



## **Prayer Class Day 4**

prep: band-aids, wraps, slings, etc. for younger kids

This week we have had the opportunity to talk with God, have him talk to us and give messages from God to other people around us. Today we are going to learn how to pray for other people around us who are hurt or sick. Have you ever been hurt or sick? Do you know anyone who is hurt or sick right now? God is all powerful and he can do the impossible. God can heal people who are sick and hurt because nothing is too hard for him. God wants to work with us to do the impossible and help people who are sick or hurt. How we partner with God is by praying for people. Have you ever prayed for someone who was sick? What do you say when you pray for the sick? We are going to figure that out. Trust me, it's easy!

Here at this church we have a few simple steps to help us remember how to pray for someone who is sick or injured. Are you ready to learn those steps? Here we go! Have the kids find a partner. For the younger ages, have one partner look injured by having band-aids, a sling etc.

**Step #1 The interview.** An interview means that we are going to ask questions so that we can better understand what is going on. The first thing that you will do is to say your name and ask theirs. Next you want to ask what is wrong and if there is pain, where it is at. Have the kids introduce themselves and find out what is needing healing.

**Step #2 Digging deeper.** We are going to find out more about what is happening to this person. Ask your partner how or why they are sick or injured. This information will help us to know how to pray. This will also help us to know what to ask Jesus for. Have the kids ask their partner how and when they got sick or injured.

**Step #3 Decide how to pray.** Do you need to pray for their body to be healed (a broken arm) or do you need to pray for their heart and emotions to be healed (someone did something mean and hurtful to them. They are needing to forgive someone). Have the kids ask Jesus for wisdom on how to pray. This should be a quick prayer where they go with their first thoughts or feelings on what they should next.

**Step #4 Pray.** Now you are going to pray for the person who is injured or sick. The Bible says that when we pray for someone who is sick, we should put our hand on them. Before you touch someone, you need to ask their permission if it is ok to put your hand on their shoulder. Ask your partner now. Remember on our first day here we learned how there are no special words for talking to God. The same is still true today but since it is our first time praying for someone who is sick, I will have you repeat after me. When you pray for someone on your own or with your parents you can use whatever words you want and God will still help you but for today we will do it together for practice. (Pause at each comma to let the kids repeat after you)

Dear Jesus, Thank you for healing power, thank you that you love my friend, right now, we tell all pain to leave, we tell the body to be restored, we thank you Jesus, that you love us, and that you want us well. Amen.

**Step #5 Ask about what happened.** Ask your partner if they felt anything or not. Ask them to do something that was painful or impossible before. God works in many different ways. Sometimes people will feel God healing them, sometimes they will feel nothing and both ways are ok. If the person was not feeling better after you prayed it is ok to pray again if they would like to. Jesus had to pray 2 times for a blind man to be healed so it is alright if you need to pray again for someone. Remember to always be kind when you are praying for someone.

Great job! Now we are going to switch partners and do it again.

Have the kids check the room for a clue