

Lesson 3 - I Will Pray!

Teacher and Co-Teacher Digital Media Script

Watching The Bible Lesson And Skit On Video

PURPOSE:

The children will learn that we should spend time in prayer every day, because we can talk to God about anything, anywhere and at any time.

Materials/Props Needed:

- Good News Lesson 3 MediaShout® or ProPresenter® File.
- Costumes: Black shirt, dark pants/jeans.
- Props: Two headsets or radios with earpieces, and enough Sour Patch Kids, or other candy, for the winning teams.
- Opening Activity Supplies: See Help Sheet for a list of supplies.

Begin the Opening Activity.

Lead the children through the Opening Activity "Throw Up A Prayer" or another Large Group Activity to engage the children's attention as they enter the room. For a detailed example, watch the "Good News L3 Teacher/Co-Teacher Training Video."

Begin Large Group Time with the "Countdown Video". [1]

Teacher and Co-Teacher enter.

TEACHER

(Offstage to imaginary stage crew) Alright everyone, places, places! It's almost time for the show! *(To children)* Excellent! You're all here! It would have been really hard to put together our broadcast without you.

CO-TEACHER

Welcome back to the Good News studio! If it's your first time here, don't worry, we'll get you up to speed. Our show that we're working on is called Good News and it is the number one news show in the tri-cities area.

TEACHER

I'm the Executive Producer, Teacher's name.

CO-TEACHER

And I'm the Senior Producer Co-Teacher's name. We work behind the scenes as our on air talent share the news with the public.

TEACHER

Now, we still have a few minutes before we go on the air But before we can start the show we must go over our Studio Guidelines [2] so there are no unnecessary interruptions once the filming begins.



CO-TEACHER

Good idea! [3] Studio Guideline #1 - Stay quiet in the studio at all times, unless you are told to do otherwise.

TEACHER

[4] Studio Guideline #2 - Pay attention while in the studio to those on set. Raise your hand if you want to talk.

CO-TEACHER

[5] Studio Guideline #3 - Keep your hands and feet to yourselves while in the studio.

TEACHER

And [6] Studio Guideline #4 - You're the audience, so keep your energy and excitement up and have fun!

CO-TEACHER

(Listening to ear piece) Alright, the broadcast is about to begin! (to Teacher) We need to show the intro segment right now and then cut to commercial.

TEACHER

Right! Intro segment going live in 3...2...1.

Play "News Intro Video." [7]

ANNOUNCER (IN VIDEO)

Good morning! You're watching Good News! With your anchors Tim Hunter and Trudy Grapevine. And Rick Rexworth on sports. Will Wheelright, traffic. Dr. Oppenheimerstein on Science. Cooking in the Kitchen With Dinah. Your Action News reporter, J.J. Barnstormer. And Fernando the Weather Puppet on weather. It's the best morning news show on this channel, at this time, in the tri-cities area. Today's show is brought to you by Prayer. Because we can talk to God about anything, anywhere, and at any time. (Main Message appears on screen) **I Will Pray!**

CO-TEACHER

Today's sponsor is Prayer. Their motto is **I Will Pray** and their tagline is "We can talk to God about anything, anywhere and at any time!"

TEACHER

In order to help our sponsor garner some business I think we should take their motto, **I Will Pray**, and make it our Main Message for today! [8] Now everybody up for some shouting and some motions.

The Teacher leads the children by first demonstrating the Main Message with motions. These motions should be similar to cheerleader-type hand motions. The teacher can make up the motions or have the children help come up with them. Once everyone has gone over the Main Message have the children repeat it with motions two or three times.

CO-TEACHER

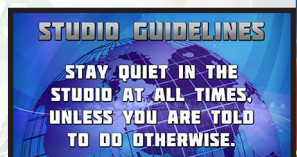
Whew! You guys and girls were awesome!

TEACHER

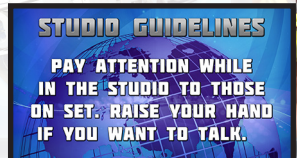
(listening to ear piece) Oh, and very good! The owner of the studio just happened to be walking by a second ago and he wants to give out a team prize for that Main Message performance!



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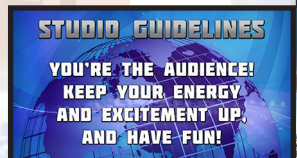
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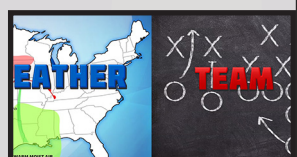
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Play the Drumroll/Winner Song for the winning team. [9] Encourage the other team to be good sports by clapping or giving standing "O's" for the winning team. Award the winning team with a Sour Patch Kid.

CO-TEACHER

You know, I'm glad we're talking about prayer today because praying should be a part of our lives every day. If you follow Jesus, you should pray a lot!

TEACHER

You're right. We should pray when we have problems or when we're worried about something. We should pray when we're scared. And we should pray and tell God we are thankful for the good things in our life as well.

CO-TEACHER

(to children) I'd like to hear from some of you. We know that we can pray about anything, anywhere, and at any time. What are some of the things you pray about? [10]

Note: Teacher and Co-Teacher will get several answers from the children. Possible answers include: Pray that my friend gets better, pray that I'll have a good day, pray to thank God for my food, pray that I will do well on a test, etc.

CO-TEACHER

Those were all good answers. So tell me some of the places you pray.

Note: Teacher and Co-Teacher will get several answers from the children. Possible answers include: At home, at school, at church, in a park, in a store, in the car, etc.

TEACHER

Now this last one should be really interesting. When are some of the times that you pray?

Note: Teacher and Co-Teacher will get several answers from the children. Possible answers include: When I wake up, when I go to bed, before I eat, during class, etc.

CO-TEACHER

Wow, it's good to hear that we're all praying to God about so many different things.

TEACHER

Yes, we've definitely taken the word from our sponsor to heart. And I hope the rest of the crew and the anchors do as well. (looks at watch) All right. Heads up, everyone. We're back on the air in just a moment.

Play "Skit Part One" Video. [11]

TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

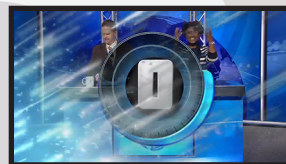
Time for the countdown, everyone. 5...4...3...(points for 2)...(points for 1)...(points for 0)

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Good morning, viewers! I'm lead anchor, Tim Hunter!

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

And I'm Trudy Grapevine. It's a sad day today as the number of lost dogs is on the rise. From full grown dogs that dig out of the yard, to little puppies



that simply wander off, a lost dog is big problem for the owners. It's a shame that nothing can be done about this problem.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

That's right. There's nothing we can do and no one to talk to about it. And speaking of problems that there's nothing we can do about, there's been a lot of bad weather this past month, but since no one has invented a weather controlling machine, there's nothing we can do about the bad weather, and no one we can talk to about it.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Yes, that's truly a shame. In other news, a recent outbreak of the common cold has swept through our tri-cities area. That's stuffy noses, raspy coughs, and moderate fevers for many of our viewers. And because there is no cure for the common cold, there's simply nothing...and I mean nothing, that we can do about it. Very sad.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Yes, very sad. Hmmm.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Hmmm.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Hmmm.

Tim and Trudy continue as the "Viewers Leaving Alert" appears on screen. We can still hear Tim and Trudy as the Teacher and Co-Teacher speak.

TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

What do they mean there's nothing we can do? Of course there's something we can do and someone we can talk to.

CO-TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

Of course! We can talk to God. Our viewers are leaving!

TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

I know, let's cut to the next segment and try to sort this out. *(types into keyboard or speaks into a headset)* John, have them move on to the interview.

"Viewers Leaving Alert" ends. Tim and Trudy continue the news.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Hmmm. *(puts finger to ear)* Right. Recently I had the opportunity to sit down with the very talented Dutch Holland for an interview.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

You mean the quarterback for the undefeated Timnsville Tigers?

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

And now we present to you, my in-depth interview with Dutch Holland. Listen as I try to find out his secret to success.

Scene switches to Tim in a pre-recorded interview.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Let's get to it, Dutch. So far, you and the Tigers are undefeated! What's your secret to success?

DUTCH HOLLAND (IN VIDEO)

Well, yes the team has put in place a great season so far, but there's not a secret to our success.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Oh come on, there has to be something. You always look so calm during the games. So what is it? Extra push-ups? Energy drinks? What about pre-game routines, what do you do before the games that gives you that edge?

DUTCH HOLLAND (IN VIDEO)

Oh, I'm glad you asked that. Before every game, the team and I sit down and pray about the upcoming game. It helps us to play our best and helps me to calm down.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

(confused) I'm sorry, you do what before the game?

DUTCH HOLLAND (IN VIDEO)

We pray.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

And what's that?

DUTCH HOLLAND (IN VIDEO)

We bow our heads and ask God to help us. Doing this calms us down and gives us peace knowing God is in control.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

I don't understand.

DUTCH HOLLAND (IN VIDEO)

(slightly confused) Really? It's prayer. It means talking to God.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Ohhhhh, I get it. You don't want to tell us your secret to success. Well played, sir.

DUTCH HOLLAND (IN VIDEO)

(confused and slightly frustrated) What? No, it's not a secret. We pray before-

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

(interrupts Dutch) Thanks for talking to us. *(to camera)* It looks like Dutch Holland's secret to success is still secret.

Lights dim in the studio, Tim smiles at the camera, and Dutch looks around confused as the "Ratings Falling Alert" appears on screen. Teacher and Co-Teacher speak over the video.

CO-TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

So, Tim doesn't understand what or how important prayer is?

TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

Our viewers are leaving again. Maybe Trudy will tell him about it right now.

CO-TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

(looks over notes on clipboard) No I think she is just going to go straight to the science section.

"Ratings Falling Alert" ends. Tim and Trudy continue the news.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Great interview, Tim. Now I hope everyone brought their thinking caps, because it's time for the Good News Science Section with Dr. Oppenheimerstein!

Scene changes to Dr. Oppenheimerstein's lab. Dr. Oppenheimerstein is standing near a table where test subjects are sitting down to eat.

DR. OPPENHEIMERSTEIN (IN VIDEO)

Thank you, Trudy. I am currently studying a strange scientific phenomenon here in my lab. Observe these test subjects. Right now they look fairly normal and maybe even a little boring. But watch what happens when I put food in front of them on the table.

Dr. Oppenheimerstein puts a big tray of food on the table in the middle of the test subjects. They thank him and then bow their heads in prayer.

DR. OPPENHEIMERSTEIN (IN VIDEO)

They each close their eyes and bow their heads. I have concluded that they are taking a tiny nap before they eat. I have also noticed that they seem to be talking in their sleep. But I have to run more tests.

Dr. Oppenheimerstein moves over to the lab equipment and starts turning knobs. As he turns knobs and flips switches, more and more noise starts coming from the machinery.

DR. OPPENHEIMERSTEIN (IN VIDEO)

Hmm, I'll turn this knob here. Yes, more power! And I'll flip all these switches. Yes! Yes! The test is now ready. What happens when I do this?

Dr. Oppenheimerstein touches a panel and shocks himself and then collapses. The test subjects finish praying and begin eating.

DR. OPPENHEIMERSTEIN (IN VIDEO)

(groans) Back to you Tim and Trudy.

Scene changes back to news desk.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Hmmmm, that was quite a shocking discovery by Dr. Oppenheimerstein. (laughs)

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

I see what you did there. (laughs)

Tim and Trudy continue to laugh as the "Viewers Leaving" appears on screen. We can still hear Tim and Trudy as the Teacher speaks.

TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

I was sure that Dr. Oppenheimerstein would teach them about prayer, but he doesn't know what it is either. We've got to think of something.

CO-TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

I have an idea. (speaks into headset) John, tell Tim to go to commercial.

"Viewers Leaving Alert" ends. Tim and Trudy continue the news.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

(puts finger to ear) Coming up after the break, we'll get to see Happy Hank, the hot dog eater, try to beat the world record. Good luck, Hank!

Scene cuts to Happy Hank standing over a platter piled with hot dogs for two seconds. Then the Good News logo goes full screen.

End Skit Part One.

CO-TEACHER

And...we're off the air. So what now? Tim and Trudy aren't reporting on prayer because they don't understand what it is.

TEACHER

And if they don't get it, none of the viewers at home will either. We have to find some way of showing Tim and Trudy how important prayer is and how simple it is.

CO-TEACHER

What about a special report from the Bible? Is there anything in there that would help them understand prayer?

TEACHER

You know what...I think there is. *(motions backstage)* Hey, Hal, instead of watching Happy Hank stuff his face with hotdogs could you cue up the report from the Bible about prayer? *(Gives a thumbs up to backstage)* Thanks Hal! He says we're ready. *(To kids)* Alright everyone, pull out your notebooks and be sure to listen carefully and fill in the blanks in today's sheet!

Play "Skit Part Two" Video. [12]

Scene is the main news studio. The crew is scrambling to get off set. Co-Teacher is talking over video.

CO-TEACHER (DURING VIDEO)

Okay, We're live again in 5...4...3...(points for 2)...(points for 1)...(points for 0)

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Welcome back, I apologize to our viewers and to Happy Hank, but we just don't have any more room for hot dogs. *(chuckles)*

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Instead here's a special report from the Bible. Let's watch.

BIBLE LESSON (IN VIDEO)**TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)**

What a fascinating lesson!

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Yes, and I think I finally understand what prayer is. It's talking to God. We can talk about problems we have or even thank Him for what He has done.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

That means we can pray about those sad stories we reported on earlier. Let's try it.

Tim and Trudy bow their heads.



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TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

Dear God, thank You for Your Son, Jesus. And thank You for teaching us about prayer. Please be with all the families dealing with lost dogs. Comfort them and help them to find them soon.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

And please help all the people with colds to feel better soon. Thank You for listening to us. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

That was nice.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Yes. I think so, too. Before we go, let's get a weather update from Fernando the Weather Puppet. Fernando?

Scene cuts to weather studio. Fernando the Weather Puppet is standing in front of a weather map.

FERNANDO (IN VIDEO)

It's a sunny day today. Very sunny...sunny and hot. Whew! It's really, really hot today... too hot!

The weather map catches on fire.

FERNANDO (IN VIDEO)

Whoa!

Scene changes back to main desk.

TIM HUNTER (IN VIDEO)

Thanks, Fernando. Thank you for watching and stay tuned after the credits for some late-breaking news. I'm Tim Hunter.

TRUDY GRAPEVINE (IN VIDEO)

And I'm Trudy Grapevine, have a good day.

Lights dim on the set as the credits roll. Tom and Trudy are pretending to talk to each other. Credits end with "Full Breakfast."

End Skit Part Two.

TEACHER

Alright, great show everyone. It started rough but finally we were able to teach all of our viewers an awesome lesson on prayer. *(starts clapping)* Way to go!

CO-TEACHER

Now let's close out the broadcast with that late-breaking news.

Play "Tim Hunter's News Van Race To Report The News!" **[13]** Assign one of the vans to each team.

TEACHER

Now it's time to officially announce the winner with a drumroll!

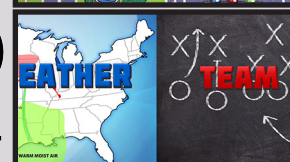
Play the Drumroll/Winner Song for the winning team. **[14]** Encourage the other team to be good sports by clapping or giving standing "O's" for the winning team.



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Award the winning team with a Sour Patch Kid.

CO-TEACHER

Today turned out pretty well. We were able to share another important part of Jesus' story and I think everyone has a better understanding about prayer and how amazing it is. I love that God hears us no matter when we pray or where we are.

TEACHER

Me too, and I have a Bible Verse that confirms that. Check it out. [15]

**"I love the LORD because he hears my voice and my prayer for mercy."
Psalm 116:1 (NLT)**

CO-TEACHER

You were right, the Bible does confirm that! God hears us when we pray to Him!

TEACHER

And, as we have learned before prayer, along with singing, giving our offering and obeying Jesus, is also a form of worship. And since we are talking about prayer, how about we take some time to worship Jesus by singing a song, praying and then taking our offering?

CO-TEACHER

Good idea! Let's all stand and sing together.

Teacher and Co-Teacher lead the children in singing "Hosanna." [16]

TEACHER

Thank you for singing with us. We're going to continue our worship with our Offering [17] time. This time is for focusing on God and showing Him how thankful we are for Jesus and everything He has blessed us with. Please bow your heads and pray with me as we prepare to give.

Note: Lead the children in prayer. If you want to, include elements of the lesson you are teaching today. For instance, today we are talking about prayer. So, you might say, "Dear God, thank You for always listening to us when we pray. Please help us to remember how important it is to pray to You every day. Amen." Take up the offering.

OFFERING

TEACHER

Thank you. We've all learned a lot about prayer so far, and now I want to give you a chance to learn a little bit more. So let's break up into our Small Groups.

WEEKLY SMALL GROUP ACTIVITY - SMALL GROUPS [18]

Teacher greets the children as they return from Small Groups.

CO-TEACHER

Welcome back! (to Teacher) You are just in time for another song! On your feet audience!

Teacher and Co-Teacher lead the children in singing "Only Jesus." [19] When finished play the Drumroll/Winner Song for the winning team. [20] Encourage the other team to be good sports by clapping or giving standing "O's" for the



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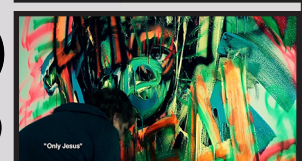
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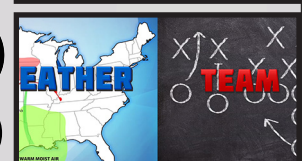
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winning team. Award the winning team with a Sour Patch Kid.

TEACHER

Now let's get everyone involved in some Reporter Training! (to children) We'll ask the questions while you answer and play the games!

WEEKLY REVIEW ACTIVITY - "Reporter Training" [21]

Note: Lead the children through the questions. Bring up a child from each team and have them compete to see who gets to answer. When the game is over, reward the team who answered the most questions correctly with a drumroll [22] and a Sour Patch Kid.

For specific instructions on how to lead the children through this Review Game, you will need to watch the "Good News L3 Teacher/Co-Teacher Training Video" and/or print out "Review_Game_Help_Sheet_Lesson_3" from your Lesson Materials folder.

CLOSING

CO-TEACHER

Great job, my friends! It's time to go but don't forget about the opportunity you have to begin your own journalism career with our special training program that you can do right after church. Which brings me back to the notebook you guys got earlier. Now hopefully you've already filled in the blanks from today's Bible Lesson. But if you look at the bottom of that page, you'll notice there's another question that wasn't talked about during the Bible Lesson. So here's what you're going to do. When your parents pick you up, you're going to go out and look for a board that has the answer to the question on it. The board looks like a TV. When you find the answer, circle it and take it to the "Good News News-Stand" and show it to one of the "Newsies" who is there, and they will stamp your page with a special rubber stamp. Now here's the best part! If you get, over the course of the next eight weeks, all eight of your pages stamped, you will get a very special prize. Do you want to know what it is? It is _____. Now, some of you may come every other weekend, and that's ok. Each week we will have the stamp for this week and last week at the "Good News News-Stand", and if you bring back the completed page, you can get your stamp for this week and last week.

TEACHER

Okay, your parents are here so go home, get some rest, and come back next time ready for another broadcast. In the meantime, remember our Main Message for today: **I Will Pray!** See you next time for more Good News!



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