

Hello, God

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for use as
STEP 1 **Lesson 6
Focus:**Jesus teaches us how
to pray.**Lesson 6
Bible Basis:**

Matthew 6:9-13

**Lesson 6
Memory Verse:**

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." —Matthew 6:9b-13

ECHOES Verse

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After watching video clips about how people greet each other around the world, students explore ways to communicate with God in prayer.

Materials:☐ Internet access

Good morning. Good day. Hello, my friends. There are numerous ways that we greet one another. Our greetings often depend on whom we are greeting, where we are greeting them, and how well we know them.

➤ **Show me some ways you might greet your peers without using words.** (Answers will vary: fist bump, hug, chest bump, high five, nod, elaborate handshake, etc.)

➤ **What are some words you might use when greeting your peers?** (Answers will vary: hi, yo, hey, hello, 'sup, wassup, dude, peace, etc.)

➤ **What is the difference in the way you greet your friends and the way you greet someone your age whom you do not know?** (Answers will vary: for those we do not know we might use a shy hi, hello, nod, or small wave, etc.)

➤ **What is the difference in the way you greet someone your own age and the way you greet adults much older than you?** (Answers will vary: adults might be greeted with a hello or handshake while stating the person's name with Mr., Miss, or Mrs.)

Show the following short videos to your students:

Video 1 [0:29]:

How to Say HELLO | AIIAS Speaks the World!

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/UKUh4Vjay3I>

Video 2 [1:21]:

How greetings work around the world

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FLXfQxvuf0E>

These videos shared some ways that people from different language and cultures say hello and greet each other. Typically, after we have greeted another person, unless we are simply passing each other in the hall or on the street, a conversation of some type will take place. This might be small talk about the weather or a shared interest, or it can develop into a deeper conversation.

➤ **How do you get a conversation started with someone you know? How do you know what to say?** (Answers will vary; conversation may happen naturally, picking up on any topic they are used to discussing; we tell of both fun and challenging experiences, etc.)

➤ **How do you get a conversation started with someone you do not know?** (Answers will vary; compliment them on something; talk about something in common like school, sports, food, music, clothes, or people; discuss the weather or something they are looking at, etc.)

➤ **When have you found yourself feeling awkward, not knowing how to go about a conversation?** (Answers will vary.)

Conversation comes easy for some and is a bit more challenging for others. Our comfort level with the person we are speaking with can make a big difference in how easy conversation is for us.

➤ **With whom are you so comfortable that conversation flows naturally, regardless of the topic?** (Answers will vary.)

Talking with someone we can't physically see and hear may or may not seem different to us than approaching a flesh-and-blood person. How do we greet the Creator of the universe? What do we say; what does He want to talk about? Let's find out from Someone who knows all about it.

(Continue on to Steps 2 and 3 in your teacher's guide; your Step 4 appears below.)

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Materials:

- ☐ Internet access
- ☐ Paper
- ☐ Pens/pencils

If your class is meeting online, invite students to bring supplies with them to class. You can invite students to create four categories on their papers with space to write under each heading: Greeting, Praise, Requests, Confession. Students can do this activity individually at home.

If your class is meeting in person, place paper and pens or pencils at four locations around your classroom space. Write one of the following on the top of each paper: Greeting, Praise, Requests, Confession.

Communicating with God in prayer can become a natural or comfortable part of our daily life when we know how to go about having a conversation with Him.

Divide the class into four groups, sending each to a designated location with supplies in the meeting space.

What is the word at the top of your sheet of paper? As a group, list as many ideas as you can that give us examples of what we might pray to God. For example, a greeting might be "Hello, God"; a praise might be, "You are so good"; a request might be, "Please help those who are suffering"; and a confession might be, "Forgive me for my wrong attitude." See if you can fill the paper with your group's list of words and ideas. Encourage your students to write legibly as others will be reading the list.

Walk around the room, guiding your students as needed. (EXAMPLES: Greeting: Hello; hi, God; our loving Father; our Healer; Abba; etc. Praise: Thank You for Your love, praise You for Your faithfulness, etc. Requests: Needs of others and ourselves, help me be strong when I am tempted to sin, please give me wisdom, etc. Confession: I'm sorry; forgive us; help me do Your will; make me sensitive to You, Holy Spirit; we forgive as You have forgiven us, etc.)

We are going to take a prayer walk around the room, using the model Jesus gave us in the Lord's Prayer and the ideas your groups listed. We will go from station to station—greeting, praise, requests, and confession—where we will review the list and you can choose what you will say in your own silent prayer. When you have finished praying, move on to the next station and repeat the process. (If your class is meeting online, you can suggest students move to a different spot at home for each category they pray through.)

During the prayer walk, you may want to play the following [5:54]:

Don Moen - Our Father | Live Worship Sessions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ajMqhFz3FIk>

Earlier, when we talked about conversation, we saw that our comfort level with the person we are speaking with can make a big difference in how easy conversation is for us. Conversation seems to come naturally with those we know. The more we talk with a person, the easier it becomes to talk the next time. The more time we spend with God, and the more we talk to God, the easier and more natural praying becomes, too.

Are you up for a challenge? See if you can start each day this week with a “Hello, God,” and finish the prayer from there. During the day, you may want to have additional conversations with God.

Close in prayer thanking God that Jesus provided an outline to guide us, but that we can pray our own words and God will be listening.

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