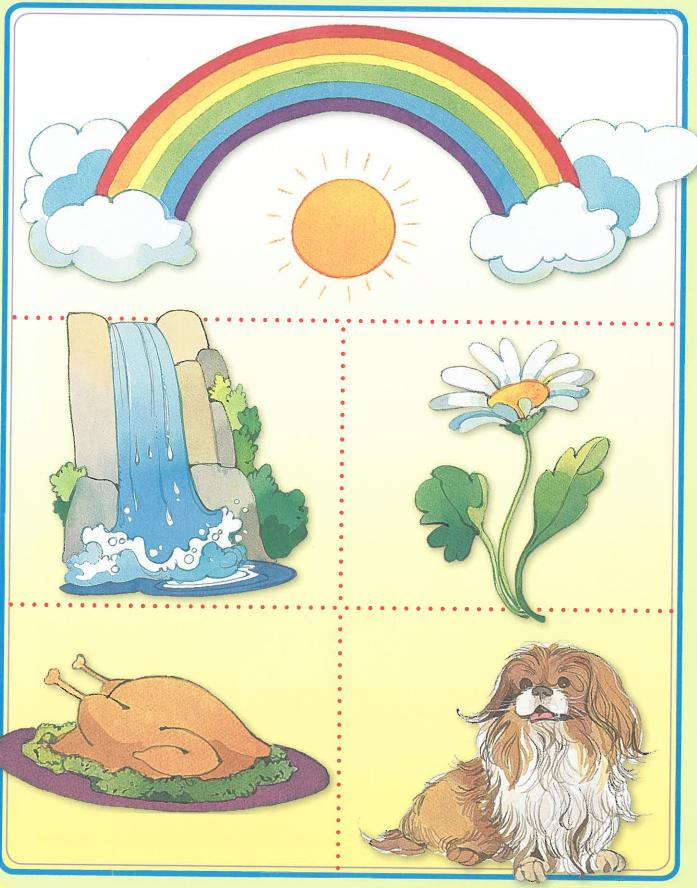


# Touch each thing God made and say "I praise you."





## Chapter 12: I Can Pray

In this lesson the children learned that they can talk to God through prayer. They recalled that God is everywhere and can hear us when we give praise or thanks. During the lesson the children prayed by themselves in their hearts and together as a group. The children were encouraged to pray in the morning and at night and made a doorknob hanger to remind them to pray. Help your child put the hanger on the doorknob of his or her room. Ask your child to explain the prayer book he or she made.

#### Your Child

Pray with your child spontaneously during the day to thank or praise God for something. In the morning and evening remind your child to thank God for the day. Let your child see you at prayer.

#### Reflect

Pray silently in your heart in secret. Your Father will hear you. (adapted from Matthew 6:6)

### Pray

Jesus, teach us to pray with confidence and joy.

#### Do

- Have religious objects in your home as reminders of God.
- Begin the custom of a family prayer time.
- Thank God for your child.
- When your child is afraid or worried, remind him or her that God is there.
- Read a child's book of prayers or Bible stories to your child.
- Read to your child *Teach Me to Pray* by Pennie Kidd. Take turns giving examples of ways to pray anytime and anywhere. Ask your child to choose how he or she would like to pray with you right now.

For more family resources, refer to the Family Activity Booklet and visit www.loyolapress.com/preschool.