

# THE Creative

One of the key ways in which Scripture Union serves churches is by equipping  
Here, we share some creative ideas that will enable you to

## Teaching Idea:

# Teaching about Prayer Using Group Involvement

**Power Point** : Prayer changes things

**Bible Passage** : James 5:13-19

**Memory Verse** : James 5:16 – The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

## Teaching Aids

- Large sheets of flipchart paper (one for each group)
- Fine-tipped markers and one piece of A4-sized paper for each child
- PowerPoint slides on Prayer Fingers/Hand.

## Introduction

1. Divide the children into groups of 8 (not more than 10).
2. This is a group effort and everyone is required to contribute.
3. "God says He will grant your group 10 prayer requests. What are your 10 prayer requests and why?"
4. Discuss and write down what your group's 10 prayer requests will be.

## Lesson

- 1 Use the memory verse to start off the lesson. As Christians, our most powerful weapon is prayer. We all know that prayer is talking with God. Prayer opens the way for God's power to be shown in our lives.
- 2 However we must confess our sins to God before we pray. When we have sins in our lives, He does not hear our prayer. Read Psalm 66:18.
- 3 Invite a child from each group to present their prayer requests. Acknowledge and encourage their group efforts.
- 4 Since each group has given us their 10 great prayer requests, let us learn how we can present these requests to God.
- 5 Using the A4-sized paper, we will draw prayer fingers.

Dear God



# Teacher's Toolkit

children's and youth ministry leaders and teachers with effective strategies and creative teaching methods. share God's truth in memorable and life-transforming ways.



Praise  
Needs  
Thank You  
Jesus

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I will be teaching you about the power of prayer. You are required to write down the key words. (It will be helpful to have the hand and the words reproduced on PowerPoint.)

- On the thumb, write the words "Dear God". This is the finger that reminds us to start our prayer by greeting God.
- On the 2nd finger, write "Praise". We must always remember to praise God for who He is.
- On the 3 finger, write "Needs". This is to help us pray for our needs as well as the needs of others.
- On the next finger, write the words "Thank You". We must always remember to thank God for answering all our needs and His blessings.
- On the last finger, write "Jesus". Always remember to pray or end our prayers in Jesus' Name, Amen. (You may have to explain the meaning of 'Amen' if the children do not know it.)

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Now we will use the next hand.

- On the thumb, write the word "Peace". God promises us peace when we give our troubles to Him.
- On the 2 finger, write "Love". We experience God's love when we pray. He loves us and answers our prayers.
- On the 3rd finger, write the word "Healing". God heals our sickness, our hurts and our sorrows.
- On the next finger, write the word "Answers" which is what God promises to do when we pray.
- On the last finger, write the word "Safe" which reminds us God protects us when we pray to Him.



Love  
Healing  
Answers  
Safe  
Peace

## Application

1. Prayer is not just talking with God.
2. Prayer is using the power God gives us.
3. This power includes protection, healing, loving others, helping others, giving thanks to God and praising Him.
4. Read the memory verse together.
5. Have everyone to write the memory verse on their palm.

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