



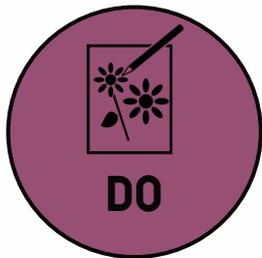
# Explaining Activities



**Gives you the big idea that you want to convey to your little one.** All the games and activities will be used as a way to communicate this big idea. If all you can do is an activity, you can still use it to teach the big Idea for that week.



**Singing is a great way to remind your kids of wonderful biblical truths.** Each week there will be a song for you to listen to/ sing with your kids. Don't worry if you can't sing! There will be people who can on the video. The songs will be repeated throughout the term so that your little one has a chance to learn it and remember the Biblical truths it teaches.



**This is an activity that you can do together.** This activity will help you as you talk to your little one about God. It will help you reinforce the Big Idea, as will all the elements in this time together,



**This is an opportunity to teach your little one,** to draw the connection between the play they are doing and the big idea. This is the chance to hit home this week's big



**Praying with your toddler is a great way to remind them that God is their Father.** He loves them and loves to hear them speak to him. Prayer reminds your little one of the friendship that they can have with God our father. These simple prayers can be repeated if your little one has the capacity to, or listened to and finished with a joint AMEN



**This play activity can be done together or can be set up to be done independently.** You could use this time to engage with God's word and his people yourself. It's tricky in this season to be both with your little one and have much needed space for yourself. This activity may help you get this time.

# JESUS PRAYS FOR US



Jesus loves us and before his death, He prayed for us.



Sing to 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat':

*Pray, Pray, Pray your prayers,  
Each and every day,  
Tell God what is in your heart.  
He hears you when you pray.*

'You can tell the Lord that you love him' by Colin Buchanan



**Ask** if they can think of a way to talk to someone that isn't in the same room with them. If the kids need help suggest things like phones, letters, e-mails, or maybe even shouting. Practice going to different rooms in the house and trying to talk to each other.

**Conclusion:** Ask them if they have any ideas on how we can talk to God.



Today, we will be learning that God loves when we talk to Him. Another name for talking to God is called prayer. Isn't it great that God wants us to talk to Him.

How should we talk or pray to God?

We may not be able to call God on the telephone or send Him a letter, but prayer is just talking to God anytime and anywhere. When we are awake or going to sleep, when we are happy or we are sad, we can talk to him inside or outside. Anytime and anywhere. God loves it when we talk to him. Let's do it now.



Thank you God that we can talk to you anytime, anywhere. We love you and love talking to you. Amen.



## Paper Cup Telephone



### What you need:

- 2 paper cups
- A sharp pencil or sewing needle to help poke
- String (kite string and fishing lines work well)

### How to play:

1. Cut a long piece of string, you can experiment with different lengths but perhaps 20 metres is a good place to start.
2. Poke a small hole in the bottom of each cup.
3. Thread the string through each cup and tie knots at each end to stop it pulling through the cup (alternatively you can use a paper clip, washer or similar small object to hold the string in place).
4. Move into position with you and a friend holding the cups at a distance that makes the string tight (making sure the string isn't touching anything else).
5. One person talks into the cup while the other puts the cup to their ear and listens, can you hear each other?