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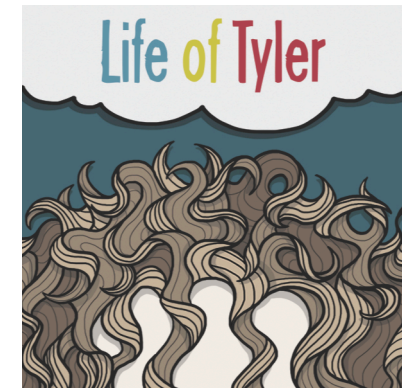
Check-Out

LEADERS NOTES

There will not be an in-room close. After this week's episode of *Life of Tyler* plays, simply transition the students into their groups.

When group time is up, transition students back to the video screen where there will be an emcee on video that will close out the experience.

After the salvation message video: If students want to respond have them talk to a leader but make sure they communicate with their parents about the decision they want to make.



Week 2: Life of Tyler

THE POINT

Prayer should be simple.





GAME

Prayer Decoders

Who will play?

Everyone

What do we need?

- Decoder activity sheets (1 per team)
- Scrambled message activity sheets (1 per team)
- Pen or pencil (1 per team)

How do we play?

1. Have kids partner up into teams of two students each.
2. One member of each team will get the decoder sheet.
3. The other member of the team will get the scrambled secret code message sheet and a pencil.
4. The partner who has the scrambled message will call off the numbers listed on their sheet, and the partner with the decoder sheet will tell them what letter to write.
5. When teams have decoded the letters, they can work together to unscramble the words to reveal a message about how we are supposed to pray.
6. Whoever can decode and unscramble their sheet first is the winner. *They must both decode AND unscramble to win.

QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about this week's episode of *Life of Tyler*? What did you like about it? What didn't you like about it? What stood out to you?
2. What's one of the biggest things that makes you nervous? Why is that?
3. Have you ever prayed out loud in front people? If not, why not?
4. Does it ever make you feel nervous to pray out loud? Why or why not?
5. What do you think makes a good prayer? Why do you think that?
6. Open up your Bible or Bible App and read **Matthew 6:7-8** (CEV) together.
7. According to this verse how shouldn't we pray?
8. What's the best way to pray then?
9. Spend some time taking prayer requests and have students pray out loud for each other if they are comfortable with it. Remember to keep it simple and from them heart.

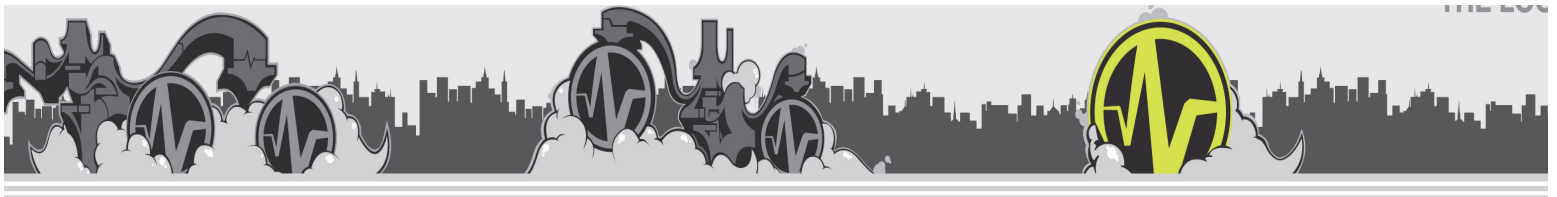
Read through the challenge cards and encourage each student to follow through and complete theirs this week. Remind them to get it signed and bring it back next week.

TRANSITION OUT OF VIDEO

As you start to head to your groups be thinking about what you think makes for a good prayer.

Ok let's head into our groups.





LIFE OF TYLER//WEEK 2//SIMPLICITY

INTRO

Okay here's what we're going to do today... we are going to practice praying out loud in public. So we're going to have each of you one at a time come up front and pray out loud to everyone. Okay, you guys ready to do it... (PAUSE)... All right, all right I'm totally kidding! We're not going to do that. But how many of you got a little nervous when you thought that's what we were gonna do? It's almost like getting nervous before a speech that you have to give in front of class isn't it?

It can be so easy for us to feel nervous when we have to pray. But if we really start to understand what it's all about, hopefully that will help settle your mind about it a little bit

So, today we're going to see how Tyler deals with his struggles with prayer and how he works to overcome those insecurities.

So let's go to this week's episode of *LIFE OF TYLER*.

CLOSE

Today in *Life of Tyler*, we saw that Tyler was feeling a little scared to pray, right? He felt like he didn't really know how to pray and every time he had an opportunity to pray out loud he would get nervous and find a way to get out of it and avoid it. Or how about that situation at the dinner table... he definitely over did it... standing up and flailing his hands around. He prayed long and complicated prayers that kept going on and on and on because he thought that made for a better prayer.

Have you ever been part of long prayer sessions?

I remember once when I was at a church camp we were all standing around in a circle, arms on each other's shoulders and there was this one guy who just kept praying on and on and he kept using these really big words and like weird phrases. It's like he almost turned into a Shakespeare play... "Dear thy lord, if thus will-eth, put thine hedge of protection around thee-ist!" And like I honestly had no idea what he was talking about and all I could think about was how my feet were starting to hurt and since I'm such a short guy my shoulders were starting to get sore from holding them up for so long. I was completely taken out of that prayer.

Now I'm not saying that long prayers are bad. Sometimes we get into a groove and we're just having a great conversation with God. But what I *am* saying is that we shouldn't be performing when we pray. We shouldn't be trying to make ourselves sound smart or more spiritual when we pray.

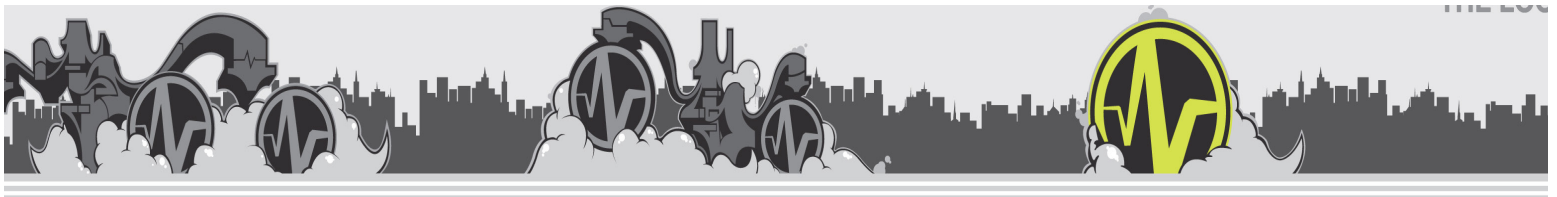
Look at what it says in Matthew 6:7-8, *When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!*

At the end of the episode Tyler prays a quick and simple prayer for his best friend Ethan's family situation and that was exactly what Ethan needed in that moment. Nothing complicated. Nothing long and drawn out. Just simple and to the point.

Some of you get really afraid to pray when you're asked to pray out loud. But what if I said that your prayers to God can be simple? What if it's all about just simply sharing and talking to God about what's on your heart? Again, nothing complicated, just simple and to the point. Would that make you feel less afraid to pray out loud or around other people.

That verse in Matthew is saying that we shouldn't babble on and on--that the prayers that we pray aren't better or more spiritual because we use the right words or make them go longer.





You're praying to God, not giving some public speech for approval. It's not about trying to look good. It's about God.


God just wants you to talk to Him from your heart and not worry about how others think you pray. Praying out loud and with other people will actually help let them know that God cares. So the next time you get the opportunity to pray--take it, and just keep it simple and straight from your heart.



Life of Tyler



Week 2



Sometimes it can be scary to pray, especially out loud. We just need to remember that our prayers shouldn't be complicated.

They can be simple and to the point. As a matter of fact, look at what the Bible says: *When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!* Matthew 6:7-8 NLT

To practice praying simply, try writing out a prayer that you want to pray to God, but do it in just one sentence. Write your prayer below:

Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

The Loop *Life of Tyler* Week 2 Break the Code!

KEY

A=1	B=2	C=3	D=4	E=5	F=6	G=7
H=8	I=9	J=10	K=11	L=12	M=13	N=14
O=15	P=16	Q=17	R=18	S=19	T=20	U=21
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Work with your partner, and use the **KEY** to decode this message:

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Now work with your partner, and **UNSCRAMBLE** the message:

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