

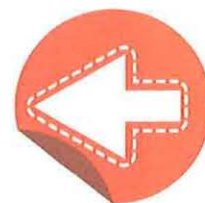


# Meeting 5

God's Power  
in My Life



Here are three fun ways for teaching Busy Bees about spending time with Jesus through prayer. Adapt them to meet the needs of your Busy Bees or use your own activities.





The following activities fulfill the requirements for My God III: God's Power In My Life. See the Busy Bee Activity Book for accompanying worksheet(s).

## ACTIVITY

# 1

# Prayer Bag

# 15

MINUTES

## WHAT YOU DO

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Plain paper bags (lunch bag size)
- Crayons, markers, stickers, glitter glue, etc. (anything to decorate the outside of the paper bags)
- Hole punch
- Yarn cut into 20 in (51 cm) lengths
- Construction paper
- Crayons
- Items for children to place inside of their prayer bags: photos, plastic toy food, a sock, a toy car, heart-shaped paper, toy animals, or Band-Aids

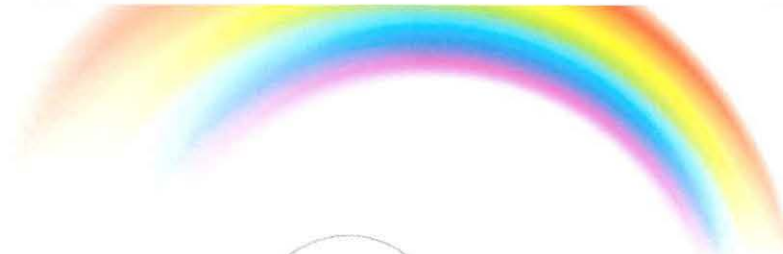
Ahead of time: Fold the top 2 in (5 cm) of the paper bag over. Punch two holes in the top of the bag in the center of the folded flap. Cut the yarn into strips. Complete one bag to use as an example.

Show the children your prayer bag. Let each child pull an item out of your bag. Discuss what each item represents and how it could remind them to pray for a person or situation. Then pair each child with an adult or another child and have them say a prayer for a person who reminds them of the object they drew. Next, have each child decorate their own prayer bag. They can color the bag, place stickers on it, apply glitter glue, or use a combination of decorations. Then have the children thread the yarn through the holes in the top of the paper bag to tie the bag shut. Have the children draw pictures or write words to represent what they want to pray for in the following week(s). When the children are done, have them place objects into their prayer bags and tie them shut. Encourage them to take out an object from their prayer bag each day and use it in their prayers.

Finally, have the Busy Bees ask three other people why they pray. They can ask parents, leaders, and other Busy Bees.

*This activity was adapted from 100 Creative Prayer Ideas for Kids by Karen Holford (Pacific Press, 2003).*





# Rainbow Thank You Scavenger Hunt

15  
MINUTES

## 2 ACTIVITY

### WHAT YOU DO

Share Genesis 9:16 (NIV): “Whenever a rainbow appears in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and all living creatures of every kind on the earth.” Explain that when they see a rainbow it is a reminder that Jesus will always love them. Next, give each child a set of rainbow colored crayons and a sheet of paper. Tell them to fill their sheets of paper with drawings of things they are thankful for that represent all the colors of the rainbow. (Examples: purple grapes, green grass, etc.). You can let them look through books and magazines for inspiration, bring in lots of photos, or take them outside. Don’t be too rigid about using all of the colors. The purpose is to draw what they are thankful for!

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Crayons (all the colors of the rainbow)
- Construction paper, 14 × 17 in (35.5 × 43 cm)
- Children’s books
- Nature magazines

Close the activity by pairing two children together or matching them with an adult to say a thank you prayer for something they drew.

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## ACTIVITY

# 3

# Thank You Charades

15  
MINUTES

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- A pillow case or bag filled with objects or pictures of objects that children might be thankful for

### WHAT YOU DO

Begin by sharing Psalm 106:1 (NIV): “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.” Tell the children that one way to spend time with Jesus is to pray and thank Him for things and people in their lives. Now step behind a door or a screen so the children can’t see what you are doing and pull out an object from the bag—but don’t let the children see it. Then act out the object and have the children guess what object you pulled out of the bag. Let each child have a turn or turns drawing an object and acting out a charade. If you have a large group, divide them into smaller groups of five or six. End the activity by pairing the children with another child or an adult and have them say a prayer to thank God for one of the wonderful things He has given to us.



**Requirements:** My God III, A and B