

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Meeting God in Prayer,” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for April 5, 2015. The lesson is found on page 31 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.



Viewing the latest news through the lens of Scripture

Happy Easter! There's much to be thankful for today—spending time with family and friends, a new outfit, a big holiday dinner, the sugar-coma-in-a-basket waiting at home . . . But obviously Easter is about much more. It's about Jesus, His death and resurrection, and the hope we all have because of it. One of the many ways we can show our gratitude for Easter is by praying. But prayer isn't just for Easter Sunday or other special occasions. The Bible tells us to pray continually. Check out these 10 news headlines from the past several days, and imagine what the people involved were praying about.

1. Four-year-old girl rides Philly bus searching for 3 a.m. snack
2. Cubs pitcher winds up at wrong ballpark, misses start
3. Maryland students accused of using Twitter to cheat on test
4. Smell like a Whopper: Burger King will sell cologne in Japan
5. Building collapses in NYC's East Village
6. Phoenix Zoo discovers 2-year-old bear is female, not male
7. Trendy California creation: Pop Tart doughnut
8. No claws for alarm: 30,000 pounds of lobsters survive Maine crash
9. Naked Cowboy's car nearly stolen from Times Square parking garage
10. Toddler survives near drowning after 101 minutes of CPR

As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above news story to read. After all teens have had the opportunity to read the article, discuss it in this way:

What are some things you've prayed about this week?

What is the purpose of prayer?

When is it hard for you to pray?

How would you explain prayer to someone else?

People pray at different times, for different reasons, and receive different results. In fact, people don't always agree on what prayer even is. Let's see what Jesus has to say about prayer. Then we'll discuss how to make our own prayer time more meaningful.



MEETING GOD FACE-TO-FACE

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