

Student Make-Up Work October 8, 2025 - Lesson "Our Father"

Parents, this make-up work should be done together with you and your student. There will be questions to discuss verbally and questions to answer in written format. Please sign the bottom of the sheet and return to the sermon note drop off box.

Main Idea: "God is our Father, and we are his children. We are encouraged to pray boldly and with confidence to God."

Question: How do we talk to God?

✚ SHARE

Invite each other to share one high (good thing from the week) and one low (harder part of the week).

GATHERING ACTIVITY

Video

Watch YouTube video of Darth Vader & Luke Skywalker - "I am Your Father."

Start at 1:15, Finish at 3:03

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lbjru5CQIW4>

This is a good example of how relationships and expectations with our parents can be challenging.

Parents & Students Discuss Together

**Parents please note this can be a great opportunity to let your kids know that they can talk to you about anything, and you will always believe them and love them, but this can also be an awkward conversation and uncomfortable for your student.*

On the blank paper (with boxes) below, you will see it is divided into four sections. Parents, we invite you to do this activity with your child:

In the top left corner, write or draw in response to this question:

What is the biggest / craziest thing that you've ever asked of your parents?

In the top right corner, write or draw in response to this question:

What was your Parent's response? Were they right?

Share these two squares with each other.

Then, in the bottom left corner, write or draw in response to this question:

What was the biggest / craziest / or most important thing you ever asked God for?

Finally, in the bottom right corner, write or draw in response to this question:

What was God's response? How did you feel about the response?

Share these two squares with each other.

Please send this page with make-up work.

Share your answers with each other. Talk about what keeps us from being honest with each other and how keeping secrets can hurt relationships.

✦ READ AND TALK

Prayer in its simplest form is talking to God. We can come to God like a friend, to share about what is happening in our lives. But Jesus calls on us to talk to God differently, as a Parent - Our Father.

Review the Introduction petition from **Small Catechism**

Our Father in heaven.

What is this?

With these words God wants to attract us, so that we believe he is truly our Father, and we are truly his children, in order that we may ask him boldly and with complete confidence, just as loving children ask their loving father.

Parent and Student discuss together and write down your responses in the space provided:

God is our Father, and we are God's children.

* What does that relationship look like?

*How is it the same / different than our relationship with our earthly parents?

Compare and contrast the relationship of God as our Father in heaven and our earthly parents.

*Why does Jesus ask us to pray to "our" father and not "my" father? What is the difference?

Read Isaiah 9: 6

*Write down the names used here in relationship to God?

*Why not use one of these names to pray? Why call on God as "Father?" Write your response.

“Father” suggests that there is an intimate relationship between God and us. God created us, we have a place in God’s family, God has concern for our wellbeing. We have a deep connection to God, which cannot be broken or denied no matter how we behave.

Martin Luther reminds us that we should come to God with confidence - boldly, knowing that God will listen with love.

* Do you talk to God? When? Where? What does that look like? Write your response.

In class, we are learning about TACOS as a reminder of what we can pray for/how we can pray. Each letter of TACOS reminds us of these things: God wants us to see him as his Father in Heaven. God wants us to come to him in times of **T**hanks, **A**doration, **C**onfession, for **O**thers & **S**elf (**TACOS**). As Jesus did.

Conversation Starters

Parents and Students discuss together.

As our Father, God is calling us to ask boldly for everything in prayer.

**Does that mean that we always get what we want?*

**If we don't get everything we want, does that mean that God doesn't love us?*

**Do we talk to a friend as we talk to a parent? What is the difference in how we talk to each?*

**What do we share with friends that we don't with parents?*

**What do we share with our parents that we don't with friends?*

**Who do you trust more? Why?*

**How do we see God in our lives? As parent? As friend? Why?*

✦ PRAY:

Prayer with one another aloud.

✦ BLESS:

Offer each other a blessing by making the sign of the cross on each other’s forehead or hands and say, “May you know God is with you this week.”

Parent Signature/Date: _____

Student Signature/Date: _____

