

Today we're learning about an amazing **power tool** that the Lord gives to Christian people - in order to build up the church.

Look at this list. ~~Cross out~~ the wrong answers:

Bible

Chainsaw

Baptism

Other Christians

Workbench

Lord's Supper

Prayer

Hammer & nails



God promises to **work through each of these tools**. It's a bit like the electricity that we use to make a drill or saw useful.

In the list above draw a circle around the **special tool** that we're learning about today.

Our aim today: we're going to look at several different Bible verses - and see how they encourage God's children to talk to Him in prayer.

THINK... and write down your own answer:

Who can pray? _____

Prayer is hard!

Lots of Christians find it hard to pray. Can you think of a reason why? Write it down in the space here:

Sometimes we forget how much we need the Lord to help us. We think we can do things **WITHOUT** his help. Can you think of a word to describe that? Write it down:

We are very weak. Read Hebrews 4:15 and see how Jesus is different:

Hebrews 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

Jesus knows that we are w_____

Jesus never s_____

Actually, it's **AMAZING** that we can pray at all!

- Until God brings us into His family we are **NOT** his children and he is **NOT** our Father...
- And we **CANNOT** talk to Him as his children.

Prayer is wonderful!

Look at John 1:12...

John 1:12, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God"

If you receive J_____

then God makes you into one of his c_____

There's a precious word to describe this: adoption

How does the Father feel about his children? What do we learn from the story of the Prodigal Son? God is...

So, when we pray we're are...

(1) T_____

(2) As an adopted child

(3) To our F_____ in heaven

What can we talk to him about? Tick the right answers:

☐ some of our worries

☐ none of our worries

☐ all of our worries

☐ anything

Prayer changes the world!

The Bible tells us about the Old Testament prophet, named Elijah. It says he was just like us. And when he prayed...

God stopped the rain!!!

Praying is NOT like saying a magic spell (God hates things like that). Our words cannot make things happen. But GOD makes things happen. And he likes it when his children ask him.

In your Bibles please look at 2 Corinthians 1:8-11

Was Paul having a happy or a hard time? _____

Did God "deliver" him? _____

How can Paul's friends help him now? Look at verse 11...

By _____

Maybe you find it hard to pray. But your Father loves to hear it when you talk to him.

Pray now:

Thank you...

Sorry...

Please would you...