

Our Father in Heaven

CiP Family Call – February 2025

	WELCOME Let's Get Together		Notes:
	PRAISE & WORSHIP Let's Sing and Dance	" Hymn of Heaven " by Phil Wickham	
	INTRODUCTORY QUESTION Let's Talk	Describe where you live (where, what it's like, who lives there with you, etc.).	
	BIBLICAL STORY Let's Listen to God's Word	STORY: Rev. 21:3-7, John 14:1-14, and others KEY VERSE: Matthew 6:9	<i>Sample script on next page</i> →
	LISTENING PRAYER Let's Talk with God	What is God telling you about Himself, yourself, others, and to do?	
	JOURNALING Let's Write and Draw	10 Listening Track (Ruth Fazal).mp3	
	SHARING Let's Listen to Each Other		
	PRAYING Let's Pray for Each Other		
	WRAP UP		<i>Sample script on later page</i> →
	LISTENING TO GOD ALL WEEK LONG		Pray for this month's Unreached People Group: The Deaf in Morocco.
	PRAISE & WORSHIP Let's Sing and Dance Again	" Hymn of Heaven " by Phil Wickham	
	DISMISSAL & BLESSING	I bless you to know that heaven is real, and Jesus is making a place for you there.	



BIBLICAL STORY – Let's Listen to God's Word

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KEY VERSE: **Matthew 6:9**

“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.’”

Ask the Introductory Question and incorporate everyone's answers into the story – for example:

I live in Florida, near the ocean, where it's warm and sunny this time of year. Raina lives in Michigan, where it's snowy and the weather changes frequently.

For the last several months, we have been talking about the time when Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them how to pray (**Luke 11:1**). The disciples had seen Jesus do many amazing things, but there was just one thing they asked Him to teach them: how to pray. Jesus began to teach them, saying, “When you pray, say, ‘Our Father in heaven.’”

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Where is the Father? In heaven.

When Jesus said to pray, “Our Father in heaven,” He knew what heaven looked like – just like we know what it's like where we live – because He had come down from heaven and was going back there (**John 6:38** and **14:28**). After Jesus ascended, one of His disciples named John saw a vision of heaven. This is how He described it:

- **Rev. 21:3-7** – “And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death” or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’ He who was seated on the throne said, ‘I am making everything new!’ Then he said, ‘Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ He said to me: ‘It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life. Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.’”
- **Rev. 7:9-10** – “... there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: ‘Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.’”(Eph. 4:6 “one God and Father of all” – one family)
- **Rev. 7:15-17** – “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

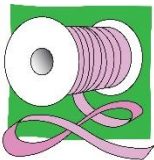
- **Rev. 21:18-21** – “The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone (sapphires, rubies, emeralds, amethysts, etc.)... The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.”
- **Rev. 2:7, 22:2** – “To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God... On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.”
- **Rev. 22:4-5** – “They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.”
- Optional: much of what John saw fulfilled a prophecy in **Isaiah 65:17-25** about the “new heavens and new earth.”

Before Jesus returned to heaven, He said this to His disciples:

- **John 14:1-4** – “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

Jesus went to prepare a place for His disciples, and for us. And in **1 Peter 1:3-5**, it says this: “Now we live with great expectation, and we have a priceless inheritance—an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.”

We’ve looked at passages that describe what heaven is like. When we pray, “Our Father in heaven,” that is where God is. And that is where we will be.



WRAP UP

John, one of Jesus’ disciples, saw a vision of heaven – where there is no death, or crying, or pain, and everything is beautiful. God is there. Before Jesus went to heaven, He said that He was preparing a place for us there, “beyond the reach of change and decay” (1 Peter 1:3-5). So when we pray to “our Father in heaven,” we can remember that God is there, and that someday we will be there too.

Continue to summarize how God has spoken during the meeting by highlighting a couple of journal pages.

Other Resources:

Additional Passages:

- **Hebrews 11 (full chapter)** – The heroes of faith “were longing for a better country – a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.”
- **1 Peter 2:11 (NLT)** – “Dear friends, I warn you as ‘temporary residents and foreigners’ to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.”
- **Matthew 6:19-21** – “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Worship Lyric Video:

["Hymn of Heaven" by Phil Wickham](#)

This Month's Unreached People Group:

Pray for the Nations **Deaf in Morocco**



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- Pray for the Deaf in Morocco to have the chance to understand and respond to the gospel.
- Pray for gospel materials to be produced in Moroccan Sign Language.
- Pray for the Deaf in Morocco to be blessed with the joy and peace offered by the Lord of lords.

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"Declare His glory among the nations." Psalm 96:3