

Faith Component

Relevant Scripture

- Proverbs 11:14
- Romans 13:1
- 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Instructional Goals

- Guide students to understand the biblical reasons for praying for our leaders and the impact that such prayers can have on society.
 - Teach students how to express their thoughts and concerns through prayer, focusing on the well-being and guidance of our leaders.
 - The activity will foster a sense of community and shared responsibility among students to support their leaders through prayer.
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Praying for Our Leaders

Objective

To help fifth graders understand the importance of praying for our leaders and the biblical basis for this practice during Celebrate Freedom Week.

Materials

- Bible verse cards prepared with scriptures related to leadership and prayer.
- Whiteboard or Chalkboard and markers/chalk
- Writing paper and pencils for each student
- “Prayer for Our Leaders” template - a simple guide for students to write their own prayers.

Introduction

- Begin by discussing the significance of Celebrate Freedom Week, focusing on the freedoms we enjoy in our country, including the freedom to pray for our leaders.

Bible Verse Discovery

- Distribute Bible verse cards to students. Have them read their verses aloud to the class.
- Use the whiteboard to list key points from each verse about why and how we should pray for our leaders.

Discussion

- Engage the class in a discussion about the role of leaders in our society and how praying for them can make a difference. Encourage students to think about the qualities of good leadership and how these can be supported through prayer.

Writing Activity: "Prayer for Leaders"

- Hand out the "Prayer for Our Leaders" template. Guide students to write their own prayers for local, state, or national leaders, using insights from the Bible verses and the class discussion.
- Encourage creativity and personal expression, reminding them that prayer is a conversation with God about their hopes and concerns for their leaders and country.

Sharing Session

- Invite students to share their prayers with the class, if they feel comfortable. This can be a powerful way to hear diverse perspectives and support each other in a communal prayer effort.

Reflection and Closing Prayer

- Reflect briefly on what was learned about the importance of praying for our leaders.
- Close with a collective prayer, led by the teacher, incorporating themes from the students' prayers and asking for wisdom, guidance, and protection for all leaders.

PRAYERS FOR OUR LEADERS

Please complete the prayer below.

I pray for wisdom for our leaders so that they can _____ I ask God to help our leaders make decisions that _____ I hope our leaders work together to _____

I wish for our leaders to be kind and fair, especially when _____

I give thanks for the good things our leaders have done, like _____