

A Child's Prayer – Song Story

A song story is a wonderful way to slow down and have the Spirit speak to the children with a story that is relatable and draws them in.

How to Use a Song Story:

Transition from another song or activity and jump right into this song story. I recommend NOT singing through the song first for this activity.

A song story works especially well after a high energy activity such as a movement or music learning style activity. If the children have been up out of their seats or moving about, make sure they've returned to their seats for the song story and are ready to listen.

Tell the children you have a story to share with them. Their job will be to listen while you share a story about Susie and her cat.

You'll follow the printed story below. Read the story lines making sure to add emphasis and expressions and reading the part with a lot of emotion to help draw the children in.

When you get to the (Sing) parts, also marked in blue font, you'll pause speaking the parts of the story and instead sing acapella the simple line of the song. Some of the children might pick up and start singing along with you, that's totally fine, but otherwise don't ask them to sing along with you.

Continue reading and singing throughout the song story.

End with a simple testimony on the importance and power of prayer.

You can now choose to sing A Child's Prayer together as a Primary. Or ask the children if they have had any experiences like Susie from the story about prayer they want to share.

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Susie was having a really hard week. Her cat, Whiskers, was missing. Her family had made posters, and asked the neighbors, but still had not been able to find Whiskers. Sad and lonely, she knelt and asked,

(Sing) Heavenly Father, are you really there?

She had heard a lesson the week before in Primary that she could pray if she needed help or comfort.

(Sing) And do you hear and answer every child's prayer?

Today, she wanted to ask for help that Whiskers would be safe and that they could find him soon.

*(Sing) Some say that Heaven is far away,
but I feel it close around me as I pray.*

Susie was blessed with an overwhelming feeling of peace and comfort. She felt as if she was near the Savior as she prayed.

*(Sing) Heavenly Father I remember now
something that Jesus told disciples long ago:
"Suffer the Children to come to me."*

Tears filled Susie's eyes as she felt the Savior's love for her. She knew everything would be okay.

(Sing) Father, in prayer I'm coming now to thee.

Susie decided that she would turn to prayer whenever she needed help or comfort. She wanted to feel close to her Heavenly Father whenever she could.

(Repeat singing) Father, in prayer I'm coming now to thee.

You, too, can turn to prayer whenever you feel lonely, scared, confused, or just want to share what is happening in your week. Heavenly Father does listen to and answer our prayers.

(Bear testimony on prayer).



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