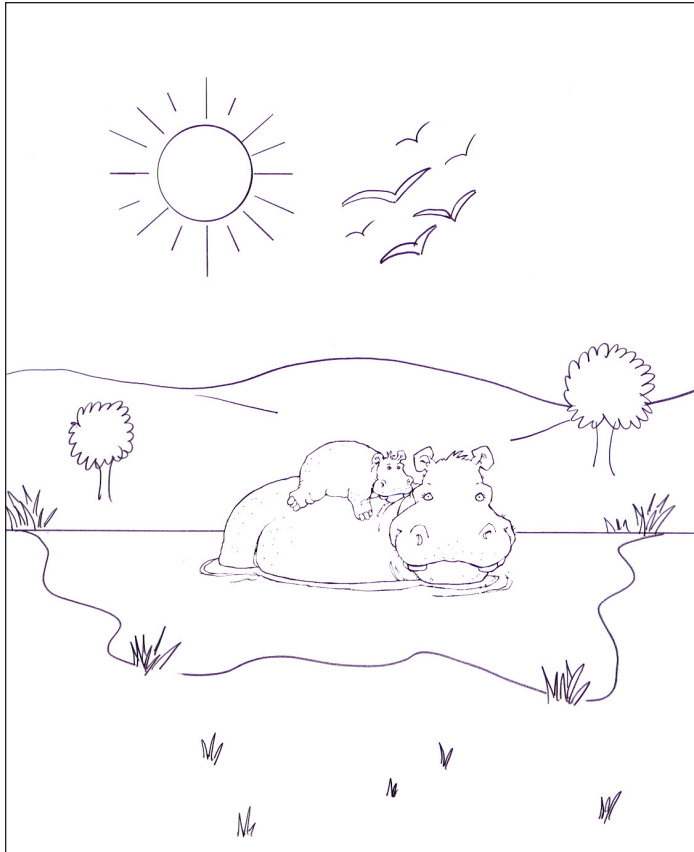


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The Disciples Prayer

- Lesson Two -

Our Father

Who is in the Heavens

I. Overview.

As the heavens are high above the earth, so our Father is over all the earth. He sees all things that happen on the earth and His ear is open to all of His dear children's prayers.

Even though every man has an inner need to fellowship with God, not many really know how to pray. Therefore the Lord Jesus quickly responded to His disciples when they asked Him to teach them how to pray. The Lord Jesus gave the disciples a particular prayer as an example and guide of how we should pray and what we should pray for. He firstly taught the disciples that they should pray in this way, "Our Father Who is in the heavens..." With these words He showed them to Whom they should pray. We should pray to God who is our Father, our source of life and all things.



The first thing that the Lord taught the disciples is that they should pray to their heavenly Father.

II. Memory Verse.

"You then pray in this way: Our Father who is in the heavens..."

(Matt. 6:9a)

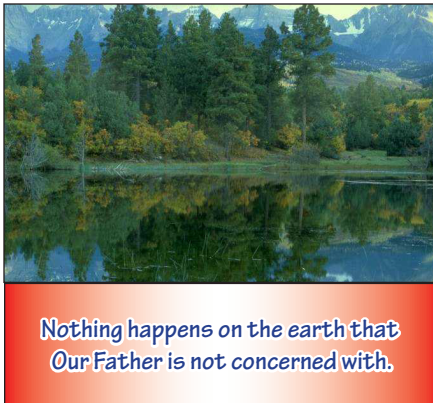
III. Lesson.

The Lord Jesus taught the disciples to pray by showing them how to pray. The prayer that He taught them was not for them to simply repeat, word for word, over and over. It was, however, a pattern for prayer. The prayer showed the disciples how they should pray and the things that they should pray for.

We Should Pray to God our Father

The Lord firstly taught the disciples about the One to whom we should pray. This One is God, our Father. Because God is the One who created us, He is the source of our life and existence. In this sense, God is the Father of every family in the heavens and on the earth.

More particularly, all those who believe in the Lord Jesus and receive Him, are born of God and are the genuine children of God. Therefore God is truly our Father. His name, "Father", means so much to us! He is not only the the wise and powerful Creator, but He is very closely related to us. He is our dearly beloved Father!



The Father's Care for His Children

We know that a farmer cares for his crops and a shepherd, even more, cares for his sheep. But, who can tell how much concern and love a father has for his children? Our heavenly Father has such a great care for us that He knows everything about us. The Bible tells us that even all the hairs of our head are numbered. We are not merely a part of His creation, we are His very own dear children, the most important thing to Him.

Our Father

When we pray "Our Father", we are reminded that He is not only our own Father, but the Father of every one who is a child of God. This makes all the children of God our brothers and sisters. Not only we ourselves are precious to Him, but all His children are equally precious.

When we pray "Our Father Who is in the heavens", we are reminded that God, our Fathers, is in the heavens and is over all things. Nothing happens that He does not see and care about. What a wonderful Person is our Father, and it is so special that we can pray to Him in such a dear way.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. In what ways is God our Father?

2. What is the first thing that the Lord Jesus taught the disciples concerning prayer?

3. What is the most important thing to our Father?

4. Who's Father is God?

