

Good morning parents!

We trust that you and your family had a lovely Easter celebration last weekend! We hope that you and your kids will make the most of the spring break this week despite the current lock down. Remember to check out our <u>April newsletter</u> for some ideas of how you can make things fun during the break.

Today we are starting a new series on the Lord's prayer. Over the next four weeks we will be looking at the different elements within the prayer Jesus taught his disciples. Today your kids will be learning that praise is part of prayer. We pray that you and your kids will find many ways and reasons to praise God this week!

We find it a great joy to serve your family and to walk alongside you. Please remember that we are here if you are in need of prayer or support. Or if you know of another family in need of support please let us know how we can be of help. Don't hesitate to reach out!

Kids Branch

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Camp is coming!

Camp won't look the same as in years past and we know that our plans might have to change, but we are moving forward with our plans for camp this summer!

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July 5 – 9<sup>th</sup> (Camp in a Box – Do it yourself + Google Meets)
July 12 – 16<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> (Camp onsite – full day)
August 9 – 13<sup>th</sup> and 16 – 20<sup>th</sup> (Pop Up Camp – mornings only)
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For more details and to reserve your spot please head to our website www.kidsbranch.ca.

Kids Branch @ Home Video Option - This includes worship, a skit and the Bible lesson

- Elementary Video https://youtu.be/3sVf8Aka0zY
- Preschool Video https://youtu.be/Fi4a4-scLcA

Kids Branch @ Home Parent Led Option

Worship Suggestions

During worship encourage your kids to sing, follow along with the actions, have a dance party or just listen and think about what the words say who Jesus is and who we are to him. All of these are ways that we can express our joy and love for God.

- Play "Get Up and Dance" https://youtu.be/36LxjNHvweU
- Play "Good in Every Way" https://youtu.be/ tLcv3jjjA

Bible Story Suggestions – The Lord's Prayer: Praise (Matthew 6:9; Psalm 100)

Parent Recap: Jesus teaches to start a prayer with praise. Psalms 100 is a great example of a prayer of praise, exclaiming that we can shout with joy to the Lord, sing with joy, enter his gates with thanksgiving and praise, and proclaim his unfailing love and goodness.

Elementary Activities

- Make a <u>praise windchime</u> using the suggested materials or materials from around your house
- Colouring pages

Preschool Activities

- Make a <u>praise shaker</u>
- Colouring page

Through the Week

- Remember to praise God all week with fun and celebration.
 - o Read Psalm 100:4 together.
 - Hang streamers or ribbons from some doorways in your house as a reminder to enter (and exit) rooms with praise!
 - Every time you walk through a decorated doorway this week, tell God one thing that's awesome about him. You could sing, shout, or just whisper your praise.
- Worship God throughout the week.
 - o Put on your favourite playlists and sing or dance around the house.
 - Check out our updated <u>Spotify</u> and <u>YouTube</u> playlists with all of our Kids Branch's songs we have been signing since January.

Pray Together

Make praise a key part of your prayer time this week. Before you start to pray ask everyone to share their favourite word to describe God. Start your prayer by thanking God for being all the things that your family described him as.

Join the church in prayer @ 7 PM every day. Find the specific prayer request and scripture on TOB's Instagram or Facebook story.

Memorize Scripture

"Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need, and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one." (Matthew 6: 9-13)