



"Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." Psalm 100:2

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In the video, the kids shared their thoughts about gathering with other believers. They shared different things they do with other believers, including worship, praying, serving, and studying God's word.

• What do you do when gathering with other believers?

We gather together with other Christians because we believe in Jesus. In our first lesson of this unit, we learned that Christians show love to each other because of their love for Jesus (Philemon 1–25). The following week, we talked about how Joash learned from his godly leader, Jehoiada (2 Kings 11:1–12:2). In the next lesson, we saw how God used David for the good of King Saul (1 Samuel 16:8–23). Finally, in our last lesson, we learned how Hezekiah's people prayed, sang, heard God's Word, and gave in worship to God (2 Chronicles 29:20–30:27). In each of our lessons this month, we learned about the value of being together with other believers!

- What are some of the benefits of gathering with other Christians?
- Memorize Psalm 100:2. What is your favorite way to worship with other Christians?
- As a family, spend time in prayer, thanking God for the other Christians in your lives. Lift up the prayer requests of your fellow believers and ask God to help you grow as a healthy Christian community.

**End with a short prayer:** Dear God, thank You for giving us other believers to help us strengthen our in faith in You. Help us to grow in healthy community. In Jesus' name, amen.



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Unit 11 Talking with God

**"Ask and it will be given to you."** Matthew 7:7a

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The kids in the video shared their thoughts about prayer and talking with God. They also shared different things they pray for, including praying for themselves and for other people.

• What are some of the things you pray for?

Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we gained direct access to talk with God! Prayer can feel complicated, but Jesus teaches us how to pray (Luke 11:1; Matthew 6:9–13; 7:7–11). From the lessons in this unit, we learned that God answers prayers in many different ways (Judges 6–7). We can pray to ask God to help us (2 Kings 20:1–11), to forgive us (Luke 18:9–14), and to thank Him (Luke 17:11–19). All the lessons this month showed the importance of talking with God.

- Why is talking with God important to you?
- Memorize Matthew 7:7. What does this verse teach us about the importance of prayer?
- What prayers has God already answered for your family? What can you pray about together right now?

**End with a short prayer:** Dear God, thank You for giving us direct access to talk with You. Help us to spend time with You in prayer this week. In Jesus' name, amen.



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## Unit 12 Connecting with God's Word

"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." Psalm 119:11

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In this video, the kids talked about why the Bible is important to them. They shared about how God's Word guides them, helps them know about God, and gives them purpose.

• What do you think are some benefits to reading God's Word?

As God's people, we can read and study His Word. In our first lesson this month, we saw Moses write down God's Word (Deuteronomy 5:1–7; 6:5–9; 28:1–14; 31:9–32:47; Hebrews 1:1). The following week, we learned how Jeremiah had Baruch write God's Word (Jeremiah 36). In another lesson, we saw how Ezra helped God's people understand His Word and rejoice because of it (Nehemiah 8). And finally, we saw an Ethiopian man read God's Word and accept Jesus as Savior—just as we can (Acts 8:26–39). Through all these lessons, we learned about people valuing God's Word.

- Why do you think God wants His people to read His Word?
- Memorize Psalm 119:11. How can knowing God's Word make a difference for you?
- How can each person in your family memorize a Bible verse this week?

**End with a short prayer:** Dear God, help us to spend time reading and studying Your Word this week. As we read, guide us to learn more about You and how to love You with our whole lives. In Jesus' name, amen.



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