



## "OUR FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN, *HOLY* IS YOUR NAME"

### Check It Out!

The first line of the Lord's Prayer is about worship. It says, "Holy is Your Name." As we begin to pray, we should always start our prayer with worship. Worship is thanking God for who He is. This helps to prepare you for prayer. In our Bible lesson we see that God's people were going into battle and instead of putting their best fighters in the front, they put the worshippers in the front. When we put worship first in our prayers, it prepares us for the battle. The Bible says that we do not wrestle against flesh and blood. That means that the fight we're in is not against people, it's a fight against the enemy, the devil. We come to God many times with requests and ask Him to answer our prayers. We need to start off our prayers with worship and thanksgiving, instead of running to God just for things. We should thank God for who He is. If He is your provider, you should thank Him. If He is your Savior, you should thank Him. Our prayers should always start with worship.

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Luke 4:8

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

#### COUNTDOWN VIDEO

5 min. Video

#### INTRO VIDEO

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#### PHRAZE CRAZE

OUR PRAYERS SHOULD  
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#### WORD DROP

Luke 4:8

#### TIME BLASTER VIDEO

King Jehoshaphat

#### SERMON

"Fighting Without Weapons"

#### TIC TAC TOE

Review Game

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## Illustrated Sermon “Fighting Without Weapons”

Supplies needed: Any kind of toy weapons or real weapons like a sword or knife, toy armor set, piece of paper with the word “WORSHIP” written on it

Preparation: Read 2 Chronicles 20:1-29, put tape on the back of the word “WORSHIP”

### **The Message:**

We are going to be learning about The Lord’s Prayer. Let me read it to you.

*Our Father in heaven,  
Holy is Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen*

(Pull out weapons).

I know the boys are really going to like today’s message. It’s all about fighting. Most boys like anything that has to do with weapons. They will take a anything and make a weapon out of it. I’ve seen boys turn a peanut butter and jelly sandwich into a gun. But today we are going to learn how to use a very different weapon. I want you to imagine that two armies have come together on the battlefield to fight each other. One army is equipped with all kinds of weapons, from swords and knives to bow and arrows, spears, chariots, horses and thousands of trained, skilled soldiers. The other army has no weapons at all, all they have are singers! When the battle begins the singers go out first, all they are doing is praising God and shouting and singing as loud as they can. The other army is rushing at them with their horses and all of their weapons ready to destroy them. Which army do you think is going to win? (Allow the kids to respond). Well, in this story the army that had the singers, won! That’s right! The army I am talking about is the army of Judah, which was one of the tribes of Israel. Their king was named Jehoshaphat.

Three armies came together to form one. They were the Moabites, the Ammonites, and the Meunites. They wanted to totally destroy Israel. King Jehoshaphat didn’t know what to do. After he prayed, God instructed him to go to the battle field and stand in front of the enemy. The king put singers, not soldiers, on the front lines and set out toward the enemy singing: "Give thanks to the LORD, for his love endures forever."

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Illustrated Sermon  
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As they sang, the Lord caused the enemy to start fighting among themselves. God brought confusion and they attacked each other. Instead of fighting the good guys, the bad guys started to fight each other. By the time Jehoshaphat's army reached the enemy, they had all been killed. King Jehoshaphat won a huge victory that day because he was willing to praise and worship God in advance.

Did you know that prayer is like a battle? As we pray, we are fighting against the enemy. Just like King Jehoshaphat, we need to worship first. We can worship God for victory even before victory happens. Our prayers should begin with worship.

There are three things we need to know about worship and prayer:

**1. Prayer Is The Battle-** (Pull out toy armor). As we pray, our prayers are like being in the battle. The devil doesn't want us praying and he will do anything he can to keep us from praying. Ephesians 6:12 says that we are in a battle..... Christians....you and me!

**2. God Gives Us Weapons—** (Pull out weapons). Weapons help us to get to the victory. We need good weapons to fight with. The Bible says that we don't fight the way the world does. God gives us what we need for battle. The Israelites did not have what they needed to win this battle. They were completely outnumbered. So God gave them a different weapon. That leads me to my next point.

**3. Worship Is The First Weapon—**(Pull out any weapon with the word "WORSHIP" written on it.) We should always start our prayers with worship. Worship is the weapon that the devil hates. Worship is thanking God for who He is. Who is God to you? Is He your provider? Is He your healer? Is He your Father? Is He Holy? Is He almighty and all knowing? Who is He to you? (Allow for response).

Worshipping God helps prepare us for prayer and it makes us more effective. Worship will defeat the enemy's plan to keep us from praying.

Prayer Time

Let's come down front and begin to thank God for who He is. Let's start by worshipping Him first, then we will pray for any needs you may have.

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## Review Questions

1. How should we always start our prayers?  
Answer: With worship
2. What was the name of the king in today's Bible story?  
Answer: Jehoshaphat
3. Name **one** of the three armies who came against King Jehoshaphat in today's story?  
Answer: The Moabites, Ammonites, and Meunites
4. Who did King Jehoshaphat send out ahead of the Army?  
Answer: Singers (Worshippers)
5. Worship is \_\_\_\_\_ God for who He is.  
Answer: Thanking
6. The first thing we learned about prayer is: We are in a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer: Battle
7. The second thing we learned about prayer is: God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ to fight with.  
Answer: Weapons
8. The third thing we learned about prayer is: Worship is our \_\_\_\_\_ weapon.  
Answer: First
9. What happened to the enemy when the singers began to sing?  
Answer: God defeated them (they began to fight each other)
10. Where is today's Main Word verse found?  
Answer: Luke 4:8