

I. Department Level: Juniors

II. Unit 3: Sermon on the Mount

III. Lesson 11: Prayer

IV. Lesson Concept: Prayer

V. Instructional Objectives:

- A. The child will recite from memory James 5:16 from memory with no more than two helps.
- B. The child will explain the meaning of James 5:16.
- C. The child will give a personal example of application of James 5:16.

VI. Materials:

VII. Opening Activities:

- A. Whisper a Prayer in the Morning
- B. Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day
- C. My Quiet Time Alone

VIII. Memory Verse Activity:

The students will open their Bibles to James 5:16. The teacher will read the verse to the students. The children will read the verse out loud with the teacher a second time. The teacher will explain any big or confusing words (i.e. “effectual,” “fervent,” “righteous,” “availeth,”). The students will read the verse again. The children will recite the verse two times. The children will shout the verse. The children will whisper the verse. The children will recite the verse.

IX. Sequence of Activities:

- A. Activate Prior Knowledge:

1. How do we as Christians talk to God?
2. When can we pray?
3. Where can we pray to God?

B. Instruction

Acts 12:5-19

I. Peter was in prison.

- A. He was facing a hard situation.
- B. Peter needed the prayers of his fellow Christians.

II. The church met to pray for Peter.

- A. Prayer was made without stopping.
- B. The church prayed fervently.
- C. We can pray everywhere and for anything.

III. Peter was released from prison.

- A. An angel led him out of the prison.
- B. Peter went to the house where the people were praying.
- C. God always answers prayer with either a yes, no, or wait.

C. Lesson Importance and Application:

Many of you have problems and difficulties in your life. What can you do when you have a hard test coming up, or a friend is really sick, or you have a big decision to make, or your dog is lost? Yes; you can pray. Where can you pray? Will God answer? What are some things you can pray for?

D. Lesson Closure:

Why did the church meet? Who were they praying for? You can always go to God in prayer and He will hear your requests. Who can quote from memory the verse we learned today, James 5:16? What is this verse encouraging us to do? According to this verse, how must we pray? What is one thing that you can pray for?

F. Evaluation:

1. The child recited from memory James 5:16 from memory with no more than two helps.
2. The child explained James 5:16.
3. The child gave a personal example of application of James 5:16