



Our Father

KEY THEMES

- **Because of the work of Jesus on the cross for us, Christians are able to approach God in prayer.**
- **God is a Father who welcomes, loves, and responds to His children; He is not a far away, impersonal, disinterested Being.**
- **God's children have a close, personal relationship with Him.**
- **Christians are part of a family of God's children and should pray for one another.**

KEY VERSES

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law,⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.—Galatians 4:4-5

SCRIPTURE

- 1) Psalm 103:11-14
- 2) Matthew 7:7-11
- 3) Galatians 4:4-6
- 4) Ephesians 6:18
- 5) Hebrews 10:19-20
- 6) James 5:16



LESSON DISCUSSION 3A

Read Hebrews 10:19-20 and answer the following questions:

- **What are the “holy places”?** (You may need to refer to Hebrews 9:1-12.)
- **What curtain is the writer of Hebrews talking about?**
- **Why was the Most Holy Place (Holy of Holies) separated from the Holy Place?** [The curtain or veil separated sinful man from the holy God; a person entering the Most Holy Place was entering the very presence of God]
- **Who could enter the Most Holy Place?** [Only the High Priest; anyone who entered the Most Holy Place except the High Priest would die] (See Hebrews 9:7.)
- **How often could the High Priest enter the Most Holy Place?** [Only once a year]
- **What happened to the curtain in the temple when Jesus died?** [It was torn in two] **What is important about the torn curtain?** [It showed that the death of Jesus on the cross and His resurrection made a way for sinful men to be declared righteous and given the privilege to enter the presence of the holy God]
- **How do we enter the presence of God?** [Through prayer] **How often can we come into God's presence?**

LESSON DISCUSSION 3B

Read Psalm 103:11-14 and answer the following questions:

- **What is the Psalmist saying about God's love in verse 11? (What does this verse mean?)** [God's love for His children is great—so great that it can't be measured]
- **How far is the east from the west? What does verse 12 say about God's treatment of the sins of His children?** [The east is so far from the west that it can't even be described; God separates us from our sin with an enormous separation.]
- **How do earthly fathers show compassion to their children?** [They understand that we are children and they help us; when we are weak, they use their strength to help us; they comfort us when we are having problems] **How does God show compassion to His children?** [God helps us; God understands that we are weak and He tells us to lean on Him because He is strong; when we sin and repent, He forgives us]

Family Discussion Guide

LESSON 3

- What does “he knows our frame, he remembers that we are dust” mean? [God knows that we are human and limited/weak]
- What six-letter word starting with the letter “L” and ending with the letter “G” describes God? [Loving]

LESSON DISCUSSION 3C

Read Matthew 7:7-11 and answer the following questions:

- What do these verses tell you about God’s responsiveness to prayer? (Does God answer prayer?)
- What kind of response do sinful, earthly fathers have toward their children?
- What kinds of answers does God give to our prayers? Why are God’s answers always good?

APPLICATION & PRAYER TIME

Read and discuss the following verses:

Praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.— Ephesians 6:18

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.— James 5:16

Talk about what kinds of ways we can pray for other people. Share about a time when someone prayed for you or you prayed for someone else. Share a prayer request with your family (or small group) and ask them to pray for you. Ask each person to fill out the Prayer Card.

Pair off your family members (or the group) and ask them to share the requests and pray for each other throughout the week.

ACTIVITY

The students can work on the Activity Cards for Lesson 3. Have them decorate and cut out their cards and place them in the next page of their scrapbooks.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY

Read the following quote on God’s providence in suffering and on the “minister behind the minister.”

While William Carey is often referred to as “the father of modern missions,” it was his sister, bedridden for years, who spent hours each day interceding for the ministry of her brother and for others who were beginning to follow the trail he blazed.¹

Each person can make a list of people he can pray for and their prayer needs.

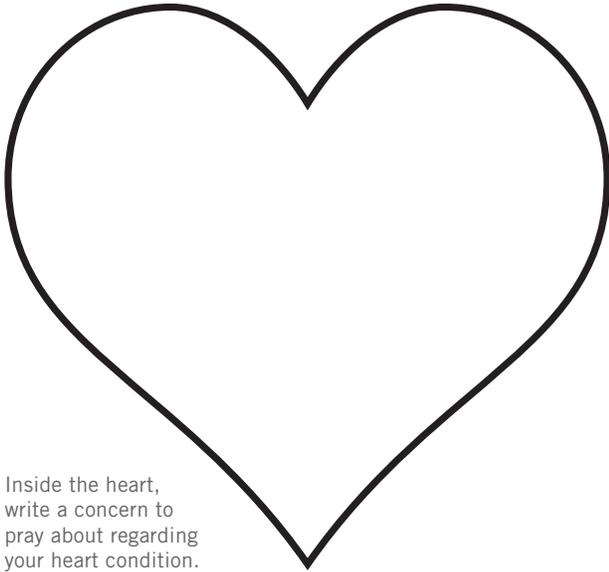
FURTHER DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

See the Family Devotional Guide for daily devotions, a family night activity, additional ideas, and parent resources for each lesson.

1. Carson, D.A. *A Call to Spiritual Reformation* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 1999) 123.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY
LESSON 2: PRAYER CARD

How can you pray
for your HEART?



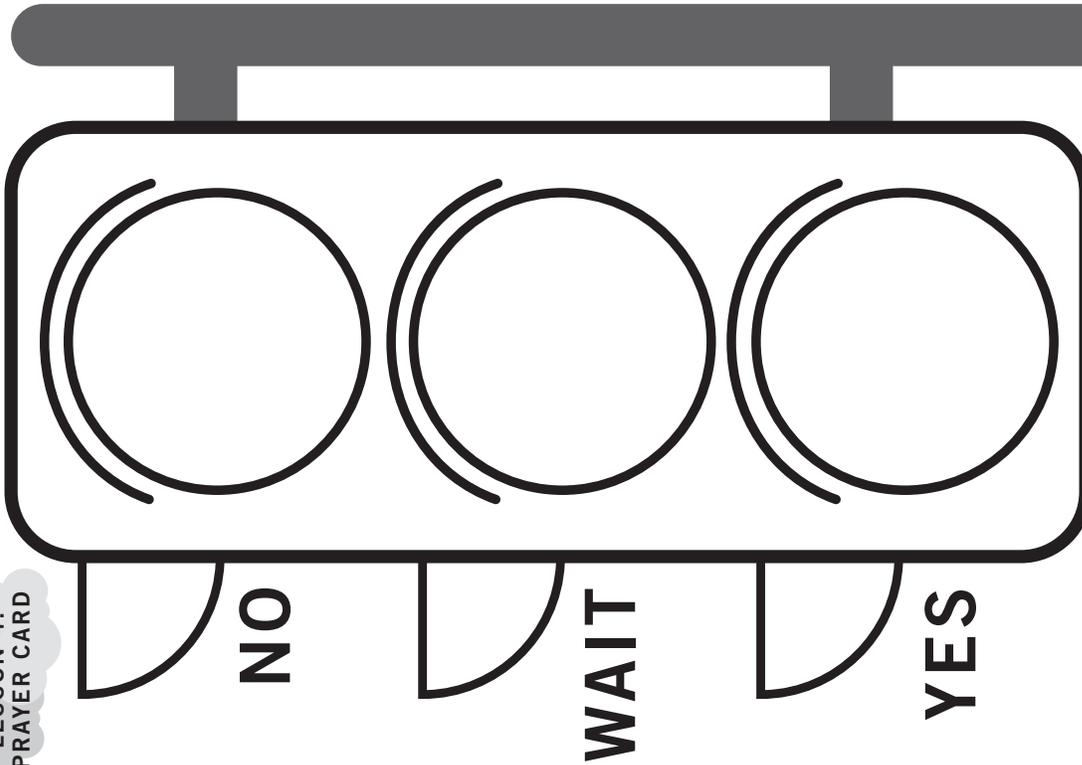
Inside the heart,
write a concern to
pray about regarding
your heart condition.

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LESSON 3: PRAYER CARD

Name: _____

Prayer Request: _____

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY
LESSON 4:
PRAYER CARD



Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book
it is written of me:⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart." —PSALM 40:7-8

In the stoplight circles, write a prayer God has answered with that response.

OUR FATHER

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God is: God's children should approach Him with hearts full of:

available

eagerness

loving

affection

responsive

confidence

unselfish

love

Pray for ONE ANOTHER.

Lesson 3

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Lesson 3

Color and cut out both cards. Place in your student scrapbook.



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