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OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



We are excited to announce eKidz *at Home* - a resource for you to continue the eKidz experience at home! eKidz *at Home* will equip you with tools to continue the eKidz experience at home and resources for you - toddler parents!

This October Newsletter is just one eKidz *at Home* resource for your family. Use page 2 and "Continue the Conversation" to review the monthly focus and Bible story with your toddler. Make sure to subscribe to the eKidz website - www.elevationKidz.com - as well as follow us on twitter (@eKidz) and Facebook (Elevation eKidz) for more eKidz *at Home* resources.

During the toddler months children are learning new words each day and talking more and more. Now is a great time to begin the habit of prayer - talking to God. This month partner with us as we teach toddlers **God wants me to pray!**

MONTHLY FOCUS

GOD WANTS ME TO PRAY!
DANIEL 6:7-23

PRAYER TIME SONG

(to the tune "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Time to talk to Jesus now,
Jesus now, Jesus now.
Time to talk to Jesus now,
Quietly we'll pray.

Time for us to fold our hands,
Fold our hands, fold our hands.
Time for us to fold our hands,
Quietly we'll pray.

Time for us to bow our heads,
Bow our heads, bow our heads.
Time for us to bow our heads,
Quietly we'll pray.



The Lion's Den

(to the tune "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho")

Daniel was thrown into the lion's den,
Lion's den, lion's den.
Daniel was thrown into the lion's den,
Cause he prayed to God alone.

God sent an angel to the lion's den,
Lion's den, lion's den.
God sent an angel to the lion's den,
And he shut the lion's mouth.

God wants me to pray to Him,
Pray to Him, pray to Him.
God wants me to pray to Him,
Every single day.

I can pray like Daniel did,
Daniel did, Daniel did
I can pray like Daniel did,
He wants me to talk to Him.

Pray, Pray, Pray

(to the tune "Row, Row, Row Your Boat")

Pray, pray, pray each day,
Morning, noon, and night.
When we talk to Jesus,
Everything's all right.

Repeat



CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

Listed in bold are the activities your child completed in eKidz. Use the activities they completed with the information below to supplement what they are learning this month. Each activity reviews our monthly focus and Bible story, and provides you focused interaction with your child.

October 6th and 7th: Daniel and the Lions' Den [coloring page]

Use the *Daniel in the Lions' Den* coloring page to review the Bible story with your child. Ask your child questions about the story based on the coloring page:

- Why was Daniel in the lions' den? (Because he prayed to God.)
- Did the lions hurt Daniel? (*no*)
- What did God send to keep Daniel safe? (*an angel*)

Say, "Daniel got thrown into a den of lions because the King said he couldn't pray to God. Daniel prayed to God and God sent an angel to close the mouths of the lions. Daniel was saved from the lions! God wants you to pray to Him, just like Daniel did."

October 13th and 14th: God says PRAY! [activity]

Daniel prayed to God and was thrown into the lions' den, but God sent an angel and kept Daniel safe! God wants us to pray to Him too! During activity time or family time this week, play "God says PRAY" with your toddler. Call out a command for your toddler to obey. After a few commands say, "God says pray!" Encourage your toddler to close their eyes, bow their heads, and fold their hands, as you lead your toddler in prayer. Continue saying commands and "God says pray!" At the end of the game say, "God wants us to pray to Him. We can pray to him anytime and anywhere!"

COMMANDS: jump up and down, wave your hands in the air, sit on the ground, touch your nose/toes/etc.

PRAYERS: Dear God, thank you that we can pray to you. Amen. | Dear God, thank you for the Bible. Amen. | Dear God, thank you for our friends. Amen. | Dear God, thank you for our moms and dads. Amen. | Dear God, thank you for our snack. Amen.

EXAMPLE: God says jump and down (encourage your toddler to jump up and down) . . . God says touch your nose (encourage your toddler to touch his or her nose) . . . God says PRAY (encourage your toddler to bow his or her head, close their eyes, and fold their hands, then pray) ... Dear God, thank you that you help me when I am scared. Amen.

October 20th and 21st: Prayer Place Mat [craft]

Place the Prayer Place Mat at the table where your toddler eats. Before each meal, point to the place mat and review the Bible story with your child:

- What sound does a lion make? (*Roar!*)
- Who was thrown into the lions' den? (*Daniel*)
- Why was Daniel thrown into the lions' den? (*Because he prayed to God*)

Say, "But God kept Daniel safe. Daniel prayed to God, and God wants us to pray to Him too! Let's pray to God right now." Pray and thank God for the weather, family, for the meal, etc. Use the prayer time song on page 1 to help prepare your toddler to pray.

October 27th and 28th: Talk and Pray [song]

Practice praying with your toddler! Sing this song throughout the day - before breakfast, during playtime, when driving to the grocery store, even before bed!

(to the tune *Mary Had a Little Lamb*)

I can talk and pray to God, pray to God, pray to God.

I can talk and pray to God. It's great to pray all day.

I can pray and talk to God, talk to God, talk to God.

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