

## Day 4 Opening

MC: We have a really special day planned today. (*I love seeing all of your faith-wear! Some of you already joined us in kicking off our day with Mass!*) Today, we are learning about how, sometimes, prayer is the only way we can complete some of our missions. I think we have a song all about that.

Play the Day 4 song: \_\_\_\_\_ (We used "Pray About Everything" *Kingdom Rock*, Track 8)

MC: Part of being in God's Secret Service is talking to Him. Today, we have a speaker from an organization that is very close to God. They complete a lot of missions for Him all of the time.

Please welcome \*insert name of Day 4 religious organization: \_\_\_\_\_ (ex: the Sisters of Saint Francis in Oldenburg.) \*

Introduce the speaker for the fourth day: \_\_\_\_\_ (We did the Sisters of Saint Francis)

MC: Isn't that a great mission? Today in the Daily Mission Station, we will be learning new ways to pray to God. I wonder if OOO will be learning about prayer today.

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## Day 4 Morning Skit

OOO: (With long pauses in between each sentence) I'm sorry. But I don't have anything to say today. Nope. Nothing at all. I have to keep my work strictly secret. You can go back to your group leaders now, I'll just eat this lunch that Mom packed for me.

ASAP: Stop right there, OOO! I'm Agent ASAP, and you can't get away from me that easily.

OOO: Oh yeah? Too bad I have on the Rocket Boots 3000! Just try to stop me after I turn these babies on! (Attempts to flip switch) Oh no. I forgot to put in new batteries...

ASAP: OOO, you are forgetting something very important.

OOO: I KNOW! I just told you that I forgot the batteries. I'm pretty sure that I left some in my bedroom...

ASAP: No, trainee. There is something even bigger than that, bigger than any other gadget you've ever had. If you want to be a secret agent, you need to learn to master this very important Secret Agent tool. It's essential to the completion of the Supreme Mission.

OOO: The Supreme Mission? What's that?

ASAP: All secret agents get missions from the Director, and each person's missions are different. But the most important mission, the mission that every Secret Agent is given, is the Supreme Mission.

OOO: That's pretty cool. What is it?

ASAP: The Supreme Mission is for all Secret Agents to get to Heaven.

OOO: Heaven? I've never had a mission in Heaven before... Is that in Florida?

ASAP: No, it's... (Points up)

OOO: Oh. I get it. I need to fix the rocket boots so they can actually fly! That was what you meant when you said I was forgetting something, right?

ASAP: No, OOO, you're forgetting to pray! ASAP stands for Always Say a Prayer. It's the most powerful tool that any Secret Agent can use to complete any mission, but especially the Supreme Mission. With prayer, a secret agent can ask for help from the Director, thank Him for the good things that He does, or even just have a conversation with him. Trust me, it works a lot better than that silly trainee radio.

OOO: My radio? I don't need it anymore? (Into the radio) Roger, roger

ASAP: Nope. No gadgets required. And it's also the perfect way to serve in secret.

OOO: Hey, that's right! I think that I'll pray every day, just like this Sisterhood (or replace with "organization") I was hearing about. I think they were called the \*insert name or acronym of organization: \_\_\_\_\_ (ex: SF Sisterhood) \*, and they pray ALL THE TIME! I bet that I could complete all kinds of missions with prayer... but first, let me eat this peanut butter and Jelly that my Mom made me.

ASAP: No, OOO! You can pray now! At anytime, anywhere, and about everything! Say a prayer now!

OOO: Please help this sandwich to taste delicious.

ASAP: You're hopeless. But the more you pray, the better you can get to know the Director, and the more missions you can help to complete! So keep practicing, and you will be a great secret agent.

OOO: I think I can get the hang of this! (Trips on the way out) Well... maybe.

ASAP: I think I'll have to pray for OOO. He certainly could use it.

## Day 4 Opening (continued)

MC: The Supreme Mission sounds really important! I think I'm going to need to pray more so that I can complete the Supreme Mission and go to Heaven. Today's memory verse reminds us to pray all of the time. It says, "Pray without ceasing," and it comes from 1 Thessalonians 5:17. Isn't that a short verse? I bet that's one you could easily remember for later today, and it might even remind you to complete your mission of prayer. I know OOO will be practicing praying all day today. Today's virtue from the ladder of faith goes right along with today's theme. It's devotion. All throughout the day today, we will be learning how prayer and devotion to God makes us better secret agents. Let's pray. Lord, please guide us today as we go throughout bible camp. Help us to learn how to pray for others so that we can help others in your name. Amen.

Now it's time to head out for an exciting day! We will dismiss by group, starting with preschool. (The Helping Hands, The Giving Trees, The Prayer People, The Smarty Pants, and The Control Freaks)

Day 4 (Thursday)  
Service Organization Station (Daily Missions)

Talk about how even when we can't do anything to help someone, we can still pray for them. Prayer is important to complete the "Supreme Mission" of going to Heaven. Mention the virtue (knowledge) and the memory verse (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

*Sisters of Saint Francis of Oldenburg*

**The kids will learn the Our Father in Sign Language.**

Here is a link to a video that shows the Our Father in American Sign Language:  
[https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XYkvQps\\_QBE](https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=XYkvQps_QBE)

Day 4 (Thursday)  
Bible Story Station (Recon)

**Teaching About Prayer:** Matthew 6:5-8

**Objective:**

Today, spies-in-training will learn that when they pray, they should pray in secret and listen. This is discussed through the teachings of Jesus on prayer in the Gospel of Matthew.

**Prep Work:**

For this lesson, you will need a handful of decoder wheels (you can find a template at this site: <http://dabblesandbabbles.com/printable-secret-decoder-wheel/>) as well as a couple of Bibles.

Write on strips of paper the following cryptic message:

Nyuwbcha uvion Jlusyl, Gunnbyq 6:5-8

The decoded message will read: Teaching about Prayer Matthew 6:5-8. Hide a scrap in each Bible between two random pages.

On each decoder wheel, mark in some way the “A” box of the outermost circle as well as the “U” box of the inner circle. That way, when the kids match up the two marked letters, they will be able to decrypt the senseless babble into real words.

To start, split the campers into groups, giving each group a decoder wheel and a Bible. Give them no other instructions unless they become stuck. Hopefully, they will find the message and use the decoder wheel to discover the true meaning of the code. After the spies-in-training have decoded the message, they should find the Bible story in their Bibles.

Once all groups have completed this task, read the passage aloud to everyone.

\*It may help to change the difficulty of this activity based on the age level participating.

**Discussion Points:**

“When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, who love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that others may see them.” (Matthew 6:5)

When we pray, we need to go off the grid. (That’s spy lingo for somewhere where people won’t be able to find you.) We need to go to our “inner room” (or a private place) and pray to God in secret. What’s the point of praying if you do it loudly for everyone to hear? Praying should be about talking with God, not about making ourselves look “holy” to everyone else. It’s what we think of ourselves and what God thinks of us that actually matters anyway, right?

“In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words.” (Matthew 6:7)

Jesus says we do not need to use many words in prayer. If we do not need much speech, perhaps it means we need to listen. We are listening for God as well as just being quiet with him. Note that in 1 Kings 19:11-13 we hear “Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the

Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave." This complements the other reading and shows that God will come in quiet moments, so we need not speak much during prayer as God will speak when we are quiet.

Some questions that can follow this:

Why did the hypocrites that Jesus talked about pray?

Why are we SUPPOSED to pray? (Hint, hint- it's not the same reason that the hypocrites prayed)  
Jesus talked about praying in an "inner room" or a private place. Where are some private places you can pray?

How can we treat God like a close friend and stay devoted to Him?

Extra Time Activity:

Musical Prayers

Musical Prayers is played the same way as Musical Chairs. You will need as many chairs as is one less than the number of kids. Say prayers such as the Our Father. When you stop, the kids sit, and one will be out. Keep playing until there is a winner.

Day 4 (Thursday)  
Outdoor Games Station (Training)

**Our Father Mix-Up**

What you'll need:

- Lines of the Our Father (attached)
- Balloons

Instructions:

In preparation, put lines of the Our Father prayer into balloons and blow them up. You will need two sets for every group. Make sure you keep the sets separate. For the game, split the group into two team. Have a starting place and put the balloons in another. Have one person from each team run, pop the balloon, and bring the strip of paper back to their group. Once the first comes back, the second may go and do the same. Once all of the balloons have been popped, the children have to put the prayer in order. The first team to do so wins.



Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name;  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
Amen.

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Day 4 (Thursday)  
Craft Station (Gadget Making)

**Prayer Rock (Younger kids)**

What you'll need:

- Rocks
- Soap and water if needed
- Paint
- Paintbrushes

Instructions:

1. Wash the rocks if necessary.
2. Paint the word “prayer” on the rock and decorate as you'd like.
3. Leave to dry overnight.
4. Place the rock on your pillow to remind you to pray before bed, and place it on the floor to remind you to pray when you wake up.

**Decade Rosary (Older kids)**

What you'll need:

- String
- Beads
- Crosses

Instructions:

1. Cut a long piece of string.
2. Thread a bead to the center of the string. Bring the two sides together and tie a knot close to the bead.
3. Thread both strings through each of ten beads in a criss-cross pattern. Leave some space and tie another knot.
4. Thread an additional bead in the same way and tie a knot.
5. Tie a cross on the end and cut off the extra string.

## Day 4 Closing

MC: How was your day as secret agent for God? Let's get up and moving to this week's theme song.

Play the theme song: \_\_\_\_\_ (We used "Train Me Up" *SonForce*, Track 6)

MC: So who remembers what today's mission was? (\*insert Day 4 organization:

\_\_\_\_\_ (ex: Sisters of Saint Francis) \*) This morning, we learned about prayer from Agent ASAP. Who remembers what ASAP stands for? (Always Say A Prayer) We also learned about devotion. Who remembers today's memory verse? (1 Thessalonians 5:17 "Pray without ceasing.") Prayer is important, and it is something that we can do all the time, anywhere, about anything. Remember to come back tomorrow to learn about the last step in becoming a secret agent. (*It will be mix-up day.*) We will also have a closing ceremony for your parents (*from 11:30-12:00*) tomorrow. Remind them to come! Some super-secret things might be revealed. We may even find out who Director MAD is. Head back to your group leaders, and your parents will pick you up from there.