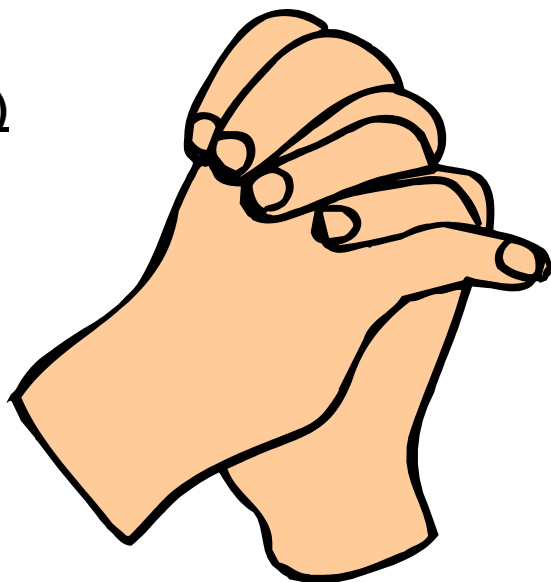


## 7. SPEAK TO ME! (2)



**SING:** Songs of thanks e.g.  
JP 202 Praise Him, praise Him  
JP 232 Thank you Lord for this fine day.

**PRAYER:** Thank you God, that we can speak to you at the beginning of our CE meeting. We thank you that we are all well enough to come tonight. Please be with those Juniors who are ill. Please help us to listen and understand what you have to teach us. Amen

**DRAMA:** Divide into the two or three groups. Give a card with the Bible reference to the groups. In the groups, read the Bible passage, discuss the main action and characters. Practise acting out the story. Set a time limit e.g. 10 minutes. The stories could be mimed with no words, or with a narrator reading from the Bible, or the Juniors use words of their own. Now each group can show their story.

**DISCUSS:** In each story someone was praying i.e. talking to God. What kind of prayers were they? (asking for self, praying for others). There are different types of prayers used at different times.

**OFFERING:** The Junior collects offering then gives a prayer of THANKS.

**WORD DRILL:** Help the children understand these verses which are about praying for forgiveness or confessing sins.

**CHAIN PRAYER:** Everybody's prayer is important. If someone says your idea, it is still worth saying again. God loves to hear our prayers. Junior leads with ideas.

**PRAISE SONGS:** led by Junior.

**QUIZ:** Two teams line up one behind the other, facing two chairs which are about two metres in front of the teams. One chair is labelled "true", the other "false". The two or three Juniors with the prepared statements take it in turn to give a true or false statement. The two front team members have to run and sit on the chair with the correct answer. The first one sitting on the correct chair gets a point for that team. Repeat with all team members or until all the statements are used.

**SING:** Songs about prayer e.g.  
JP 273 What a friend we have in Jesus  
JP 119 It's me, it's me

**SUM UP:** What kinds of prayer have we used in this meeting? i.e. opening prayer – discuss content (praise, help for the meeting), offering – giving thanks, chain prayer – selection of public prayers, prayers of forgiveness mentioned in sword drill. Introduce the BENEDICTION:– BENE = Latin for good, DITION = words. A benediction asks for a blessing before you all leave.

It is a Christian Endeavour tradition to say the Mizpah benediction i.e. “May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other”. Genesis 31 : 49. NIV This was the parting prayer between Jacob and Laban. (Idea for a Bible topic at a future date : Genesis chapters 28 – 31).

Pray together a Group benediction or the Mizpah benediction now.

## **FOR NEXT WEEK**

Ask Juniors to prepare:

- ☞ **Opening prayer**
- Bible reading – Acts 9 : 10-20
- Quiz - ten questions on Acts 9 : 1-20
- Chain prayer
- Offering
- Favourite songs
- ☞ **TOPIC**

Ask Junior to know the story of Acts 9 : 1-9. well enough to retell next week. Give the Junior a picture story book showing Paul’s experience on the road to Damascus OR find pictures on the Internet or Christian Clipart to illustrate the story. These pictures will be shown to the Juniors as he/she tells the story. The Junior will need to rehearse at home.

### **Leader’s Preparation**

- 1) Bring map of Paul’s journeys. ( from maps in Bible or from the internet or Christian clipart
- 2) Contact your Church Minister/leader and ask him to speak to the Juniors for about 10 minutes, using visual aids if possible, on week 10. Suggest that he give a Gospel message.