

# Talking with Jesus

## Matthew 6:5-6; Mark 11:24-25

We must pray to Jesus. Praying is talking to God and listening carefully in your heart for Him to talk to you.

Just what should you talk about when you do talk to Him? Tell Him exactly what is on your mind. When you're happy, tell Him and tell Him why. He likes us to be happy people. If you're sad, tell Him, and tell Him why. Ask Him for help. If you've been naughty, ask Him to take that sin away. Thank Him for all the good things He gives you.

You probably want to know if you should ask Him for things. The answer is yes. If you really need something, ask Him for it. Maybe you want a dog or a new bike. Should you ask Him for it? You don't really need it, but you'd like to have it.

Certainly you may ask for these things. But always remember that there are two answers, Yes and No. If God answers Yes, thank Him for giving it to you. If He answers No, thank Him for hearing your prayer, even though He answered No. Remember God always does what is best for you.

Where should you pray? When should you pray? You may pray in any place and at any time. . . on the playground, in your bedroom, before you eat, while you're doing dishes, or any other time. Usually we fold our hands and close our eyes to show God that we honor Him. In your bedroom you might pray on your knees. But if you want to talk to Jesus at other times, just close your eyes a minute and whisper a little message to Him. If you believe on Him, He will hear all your prayers. Always remember to pray!

### Bible Verse to Learn

. . . men ought to always pray, and not to faint. . . (Luke 18:1).