

# BUGS! LESSON 1

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## BIG IDEA

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## Workers' Info

Life is full of choices. It's so easy to rely on our own minds and power to make those hard decisions.

God has provided a way for each of us to plug into His power and wisdom through prayer. So often, we choose advice of friends, family, internet, books, television, etc., before we ever go to the source of all wisdom...God.

In this lesson, children are encouraged to talk to God as He is their best friend. God wants the best for all of us. We can share with Him all the things on our minds and hearts.

Prayer changes things. We must remember that prayer should be our first option, not our last.

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## **PRAISE SONGS**

1. Every Move I Make
2. One Way
3. Shout To The Lord

## **WORKERS**

- Jay & Debbie
- Stan & Karen A.
- Mayda C.
- Megan T.
- Melissa Cz

Media: Tracey, Addiel & Kevin

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

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JAY

DEBBIE

MEGAN (INTRODUCES VIDEO)  
READ THE "WORKERS INFO" ON PAGE 1 FOR IDEAS

JAY

DEBBIE (SADIE) & MELISSA

JAY

STAN & KAREN

**SKITTLES VIDEO**

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\*\*\*QUESTIONS WILL BE ON SCREEN\*\*\*

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**\*\*MEDIA: NAMES HIGHLIGHTED IN BLUE BELOW GET MICS\*\***

1. Jay
2. Debbie
3. Stan Armistead
4. Karen Armistead
5. Mayda Calderon
6. Megan Troyer
7. Melissa Cuzzo

## **MEDIA TECHNICAL CUE LIST**

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**\*\*PLAY NITRO SONG "LOW" RIGHT AFTER COUNTDOWN**  
DEBBIE

**\*PLAY ANNOUNCEMENTS VIDEO**

MEGAN (INTRODUCES VIDEO)

**\*PLAY THE "BUG MAN VIDEO" VIDEO**  
**RIGHT AFTER INTRODUCTION**

JAY

**\*SEE SONG ROTATION**

DEBBIE (SADIE) & MELISSA

JAY (FOLLOW THE POWER POINT LESSON)  
**\*PLAY SOFT MUSIC DURING PRAYER**

STAN & KAREN  
GAME MUSIC / TIMER IF NEEDED

SKITTLES VIDEO #1 FROM DVD

**\*START RIGHT AFTER GAME**

DEBBIE & JAEDA

**\*PLAY MUSIC DURING THIS SEGMENT**  
**\*\*SHOW QUESTIONS ON SCREEN\*\***

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## SKIT

**Leader:** It is so good to be here in church today, kids. We have so much planned today as we talk about BUGS, and especially the praying mantis.

*(Sadie comes running in screaming!)*

**Leader:** Sadie! Sadie! What's wrong???

**Sadie:** There's a BUG ON YOUR HEAD!!

**Leader:** WHAT??? AHH GET IT OFF!!!!

**Sadie:** Ha ha ha, just kidding, there's no bug, you fall for that every time.

**Leader:** Well, not every time.

**Sadie:** Oh, yes, you do! Ha...

**Leader:** Well, OK, so maybe I do. But, I'm glad you're here today because we are starting a brand new series this week.

**Sadie:** Oh, cool! I love new stuff! So, what's it called?

**Leader:** "BUGS!"

**Sadie:** BUGS? What kind of name is that?

**Leader:** Well, it's a very appropriate name. We are taking a different insect every week and learning very valuable lessons from it. It's going to be so cool.

**Sadie:** (starting to get scared) Well, I think don't think that's such a great idea.

**Leader:** Why is that?

**Sadie:** Because I HATE bugs... if there's one thing I am scared of, it's bugs.

**Leader:** Scared? Why would you be scared?

**Sadie:** When I was a little kid, I was attacked by a bug. Ever since then I have been scared of them. Soooo, I don't think we need to do this series.

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## SKIT (CONTINUED)

**Leader:** Really? What kind of bug was it? Did you get stung by a bee or something?

**Sadie:** Nope! Much scarier than a bee.

**Leader:** Oh really? Did you get stung by a scorpion?

**Sadie:** No, MUCH scarier than a scorpion.

**Leader:** Oh, I know. It must have been one of those hairy scary-looking tarantulas!

**Sadie:** No way. This bug was more scarier than any bug in the whole wide world!

**Leader:** Well, what was it? Tell us.

**Sadie:** I don't want to talk about it.

**Leader:** C'mon, Sadie! We want to know. Don't you want to know what kind of bug it was, kids?

**Sadie:** Well, OK... FINE...it was...a...ladybug! *(begins to break down sobbing)*

**Leader:** Well, Sadie, I promise you're not going to be attacked by any ladybugs during this BUGS series. If I promise that, will you still come to learn each week?

**Sadie:** You promise no ladybugs??? None?? Zip?? Nada????

**Leader:** I promise! This week we are talking about the praying mantis. Now, although I am pretty sure praying mantises don't really pray, they can remind us that we need to have a time of prayer with God every single day.

**Sadie:** Well, that sounds great. Prayer is a great thing.

**Leader:** It sure is, and that's what we're learning today.

**Sadie:** No ladybugs??? None???

**Leader:** No ladybugs. Stick around, you might learn something today about the power of prayer!

**Sadie:** OK, sounds good to me. See you later everybody!

**Leader:** Bye, bye, Sadie!

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## GAME TIME

### "BUG TRIVIA"

**Setup:** Chose 3 boys and 3 Girls

**Items Needed For Game:** The Data CD (Lesson One slideshow, beginning with title slide "Bug Trivia"), some sort of buzzer system (optional)



**How To Play:** Choose three boys and three girls to compete. Each slide has a goofy question about bugs. The first one to buzz in and get the answer correct gets a point. If a contestant buzzes in first, but gets it wrong, the other team gets a point. The team to earn the most points during the game wins.

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## ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

### "POWER OF PRAYER"

**Materials Needed:** The Data CD (*Power Point presentation Lesson One, beginning with the sermon title slide "The Power Of Prayer"*)  
Choose several of your leaders or children to play the parts that will be acted out in the message.

**Preparation:** Prepare each of your leaders or children by rehearsing with them the parts they are acting out. Make sure they know their cue when to come on and off the stage. Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson One," begin with the slide titled "The Power of Prayer." There is a slide for each point in the message.

### The Message: *(title slide)*

Today we are learning about the Power of Prayer. We began by looking at the praying mantis. The Bug Man told us that although the praying mantis probably doesn't really pray, every time we see one we can be reminded that God wants us to pray. Prayer should be a part of our lives every single day. I have a big question, though...

#### 1. Why Do We Pray? *(slide #1)*

Why do we pray? *(allow several kids to give their ideas on why we pray)* Well, all of those are good reasons, but the main reason we pray is to *(show slide)* "Stay connected to God." What does that mean? Well, I am glad you asked.

How many of you have a best friend? How many of you love to spend time with your best friend? Of course! That's what makes him or her your BEST friend. You would love to spend as much time as you possibly could with them. You have fun with them, you love talking to them, and you just love to BE with them. Well, the Bible says that we have a friend who sticks closer than any other friend. That friend is JESUS.

Jesus wants to be our best friend. He wants to spend time talking with us and us talking to Him. Can you imagine how your best friend would be hurt if you decided you were too busy to hang out with him or talk to him? How much more does Jesus get sad when we are too busy for Him? We must pray every day to stay connected in our relationship with Jesus. He is our best friend.

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## ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

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### 2. When Should We Pray? (slide)

We know WHY we should pray. When should we pray? Should we pray only before our meals? (*allow audience to respond, "NO!"*) I know, I know. We should pray only at bedtime, right? (*allow audience to respond, "NO!"*) We should pray only when we are in trouble? (*allow audience to respond, "NO!"*) We should pray only when we feel like it? (*allow audience to respond, "NO!"*)

You are exactly right! The Bible says in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (*show slide*) that we should "Pray all the time." Now, that doesn't mean we walk around ignoring everyone else and just pray over and over and over. It means that every chance we get we should talk to God and let Him talk to us. If Jesus is our best friend, we shouldn't just talk to Him when we want something or when we are in trouble. That's not what a best friend does. We should talk to Him every chance we get.

### 3. How Should We Pray? (slide)

We know WHY we should pray...to stay connected with God. And we now know WHEN we should pray..."Pray all the time." The last question is, "HOW should we pray?" This is a good question. A lot of people have some different ideas of how to pray. Different people pray different ways. Many times they believe their way is the ONLY and BEST way to pray.

Some people pray LOUD! (*Have your leader or child who is the LOUD prayer come out and stand in the middle of the stage and pray LOUD. "DEAR GOD! I LOVE YOU SO MUCH! YOU ARE A GREAT AND MIGHTY GOD!"*) There's nothing wrong with praying loud, but is that the only way to pray? No.

Some people pray silently. (*Have your leader or child who is the silent prayer come out and stand in the middle of the stage and pray silently. He or she will stand there with hands clasped and say nothing for about 10 seconds.*) Now, there's nothing wrong with praying silently, but is that the only way to pray? No.

Some people pray fast. (*Have your leader or child who is the fast prayer come out and stand in the middle of the stage and pray super fast.*) Although, God doesn't have a hard time understanding them, is that the only way to pray? No.

Some people pray with BIG words. (*Have your leader or child who is the Big Word prayer come out and stand in the middle of the stage and pray. "Oh, most gracious Heavenly Father. We beseech You this very day to come therefore into our midst and henceforth perform Thy miraculous omnipotent power upon us your chosen people."*) Now, there's nothing wrong with using big words, but is that the only way to pray? No. You can talk to God just like you talk to your best friend. Use regular words. God just wants to spend time with you.

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## ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

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Still, I know many kids are scared to pray because they don't know what to say. For the next couple of minutes, I want to give you a short plan to help you pray. We are going to use the word P-R-A-Y to help us learn it.

### **P—Praise**

The best way to start your time with God is by telling Him how great and wonderful He is. All of us love to be appreciated. God is no different. He loves to hear how much we love Him. Start your time with God telling Him how thankful you are for all He has done for you and how much you love Him.

### **R—Repent**

After you spend time telling God how much you love Him, then it's time to repent. Repent is kind of a big word. All it means is that you confess your sin to God, ask Him to forgive you and help you never make that mistake again. Maybe you have lied or disobeyed your parents. You ask God to forgive you and help you turn away from that sin.

### **A—Ask for others**

After you have asked forgiveness and repented of your sin, then it is time to focus on others. Maybe you have friends or family who are sick or need to know Jesus. This is the time to ask God to meet their needs and help them.

### **Y—You**

After you praise, repent, and ask for others, then it's time to focus on you and the needs you have. Don't just ask for things you want, but ask God to help you be a better Christian.

**ALTAR TIME:** *(play soft music) Let the children practice what they have learned today. Take about 2-3 minutes and let them first begin with Praise, then Repent, Ask for others, and finally You. Lead them in each segment of the prayer. Remind them that prayer is an essential part of our lives. It is how we stay close to God.*

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## REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What bug did we talk about today?  
Answer: *The Praying Mantis*
2. What insect did Sadie claim attacked her when she was a kid?  
Answer: *ladybug*
3. According to our lesson today, WHY should we pray? To stay \_\_\_\_\_ to God.  
Answer: *connected*
4. Who wants to be our best friend?  
Answer: *Jesus*
5. When should we pray?  
Answer: *"Pray all the time." 1 Thessalonians 5:17*
6. Is there only ONE way to pray?  
Answer: *No, different people pray different ways*
7. What's the P in pray stand for?  
Answer: *Praise*
8. What's the R stand for?  
Answer: *Repent*
9. What's the A stand for?  
Answer: *Ask for others*
10. What's the Y stand for?  
Answer: *You*

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## ***SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK:***

### **GAME 1**

1. None

### **PROPS NEEDED**

1. 2 pieces of poster board paper cut in half and write one letter on each piece
  - P (on the back write **PRAISE**)
  - R (on the back write **REPENT**)
  - A (on the back write **ASK FOR OTHERS**)
  - Y (on the back write **YOU**)