

Learning About Prayer with Pip

Learning objective: To understand what prayer is and why people choose to pray.

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand tricky words. Answer the questions in the boxes provided.

Pip the caterpillar loves to learn about how people show their faith. Pip has noticed that many people pray. Prayer is a way for a person to talk to God or a spirit. For some people, prayer is like a conversation. They might pray when they are happy to say thank you. This is called showing gratitude. Other people pray when they are sad or worried. They might ask for help or for strength. Sometimes, people pray in a special building, like a church, mosque, or synagogue. Other times, people pray at home in a quiet place. They might close their eyes and fold their hands. Some people use special words that have been said for a long time. Others use their own words from the heart. Prayer helps many people feel a sense of peace. It gives them time to reflect on their lives and the world around them. Pip thinks it is wonderful that everyone has their own way to share their hopes and dreams through prayer.

Word bank: Prayer: talking to God or a spirit · Faith: believing in something · Reflect: to think deeply · Gratitude: saying thank you · Peace: a calm feeling

1. According to the text, what are two reasons why a person might pray? (Use the sentence starter: A person might pray to...) (2 marks)

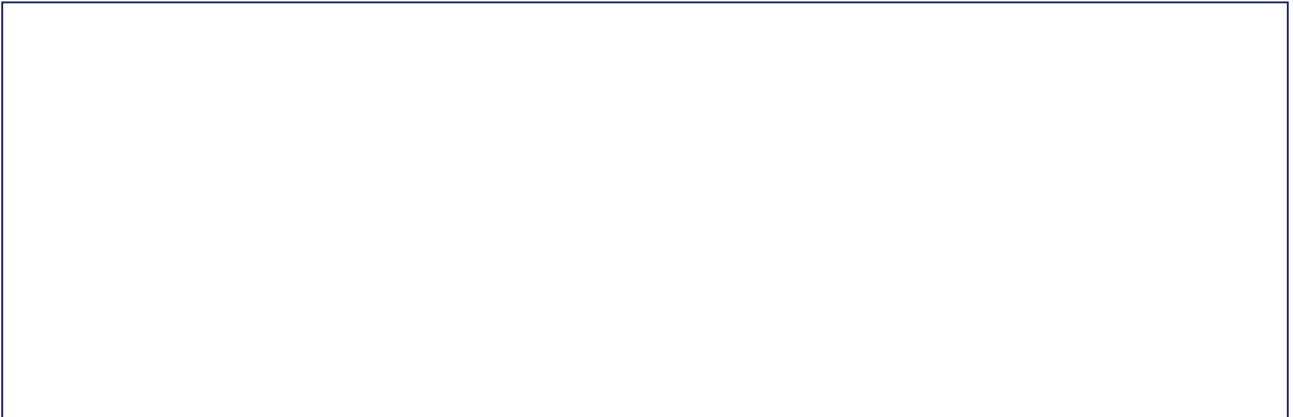
2. Where are some of the places mentioned where people might pray? (Use the sentence starter: People might pray in...) (2 marks)

3. Why do you think people choose to close their eyes when they pray? (2 marks)

4. How does prayer help people who are feeling worried? (2 marks)

5. Do you think having a quiet place to think is important? Why or why not? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a quiet, peaceful place where someone might choose to sit and reflect or pray.



Extension challenge: Write down one thing you are grateful for today. Share it with a partner.