## **BIBLE STORY SHEET**

READ and FOLLOW the instructions below, drawing on the **dry erase board** when prompted and allowing kids to guess what you may be drawing as you draw.

SAY: I'm going to draw a picture on the dry erase board, and you get to guess what I'm drawing. Then I will tell you what that picture means in our Bible story!

DRAW an ear:	Then SAY: Did you know that you can talk to God at any time, and He will be listening to you? (Allow responses) Well, it's true! And that's why I drew an ear. Because you can talk to God any time, anywhere, and know that He's all ears! One time, Jesus told a story to help us know how we should and should not pray. Let's see if you can guess the next picture!
DRAW a mean face:	Then SAY: It's a mean face. That's because this story is about some not very nice people, called Pharisees. Everything these people did was to impress other people, and they were even trying to impress God. If they were doing something kind, it was only so others would notice it. And if they were praying, it was super loud because they were trying to make themselves sound better than others. But Jesus had something to say about it. What do you think Jesus told the people? (Allow responses) Let's see if you can guess what I draw next and we'll find out.
DRAW a person:	Then SAY: It's a person! That's because Jesus told the people not to be like the Pharisees, thinking they would impress others. And you'll notice that I only drew one person. That's because Jesus told people that when we pray, we should go into our room, close the door, and pray to our heavenly Father. Jesus was explaining that God cares most about who we are when no one else is watching. He just wants us to talk to Him about what's in our hearts. Let's see if you can guess what this next drawing means.
DRAW a person talking:	Then SAY: It's a picture of someone talking, because Jesus showed us how we can talk to God. Jesus said to pray like this, "Our Father in heaven, we pray that your name will always be kept holy. We pray that your kingdom will come and that what you want will always be done here on Earth, the same as it is in heaven. Give us the food we need for each day. Forgive our sins, just as we have forgiven those who did wrong to us. Don't let us be tempted, but save us from the Evil One." Jesus showed us that talking to God is simple! We can tell God how great He is, and then ask Him for what we need, to forgive our sins, and to help us when we think about doing wrong things. Let's see if you can guess the next picture!
DRAW a <u>heart</u> :	Then SAY: It's a heart! I drew this because I want us to remember that if we follow Jesus' example and open up our hearts to God, our friendship with Him will grow! Can you open up your heart to God only on bad days or every day? (Every day) That's right! When we open up our hearts to God, we will begin to see that He always hears our prayers and answers them in His time!