

Dear God,  
I am thankful I can talk with you in  
any way, at any time, about anything,  
no matter how I am feeling!

Amen.





## Mini Lesson: Board Book

STORY: **Pray to God!**

THEME: **We can talk to God about anything!**

### Read the Story

Sit in a low chair or on the floor with the board book titled *Pray to God!* Ring a chime or use another sound to call children to story time. Gather them into a story-time circle.

**You can talk to God in any way, at any time, about anything, no matter how you are feeling! When we talk to God, it's called prayer. When do you pray?** At church, in the morning, at bedtime, before eating, etc. **We can pray to God at any time and about anything. Let's hear a story about praying to God.**

Hold up *Pray to God!* and read the story. Finish your storytelling with this statement: **We can talk to God about anything!**

### More Story Fun

Open the book to the picture of Uri, Ava, and Jo praying around the big rock. Hold up the picture for all children to see.

**There are lots of different ways that we can use our bodies to pray.** Point to Uri, Jo, and Ava. **Uri, Jo, and Ava have their eyes closed and hands folded. Let's close our eyes and fold our hands in prayer.**

**What are some other ways we can use our bodies to pray?** Invite kids to name ideas, and together act out each one. Ideas include kneeling, lying down, standing, holding hands, raising arms up, jumping up and down, and so on. Make sure each child gets the opportunity to name at least one idea.

**We can use our voices to talk to God, and we can use our bodies to talk to God! God is always listening when we pray.**

**We usually say a word at the end of our prayers. Do you know what that word is? Amen. Let's shout "Amen" right now.**

### Prayer

Finish your time together with a prayer.

**Dear God,  
I am thankful I can talk with you  
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Thank you for hearing my prayers!  
Amen.**

### Notes