Today:
1. Talk about meaning of the Lord's Prayer. Recite together.
2. Self-guided Lord's Prayer stations, worksheets, or practicing Beatitudes with a partner
3. Memory work recitation
4. Chapel at 11 a.m. sharp for Minister's Sunday with Dr. Evertsberg.

Lord's Prayer Explanation, by Susie Kiphart:

Our Father means that God is the God of all of us. God loves us and knows us both as individuals and as a community. In fact, we cannot live a full life without an understanding of our self worth AND our relationships.

Who art in heaven means that God is for keeps! We do not need to worry that God will get tired or fall asleep! God is in his kingdom—"God is in heaven and all is right with the world." Is this a difficult thing to believe when we read the newspapers? Many say we do not have any more trouble today than we have ever had—just different problems. Perhaps we must counter the slant of the press and know that God is in heaven and is in charge!

Hallowed be thy name means that our fulfillment comes when we revere that which is worthy of reverence. Hallowed means ultimate respect and adoration.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done means that we are moving toward the way God wants us to be. We must try to become the kind of people God wants us to become. God's will means that God makes a choice for us even though we are created to choose for ourselves. There are times in everyone's lives when we fight doing what we know God wants. We later feel like we have "come home" when we arrive at the place where we choose according to how God wants us to choose.

On earth as it is in heaven means that heaven and earth are not really as separate as we think. They are on a "continuum" or we might say a part of the same journey. God is of course, in charge of both.

Give us this day our daily bread means that we should not worry so much about what is coming tomorrow. There will be enough for us for today. Our needs will be met as we
come to understand that God is in our lives. Jesus tells us not to have anxiety about tomorrow. Have the children look up Matthew 6:25-34 for a passage about anxiety.

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us means that we must try to move on from the anger we feel toward others when they hurt us. It does not mean that we always forget what happened to us or that we must convince ourselves that we no longer hurt. Our feelings about being hurt will only heal when we understand how God forgives us and how God is in charge of the judging. Then we can forgive others and go on with our lives. Children must know that God does forgive us when we have been wrong. It is good to ask to be forgiven in prayer. (It is of course the job of the law to deal with criminals. Children sometimes feel confused about this.)

And lead us not into temptation means that we need God’s help in staying on the right path. We are not strong sometimes about seeing trouble. Do you have a little warning system inside that tells you something is not good? Can you “smell trouble”?

But deliver us from evil means that God is much stronger than evil. Evil is all the stuff out there that leads to bad results. Evil is a real force in some people’s opinion. In other people’s opinion, evil is the absence of God’s presence, which we cause when we shut God out. We have seen others shut God out and do so often enough that they get deeper and deeper into trouble. Many of Jesus’ healings had to do with “demons” which were probably like hallucinations or deeply troubling psychological problems. This is not to negate the reality of what we know as modern psychology. Many bad things may happen but ultimate we need to believe that God will have final say and final judgement. When we ask God to help us and deliver us from evil, we are asking God to help us make good choices.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

This is not included in some translations but is the Protestant tradition. It means that God is destination, all power and our final glory - So be it!

These short descriptions are not meant to be totally satisfying or complete. They will get you started. You may find better words in talking to the children. Please let us know the insights which come from your discussions. We are always interested!
Jesus taught His disciples a special prayer. We call it the Lord's Prayer. It teaches us how to live close to Jesus and how to do what pleases Him. Praying the Lord's Prayer helps us to know what to pray and how to ask God for our needs.

Read the Lord's Prayer below. Then write the underlined words in the right places in the crisscross puzzle. Some of the words have been put in to help you. When you have completed the puzzle, you can start to memorize the Lord's Prayer.

\[\text{Our Father WHICH ART in HEAVEN, HALLOWED be Thy NAME, THY KINGDOM come. Thy WILL be done IN EARTH, AS it is in heaven.} \]
\[\text{GIVE us THIS DAY our DAILY BREAD. And forgive us our DEBTS, as we FORGIVE our DEBTORS.} \]
\[\text{And lead us not INTO TEMPTATION, but DELIVER us from EVIL: FOR THINE is the kingdom, and the POWER, and the glory, for EVER. AMEN.} \]

\textit{Matthew 6:9-13}
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.


Draw a picture that shows God is holy and amazing. Look through the book for ideas.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Write your prayers for people and places that need peace and love. Place your sticky note on the map.

*Materials needed: sticky notes, pencils, map.*
Give us this day our daily bread...

Cut out pictures of things that we need every day.
Use a tack to put them on the bulletin board.
Say, “Thank you, God” for each thing.

*Materials Needed: Magazines, scissors*
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Say sorry for mistakes you have made with other people. For each mistake place a rock in the jar. Think of people who have hurt you this week. Place a glass bead in the jar for each person and say, “I forgive you.”

Materials Needed: Rocks, glass beads, two jars.