



## **Prayer Game**

**Title: The Toss Game**

**Bible: Matthew 6:5-6 (MSG)**

### **Overview:**

To parallel tossing our prayers up to God like we toss a ball or a piece of paper.

### **Supplies:**

5 small Nerf balls or pieces of paper per group

2 clean trash cans or large buckets

**Preparation:** Crumble 10 pieces of paper if no nerf balls are available

**Time Involved:** 10-15 minutes

**Game Description:** Break up the larger group into boys and girls. Line the two groups up with the trash can or large buckets approximately 20 feet away. Have the students compete to see which group can successfully make 5 baskets before the other group. The group who makes 5 baskets first wins gender bragging rights for the day.

### **Read Matthew 6: 5-6 (MSG)**

<sup>5</sup> “And when you come before God, don’t turn that into a theatrical production either. All these people making a regular show out of their prayers, hoping for stardom! Do you think God sits in a box seat?” <sup>6</sup> “Here’s what I want you to do: Find a quiet, secluded place so you won’t be tempted to role-play before God. Just be there as simply and honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to sense his grace.”

**Goal:** For the students to realize they don’t have to have the right words or the right style to pray. To talk to God like they would a friend instead of tossing up a prayer, hoping to “make a basket”.

### **Discussion Questions**

- Go around say your name, your school, and your favorite sport or hobby.
- Do they ever find it difficult to pray? Why or why not?
- Have they ever found themselves just throwing a prayer up to God? Why?
- What do you think prayer accomplishes?
- Go around and say something you need prayer for. Then have students pray for one another.