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FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE:

THE LORD'S PRAYER PART 6 - MATTHEW 6:9-13

Memorization Games

If you are trying to memorize the Lord's Prayer, here are some fun ways to review it:

1. Begin the Lord's Prayer aloud. Have everyone in the family form a circle. Toss a ball or stuffed animal around the circle. When someone catches it, he or she says the next word in the Lord's Prayer.
2. Type or write out the prayer and cut it into chunks or individual words. Then work together or race to put everything in the right order.
3. Check out this Lord's Prayer song. Music is a great way to learn scripture!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZqQMxMWXJ7E>

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

We have come to the very end of the Lord's Prayer - the prayer that Jesus taught His disciples. Most Bibles do not actually include this last line as it wasn't in the very earliest sources. That said, churches have prayed this part of the prayer for hundreds of years. It is commonly called a "doxology" - which simply means an expression of praise to God. The Lord's Prayer starts out giving glory to God by saying He is Father and His name is holy. So it makes sense to end the prayer in a similar way. Let's break down what this one line teaches us about the God we are praying to:

For Yours is the kingdom...
God is ruler over heaven and earth. He is the one in charge.

And the power...
God is all powerful meaning He is able to do more than we could ever imagine. What is so cool, is that one thing He does is listen to our prayers!

And the glory forever...
He is worthy of all our praise and honor. People often honor those in power - whether they are kings and queens or heads of business or even celebrities. But God is who truly deserves honor. He is worthy of praise. Why? Because not only is He the all powerful Ruler and Creator. He is a good and loving, forgiving and helpful Father.

Craft Idea

Gather up some large popsicle sticks. If you do not have popsicle sticks, strips of cardboard will work. Lay each stick down horizontally and write parts of the Lord's prayer daily on each stick or on a piece of paper that you glue onto the sticks. Children can color and decorate the sticks as well. Then lay out the sticks top to bottom and in order but flipped over. You should see the blank back of the stick or cardboard. Tape all of the sticks together. At the top, tape or glue a small ribbon handle. The finished product will look something like this:

