what should I do?

Our Father

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God

1 John 3:1

Read John 1:1-5 and 8:12

Now imagine a friend who lives down the street – who also has a birthday next week – knocks on your door and says to your father, "My birthday is coming up, please buy me a bike." What do you think your father would say to him? (ex. – go home ... ask your own parents!)

When Jesus teaches us to pray, He tells us to begin with the words "Our Father in Heaven." He doesn't begin with "O, Lord" or "Mighty God" or "King of Kings"... but Our Father... it is all about our special relationship with Him. So, those first words that Jesus taught us to say have a very important meaning:

1. The word "our" means we belong to Him and He belongs to us! We are children of the heavenly Father.
2. The word "Father" reminds us that He will
 - Watch over us and protect us
 - Provide for us
 - Give us what we need (not always what we want)
3. The words "in heaven" assure us that He is God and He has the knowledge and power to do what He says He will do. He is almighty.

Conclusion: Pray with great confidence, knowing that God is your dear Father who loves you and will care for you because you are His dear child. You are so precious to Him that He sent Jesus into the world to save you from sin, death, and the devil...so you can someday live forever with Him!

Go to LeadaChild.org/resources and share the [LeadaChild Trailer](#) and [Just Three Words](#) video.

SONG:

Children of the Heavenly Father
(#80 AGPS)

PROJECTS:

Teach us to Pray logo coloring project,
Lord's Prayer Word search

Feed Us

You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing. Psalm 145:16

A lunch (and those who made it for me), water (and those who make clean water for us to drink), a sweater (and the money that came working here) and a flashlight (that a friend gave me)... are all answers to the prayers we send up to God each and everyday.

Read Psalm 145:15-20 and Matthew 6:25-34

1. God knows everything we need to be safe and healthy, and He loves to provide for us.
2. Jesus teaches us to pray "give us this day our daily bread." (what is daily bread? – share Luther's answer in the 4th petition)
3. As we pray this daily, we can see how God answers our prayers for everything we need in this life, and we learn to be thankful for all that God provides:
 - a. **Parents** – who care for us and love us
 - b. **Teachers** - who help us to learn of God's world and help us develop our gifts and abilities
 - c. **Friends** - who play with us and make us feel important
 - d. **Doctors** – who help to keep us healthy
 - e. **Policemen** – who protect us from harm and evil
 - f. **Our country** - where we can live safely and freely.
4. When we realize all of God's daily gifts, we learn to trust in God more and more.
5. When we realize that God is generous toward us, we learn to be generous and giving toward others, especially those who are poor and needy.

SONG:

God is so Good (AGPS #107)

PROJECTS:

Prayer Prompts,
LeadaChild Skittle Prayers



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Lesson

INTRO | What happens when we sin?

Where does God teach us how to love Him and other people? We learn about how to love God and love our neighbor in the Ten Commandments (if possible, recite the 10 commandments with the children). When we break a commandment, it can hurt or break our relationship (our friendship) with God and with others.

Forgive
Us

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
1 John 1:8



Read Genesis 3:6, 8-10, 1 John 1:8-9

1. When Adam and Eve sinned, it broke their friendship with God, and they ran away and hid from Him.
2. When we disobey or hurt others with our words or actions, it can harm our friendship with God, and family, and our friends. Sometimes, we want to hide from others and from God when we do something wrong... just like Adam and Eve.
3. Being separated from God is a dangerous place to be. There is pain, and suffering, and it could lead to being apart from God forever (Romans 6:23a)
4. God doesn't want us to run away and hide. He loves us and wants us to be close to Him, always trusting Him. So, He made a plan to restore our friendship with Him. He gave us a gift in Jesus (Romans 6:23b)
5. Jesus came to earth and lived a perfect life by following the 10 Commandments. He died on the cross as He paid for all of our sins, and He rose again to show us that He conquered sin, death, and the devil.
6. Now, God offers us forgiveness. A wonderful gift through Jesus that restores and fixes our friendship with God. Jesus teaches us to pray, "forgive us our sins" ... and God does just that - because of Jesus' great work to save us. As forgiven children of God, we can live happy, joyful lives because we know that our sins are washed away!
7. Jesus also teaches us to "forgive those who sin against us." He wants us to be forgiving just as He is forgiving (not holding grudges or looking down on others, or treating them poorly). When we forgive others, we are being a very good witness of God's love and forgiveness. When friendships are restored, everyone leads happier lives as they live and work together.

SONG:
God Loves Me Dearly
(AGPS #109)

PROJECTS:
Forgiveness Coloring Page

4

Lesson

INTRO | God delivers His people.

When the people of Israel were being held as slaves in Egypt, God sent a deliverer (Moses) to free His people and lead them out of Egypt and on to the holy land that God had prepared for them. What were some of the mighty things that God did (through Moses) to deliver the Israelites? (Plagues, the parting of the Red Sea, drowning of Pharaoh's army)

Deliver
Us

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. Psalm 34:17



Psalm 34:17-19,22, Psalm 91: 1-16, Exodus 2:23-25

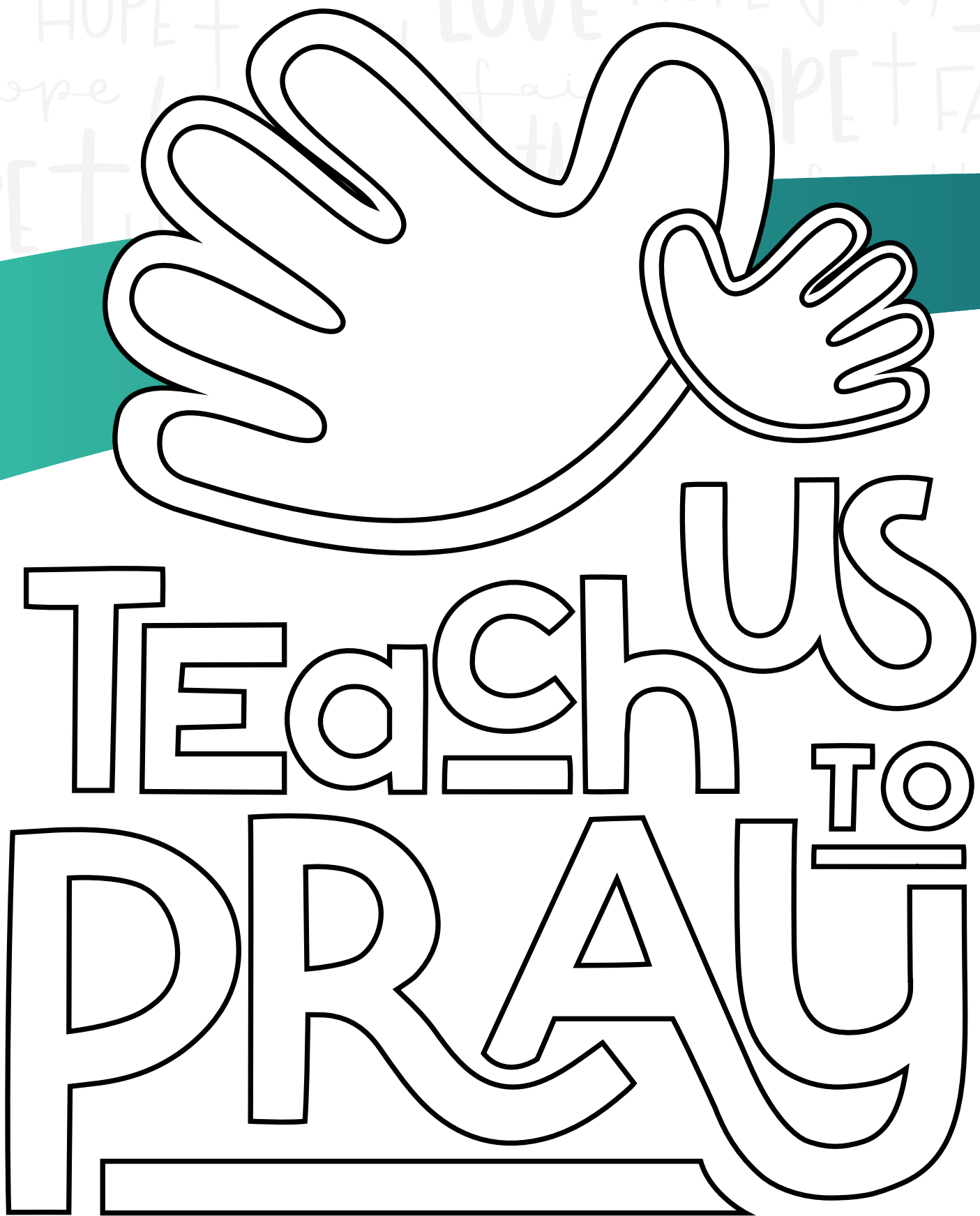
1. Jesus teaches us to pray "deliver us from evil." The evil that the people of Israel suffered in Egypt was led by the Pharaoh who kept them as slaves and mistreated them. The evil that we suffer comes from the devil, who wants to keep us as slaves to sin and apart from God; and we suffer from the world of sin all around us.
2. God delivered the Israelites by using Moses to lead them out of slavery and head toward the promised land. How does God deliver us from evil today?
 - a. In a sinful world, God keeps us from harm (parents, teachers, police, good rules and government)
 - b. His angels watch over us and protect us (Psalm 91:11-12)
 - c. He teaches us to endure during hard times (My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness 2 Corinthians 12:9)
3. Following their deliverance from slavery in Egypt, God used Moses and Joshua to eventually lead the people of Israel to the promised land of Canaan (a land flowing with milk and honey). In His time, God will also lead us out of this sinful world and will take us to Himself in heaven... where there is no sin, danger, pain, or suffering... and where we will be united with all the children of our heavenly Father (2 Timothy 4:18)

LeadaChild Pray for the children who attend Lutheran schools and afterschool programs in third world countries. Through school and educational ministries, they too are learning about a heavenly Father who loves them and provides for them, about a Son named Jesus who has redeemed them, and about a Spirit who fills their lives with faith, hope, and eternal life.

Enjoy the video **Teach Us to Pray** (posted on LeadaChild's website) as we rejoice that friends around the world are learning "What a friend we have in Jesus" and "taking everything to God in prayer!"

SONG:
Soon and Very Soon
(AGPS #218)

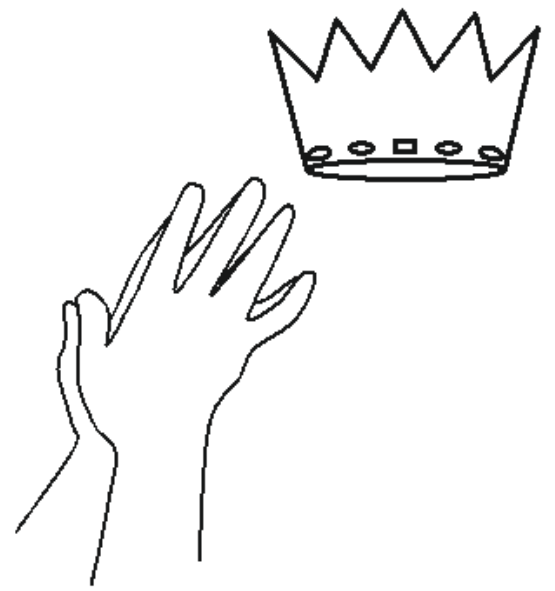
PROJECTS:
Angels Watching Over Us coloring page



Lord's Prayer Word Search

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forgiveness
hands
- hears
heaven
listens
power
praise
pray
simple
talk
temptations



LESSON 2 . PRAYER PROMPT

DEAR GOD,

I love you because you _____.

Thank you for my family and my friends. I'm so thankful for _____.

I'm sorry for when I _____.

Help me to be kind to _____.

Please help me tomorrow as I _____.

Keep me safe as I _____.

I want to praise you because _____.

IN JESUS' NAME, AMEN.

LESSON 2 . SKITTLES PRAYER

Pick a skittle out of the bag or bowl...

Red

Pray for the children attending LeadaChild project sites in India and Cambodia

Orange

Pray for the children attending LeadaChild project sites in Ghana, Guinea, Sierra Leone

Yellow

Pray for the children attending LeadaChild project sites in Haiti, Dominican Republic, Honduras

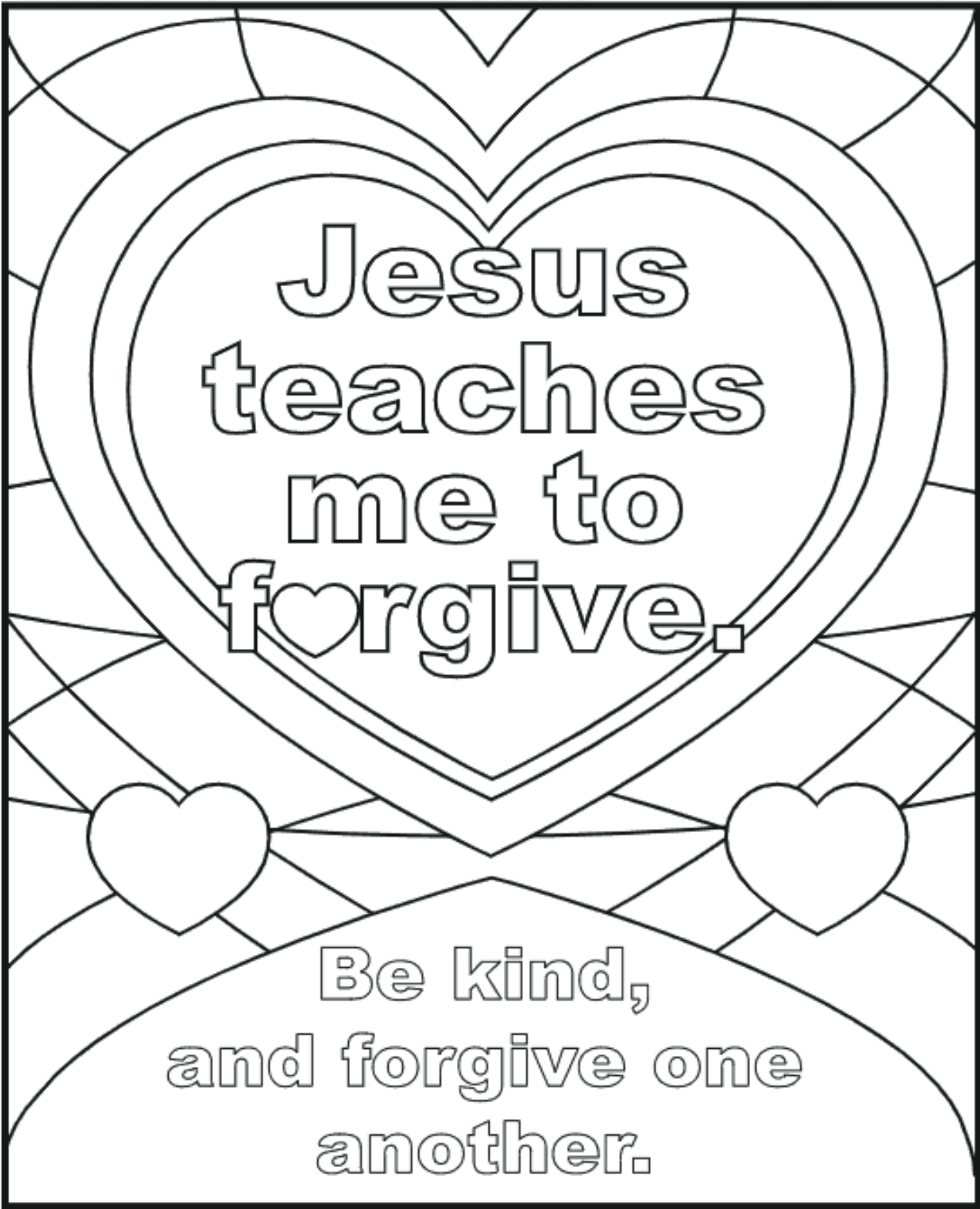
Green

Pray for the children attending LeadaChild project sites in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama

Purple

Pray for the children attending LeadaChild project sites in Venezuela, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay







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