



DID YOU THINK TO PRAY?

PURPOSE

To help family members understand that prayer brings power and strength in times of trials and temptation.

MATERIALS

- Scriptures
- Small dish filled with water
- Pepper shaker
- A bar of soap

SONG SUGGESTION

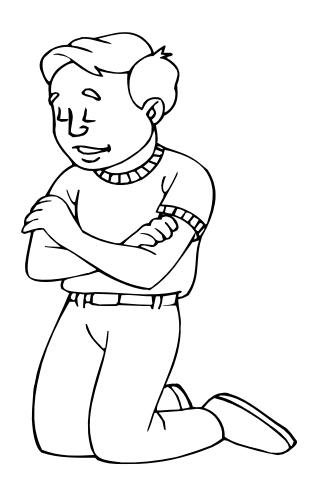
• <u>Did You Think to Pray?</u> *Hymns*, #140

LESSON IDEAS

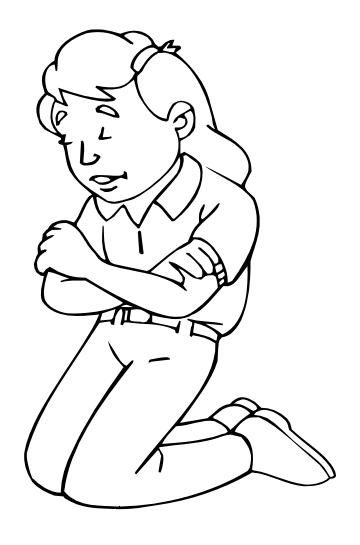
- 1. Shake some pepper onto the water in the dish.
- 2. Hold up the bar of soap. Have someone rub his/her finger on the soap bar and then touch his/her finger on the surface of the water in the dish (the pepper will spring to the sides of the dish).
 - a. Read D&C 10:5 as a family. Ask your family what this scripture has to do with the object lesson. (Pepper is like Satan's temptations. Prayer gives us power to repel Satan.)
 - b. You may also want to read 2 Nephi 32:8 as a family and remind them that Satan tries to encourage us not to pray.
- 3. President Brigham Young once said, "Prayer keeps a man from sin, and sin keeps a man from prayer."
- 4. You may wish to share a personal experience when prayer provided you with strength in time of trial or temptation. Or you may want to share one of the following:
 - a. Video, <u>Prayer</u> (for older children)
 - b. Story, <u>The Lifeline of Prayer</u> (for younger children discuss with your children why the bomb did not explode)
 - c. Story, A Unique Combination (for older children)
- 5. Ask your family members to share an experience from their lives when prayer helped them.
 - a. Testify that our Heavenly Father hears our prayers and will help us in times of temptation and trial.

ACTIVITY IDEAS

- Each family member could make a poster to hang in their room of their favorite scripture or quote about prayer.
- Play Flashlight Freeze Tag
- Have younger children color the pictures below to hang as a poster in their bedrooms.



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