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Series: Prayer Walk Mall
Fall Year 2, Lesson 26

Walk the Entire Mall— Praying for an Hour

Take Home Point: *Pray! *Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

Bible Event: 1 John 5:14

Key Verse: 1 John 5:14, "We are confident that God listens to us if we ask for anything that has his approval."

We will help kids know:

- Review the five main sections of the Lord's Prayer.
- The importance of setting aside time and concentration to pray.
- God hears our prayers when we pray to him.




We will help kids feel:

- In touch with God through prayer.
- Focused in their prayers through concentrated effort.

We will help kids do:

- Pray for 50 minutes using the Lord's Prayer as a pattern.
- Be focused in their prayer and speak many of their prayers out loud.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
Small Group Warm-Up 	3	Students will review the three kinds of prayer, remember the five stores in Prayer Walk Mall, and discuss their favorite store to visit.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tic Tacs® • prayer journals
Large Group 	4 7 7 8 8 8 9	Overview Introduction – Large Group Presenter will review each store in Prayer Walk Mall and guide kids through the Lord's Prayer and Jesus' command to pray for an hour. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise Warehouse, Praying with Praise. • In the Gap Zone, Priorities. • Daily Food Court, Provisions. • Forgiveness Unlimited, Pardon. • Security Central, Protection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • soft music • cardboard clock (from Lesson #20) • other mall props as desired • prayer journals
Small Group Application 	4	Small group application was incorporated into the large group this lesson. Some wrap up concluding questions are asked.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • prayer journals

Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



Purpose: Get pointed in the right direction! Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

As kids gather: Listen to memory verses from last week and give coupons for memory verses, remembering to bring your Bible, and bringing a guest.

Supplies: prayer journals, Tic Tac® candy mints (enough so everyone can have seven or eight.)

Begin with review of the prayer concepts learned in this series. Reward kids with a Tic Tac for each question they correctly answer.

What are the three kinds of prayer?

- 911 emergency prayers
- Arrow (on the go) prayers
- Sit down and talk with God prayers

What are the five stores in Prayer Walk Mall with the corresponding section of the Lord's Prayer?

1. Praise Warehouse – Praying with Praise

What part of the Lord's Prayer is about praise? (*Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.*)

What is the second store in the Prayer Walk Mall?

2. In the Gap Zone – Priorities

What section of the Lord's Prayer asks for God's priorities to be done? (*Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.*)

Continue reviewing the Prayer Walk Mall stores and the corresponding petitions of the Lord's Prayer in similar fashion.

3. Daily Food Court – Provisions
(*Give us this day our daily bread.*)

4. Forgiveness Unlimited – Pardon
(*Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*)

5. Security Central – Protection
(*Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, or the evil one.*)

Have kids take out their prayer journals.

Look through your prayer journals as you think about all the stores in Prayer Walk Mall that we visited these last five weeks. Which was your favorite store to visit? Why?

Today we will practice praying for an hour. This might seem like a hard thing to do, but remember in the first lesson we learned that Jesus understands this. In Matthew 26:40, Jesus' disciples could not even stay awake for an hour to pray with him on the night before his death.

Our presenter will guide us through the Prayer Walk Mall and you will be surprised how quickly an hour passes.

Give students seven or eight Tic Tacs, explaining that they will save them for the Tic Tac Breaks while going through the Prayer Walk Mall.

Large Group Overview: 20-30 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

Kids will remain in their small groups while the Large Group Presenter reviews concepts learned from each lesson in this series on prayer. Each store will be visited and teaching points reviewed as the presenter facilitates prayer at: Praise Warehouse, Gap Zone, Daily Food Court, Forgiveness Unlimited, and Security Central.

Studying the Lord's Prayer verses each week has helped to prepare kids for today's final challenge of praying for an hour while going through the entire Prayer Walk Mall.

Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion, but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.

Small group application was incorporated into large group this lesson. You may want to address how kids felt about this pattern of prayer.

Was praying for an hour easier or harder than you thought it would be? Why?

The Lord's Prayer is a pattern Jesus gave us and his disciples for effective and powerful praying. Would using this format regularly change your prayer life? How? What effects do you expect it would have?

There are other patterns for prayer. This is one that Jesus gave in the Bible to help us understand how he wants us to intentionally make time to talk to God.

Our key verse today from 1 John 5:14 says, *"We are confident that God listens to us if we ask for anything that has his approval."* Do you think praying like this would have God's approval? What then does he promise us?

Have kids take home their prayer journals as a tool to establish a regular pattern and prayer time with God.

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Large Group Presentation: 20-30 minutes

Prayer Walk Mall – Walk the Entire Mall

Supplies: Soft music to play in the background: the large cardboard clock from lesson #20 with the hour divided by the stores to be visited.

Allow no more than ten minutes for this introduction. Use a microphone or speak loudly so all kids in small groups will hear.

Introduction and motivation:

Ask the kids if they will take the challenge of prayer.

It takes courage but it is worth it. Prayer is powerful but you will have to “stretch” yourself. How many will *try* praying out loud at least a couple of sentences? Raise your hands if your answer is “yes.” (Let a few children pray if they are willing. If not, pray a short prayer yourself blessing this time of learning.)

Each lesson in this series on prayer has prepared us for today’s final challenge of practicing prayer for an hour. We will do this by walking through the entire Prayer Walk Mall. We will visit each one of the stores: the Praise Warehouse, Gap Zone, Daily Food Court, Forgiveness Unlimited, and Security Central.

When you visit each store, be sure to bring in your mind, the appropriate coupon from your prayer journal. As you might remember, you can always redeem a coupon for a mini candy bar. However, we expect and hope that you will save it and redeem it only for the huge blessing that God has purchased for you.

How did God purchase these coupons so that we all will have life everlasting with him? *(He paid the price with his own Son Jesus, who gave his life that we might be forgiven and live eternally.)*

As we visit each store, you can pray with your eyes closed or open, you can look at your journal, or read your Bible. However, do not poke anyone, laugh or distract your group in any way. If you choose not to pray out loud (you don’t have to say anything), we still expect everyone in each group to participate in this for 50 minutes to an hour.

At the end of each shop visit, you will get a break and I will turn the dial on our cardboard clock to indicate the time that has passed and how much is left.

Set the dial at the Praise Warehouse. You will lead kids as they pray out loud in their small groups.

The break will last about a minute or as long as it takes for the Tic Tac to dissolve in our mouths.

Let's begin by saying the Lord's Prayer together.

***Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done.
On Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil (the evil one).
For thine is the kingdom,
And the power and the glory,
For ever and ever,
Amen.***

Praise Warehouse – Praying with praise

So now we will enter into the Praise Warehouse together and remember: *Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.*

May your name be kept holy, God, and know that we want to praise you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We praise you for who you are and for what you have done.

Have kids praise God, the Father, for about three minutes in their small groups.

Have kids praise God, the Son, for about three minutes.

Have kids praise God, the Holy Spirit, for about three minutes. Then say:

We offer up to you these praises for some of the wonderful things you have done for us. Thank you for giving us the big picture of who you are and all you do.

Take a Tic Tac break and move the dial on the clock.

In the Gap Zone – Priorities

Now God, we pray that *your kingdom would come and your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven* as we enter In the Gap Zone.

During this part of the Lord's Prayer we pray for spiritual priorities. Here, God, we want to see you working in our lives and in others' lives.

God's will for us:

So, please hear our prayers for your kingdom to work and be done in our lives. Here are some thoughts that each of us would like to share about what we want you to do in our lives, so that we can better follow you and be used by you.

Let kids ask for spiritual priorities for about three minutes.

God's Will for others:

Now we pray that your kingdom would come and your will be done in other peoples' lives. We think of family members, Lord, who are not close to you. We think of friends, other kids, people who are unhappy, leaders, pastors and the unsaved. Each one of us has spiritual things that we want to pray for others.

Let kids ask for spiritual priorities to come into others' lives for about three minutes.

Take a Tic Tac break and move dial on clock.

Daily Food Court – Provisions

Now, heavenly Father, *give us this day our daily bread.*

Here we come into the Daily Food Court as we pray for our provisions. God, we place our trust in you every day to provide for the big and little things that we need to live and be happy.

Have kids pray three minutes for personal needs and then pray three minutes for the needs of others.

Take a Tic Tac break and move dial on clock.

Forgiveness Unlimited – Pardon

Here we find ourselves coming to the Forgiveness Unlimited store and ask God to *forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

We acknowledge our sins, recognize that they are wrong, and ask God's forgiveness. We can do this because Jesus died on the cross so we can enjoy God's grace and love. Let's reflect on this wonderful blessing and discover how freedom from our sins can draw us closer to God.

Let the kids talk or think about their sins for three minutes.

Offer forgiveness to others.

Forgiving others can also free us from resentment or holding grudges that cause us pain and drain our energy. The weight of these feelings can crush us, but you, God, are all powerful to handle them and we give them all to you. We ask you, God, to replace the bad stuff in us with forgiveness and love as you continually demonstrate forgiveness and love to us.

Let the kids talk or think about their grudges and offer them to God (three minutes).

Take a Tic Tac break and move dial on clock.

Security Central – Protection

Well kids, we are nearing the end of our walk through Prayer Walk Mall. But, as we journey outside the mall, we will need protection. So let's ask God to *lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil (or the evil one).*

Identify evil attacks on our lives.

God, help us to identify how and when Satan attacks us. What is it that Satan does to us that will, if not immediately, then eventually, rob us of our joy, peace, and courage?

Encourage kids to identify attacks and pray for God's victory (three minutes).

God's Armor.

When the enemy does attack us, God, please supply us with your full armor: the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, sandals of the gospel of peace, helmet of salvation and sword of the spirit (the word of God). When they all work together, Satan will be deflected from us and have no chance in our lives.

Let kids pray for ways to deflect attacks of the evil one (three minutes).

Take a Tic Tac break and move dial on clock.

Conclusion

God, *for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever.*

This time of prayer, worship, and learning together has been a blessing to all of us. We thank you, Lord, for answering our prayers and speaking to us through your word. Help us to remember the beauty of your presence in our lives and encourage us to continue walking the path and growing closer in our love and commitment to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Let kids summarize their requests with worship and thanksgiving for our awesome God.