

# Footprints

## Lesson 2 – Footprints of Prayer

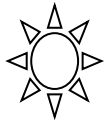
- In today's lesson the children will follow Jesus to the House of God and learn about His great desire for them to pray.
- This month's Life Point: *I am saved by GOD's Grace.*

### Scripture Study

1 Corinthians 3:16

**Story:** *Jesus' Cleanses the Temple*

Matthews 21:12-16



### Prayer:

*Father GOD, your grace towards me fills me with so much love towards you. Father, help us pray every day and think of you all day long. Make **this** house your house of prayer. In Jesus name,*

### Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:8

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God."



### Memory Verse Song:

Seeds Family Worship –  
Ephesians 2:8  
"Grace"

### You Tube Link

[https://youtu.be/1Ku99SX\\_sX8](https://youtu.be/1Ku99SX_sX8)

### The Redemption Story

(10-15 min.)

*The point of this activity is to present the salvation message in brief at each lesson.*

**Instructions:** Follow the pictures on the board or Power Point slide to tell the children about God's plan to restore our relationship with Him. Invite children who are familiar with the pictures to describe the images to the class. Always have someone ready in the classroom to pray with a child who desires to accept Jesus as his Savior or to be available to pray for any needs a child may have.

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### Object Lesson

(15 minutes)

#### Supplies:

#### **33 AD costume -**

A bed sheet or long piece of fabric and a scarf.

Wrap the piece of fabric as a robe and the scarf on the head. (This will be used each week this month)

#### **Tabernacle picture**

#### **Temple picture**

**Piece of fabric to represent the tabernacle.**

**One brick or rock to represent the Temple.**

#### **A Bible**

(Wear the 33 AD costume)

Good Morning kids! Last week we followed Jesus's footprints to the Disciples and Apostles. Today we are going to follow Jesus' footprints to the House of God.

Who can tell me about God's House? (wait for responses) The House of God in the times of the Disciples was the Temple of GOD (show picture). During the times of Moses, the House of God was the Tabernacle (show picture). What about today? Where is the house of God? (wait for responses) We could say that the Church building is the house of God and that is correct. But the only reason we can say that is because you and me come here to worship GOD.

In 1 Corinthians 3:16 it says **"Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?"**

So if you know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, then you are the temple of GOD because He lives within you.

I want you to understand what this means because it is very important. I need three volunteers. (Have the children volunteers stand in front of the class next to each other. Give one child the piece of fabric, give another child the brick and another the Bible.)

Here are three houses which GOD has blessed with His presence. Yet He has only lived and lives in one. Which one is it? (the boy with the Bible) And GOD said that **HIS** house shall be called a house of prayer. Not a house of preaching or of a house of music. But of prayer. **Are you a house of prayer?**

### *Teaching Tips:*

- Pray on behalf of the children and the families that attend your church. Seek the Lord's blessing for them.
- The children will pay attention to the lesson if they hear your passion for GOD when you speak.
- Do not be afraid of making mistakes. Do however accept your errors before the class and make the appropriate corrections. (2 Timothy 2:15)

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### *The Message*

#### **Supplies:**

**33 AD costume for you and two other volunteers.**

\*After the *Message* play a worship song.

Have children turn toward a wall or face the front of the classroom. Away from facing each other.

Lead them in prayer.

Seek after God.

*Where two or three are gathered in His name, He is there!*

#### **Storytelling tip:**

Think about what the apostles must have felt when Jesus overturned the tables? How must have this act affected their own walk with GOD?

You can only enter God's presence through prayer.

I want you to imagine.... It is around 30 AD. Jesus has called his disciples. He has chosen His apostles and they are going to the temple.

Now, this is Jesus. The Son of God. He was there before the creation of the worlds. Without Him nothing was made that was made. (John 1)

He was present when God gave Moses the measurements for the Tabernacle. He was there when David had it in his heart to build a Temple for his LORD. He was there when the great King Salomon fell on his knees, raised his hands to the heavens and dedicated the Temple to GOD with humble prayer.

Now here He is visiting this same Temple with His apostles. He walks in and He is enraged! He is angry at what He sees!

**(read *Matthews 21:12-16*)** – Why do you think Jesus was so angry? (wait for responses)

Jesus understood very well the honor, the devotion, the respect that so many people during the times of Moses held towards the Tabernacle. Jesus understood the passion, humility and love from which David desired to build a house for the LORD. He cherished and treasured the desire in King's Salomon heart that the LORD would hear every prayer spoken by His people in the temple.

Jesus understood the pain, the suffering and hurt that many of His prophets suffered when the Temple had been destroyed and how hard they worked to restore it! (Ezra and Nehemiah)

Yet here the people have so turned away from GOD that the temple is nothing else than a shopping mall!

Jesus words are "... 'My HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER'..." Not a house of preaching or a house of music. Now these things are important, but most of all what He desires for you and me to be is a house of prayer.

Prayer is talking with God. It's also crying out to God. It is also listening to God. The church's power against the world is prayer. (Andrew Bonar)

"God is the center of everything in heaven. If we do not learn to enjoy being in His presence, *in prayer*, here and now, then heaven would not be heaven for us." Jim Cymbala.

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### Take Home Challenge

#### Psalm 127:1

“...Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain...”

- Use your imagination to build a House for the Lord. Use bedsheets, sticks, cardboard and any other items you can think of. Make it big or small.
- As you are making the house, think about Jesus. Think about the fact that He desires for you to be His house of prayer. Think about Psalm 127:1 and what it means. Talk to your parents about the verse.
- Take a picture with your family and the house you built and send it to us. [Kenia.sawyer@gmail.com](mailto:Kenia.sawyer@gmail.com)
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### ADDITIONAL GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR THIS MONTH

(These activities are to be used when you have spare time after a lesson)

#### Good Friends Stick Together (week 1)

**Items:** 2 Balls

**Presentation:** Good friends will stick with you through good and difficult situations. Jesus is this kind of friend. **Jesus also wants you to surround yourself with good friends that will support you in your Christian walk.** “...*There is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.*” – Prov. 18:24

**Instructions:** Clear a path in the classroom. Chose three children to stand next to each other. Place a ball in between each child. The kids have to stick really close to each other so that the balls will not fall from in between. Have the kids take a walk around the classroom. Have the other kids encourage them as they walk. If a ball falls put it back and encourage them to finish the walk. Have other children take turns.

#### Prayer House (week 2)

**Items:** Worship music. Display a Board with “The Lord’s Prayer”. Display a Prayer List.

**Presentation:** Is your house a house of prayer? Jesus clearly wants for us to pray in the church, in our homes and wherever we go. You and me are Jesus temple. We are His house because His Spirit lives inside of us. **“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”** Matthew 18:20

**Instructions:** Today we are going to pray until your parents arrive to pick you up. We are going to seek His face. You can sit down and pray. You can walk around and pray. You can stand and pray. If you don’t know how to pray read the Prayer Board. If you don’t know what to pray for look at the Prayer List. But please whatever you do, DO NOT GIVE UP, pray and press to see His face.

#### The Bridge (week 3)

**Items:** Heavy weights or rocks. A book bag.

**Presentation:** The Bible says that **“He (Jesus) personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right...”** 1 Peter 2:24 These rocks here represent your sin. I am going to put them in the book bag. Now this line represents GOD and this line represents you. The distance in between is the distance between GOD and You because of your sin. Do you think that you can get to GOD, by jumping across while carrying your own sins on your back? Who wants to try?

**Instructions:** Mark two lines with duct tape. There should be a distance of six feet between the lines. With a marker write GOD on one and ME on the other. Have a child put on the book bag with her ‘sins’ in it and try to jump to get to GOD. (Use wisdom and be careful that no child gets hurt) After allowing a few children to try – tape construction paper on the form of a cross to cover the gap between GOD and the child. Have a child then lay down the book bag and cross the bridge to GOD.

#### GOD’s Not Dead!! (week 4)

**Items:** Worship and Praise music. Worship flags.

**Presentation:** The Bible says that when some women came to bring spices to anoint the body of Jesus they saw two angels in the tomb. The angels said “He is not here, but is risen!” The women were surprised, afraid, but also happy! They were excited! They ran to tell the others! Let’s worship GOD!

**Instructions:** Invite the children to celebrate Jesus by dancing until their parents arrive! Move the chairs and put songs that are lively for the kids to dance and glorify the LORD!