

## The Word with Children

Something that we do often in church is pray.

What would you say to someone if they were to ask you "What is prayer?" (Talking, remembering Jesus, listening, being with God...) Why do we pray? (We pray, not just for ourselves, but for others, and for what God wants in us and in the world.) When we pray, sometimes thoughts or feelings, words or pictures may come that upset us.

But when we remember Jesus and what he taught, and how he lived, healed, and helped people, and when we remember his love for us, those thoughts go away. Jesus is the one who helps us in our prayer. He taught us a special prayer to use. Say the Lord's Prayer with the children, this time having them repeat phrase by phrase.

Bible Story Alternate:

Matthew's Surprise - Mark 2:13-17