

The **BIBLE** Story

Jesus Taught About Prayer

Luke 11; 18

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Then Jesus told them a story. “Imagine one of you goes to a friend at midnight and says, ‘Friend, let me borrow three loaves of bread because a friend of mine has traveled to visit me, and I don’t have anything to offer him.’ The friend shouts from inside his house, ‘Go away! My family is in bed. I don’t want to get up to help you.’ Even though the man does not want to help his friend, he will get up and give his friend what he needs because he asked boldly.”

Jesus told this story to teach the disciples about prayer. He said, “Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.”



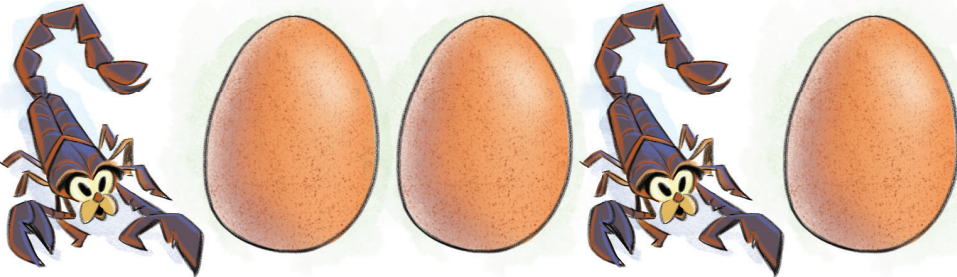

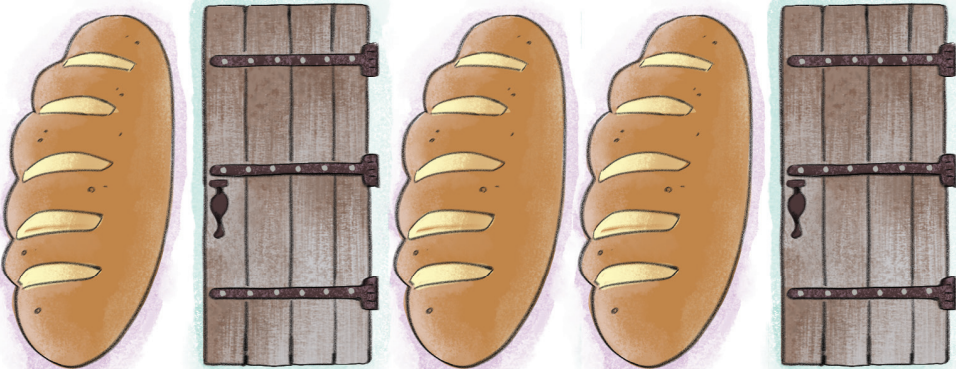
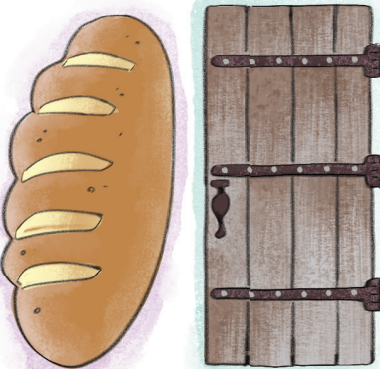
Jesus asked, “Does any father, when his son asks for a fish, give him a snake instead? Or if the son asks for an egg, does the father give him a scorpion?” Jesus said that fathers who are sinners know how to give good gifts to their children. God is an even greater Father! He gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask.

Jesus told another story—a parable—to teach the disciples to pray without giving up. “In a town was a judge who did not care about God or people. Over and over, a widow went to the judge and asked him to protect her from wrongdoing. The judge did not want to help, but after awhile he said, ‘I will give this widow what she wants so she does not keep bothering me.’”

Jesus pointed out that the unjust judge did what was right because the widow did not give up. “When people cry out to God day and night, will He ignore them?” Jesus asked. “No! He will quickly make things right.” Jesus wanted His followers to have faith that doesn’t give up.

Good Gifts

INSTRUCTIONS: Look at the pattern in each row and circle which comes next.

Preschool Activity Pages

Unit 23 • Session 3

Jesus Taught About Prayer

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus taught people how to pray.
- Jesus said to pray boldly and not give up.
- Jesus said God is a good Father who gives good gifts to His children.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What is easy about prayer? What is hard?
- What are things you can pray about?
- How do we know God is a good Father?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Memorize the Lord's Prayer as a family.
- This week when your child asks you something over and over, remind him that while you may grow weary of his requests, God never does. Urge him to pray in that way and do likewise yourself.



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Vowel Swap

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the code to add the vowels back to the words below, then cross out words that begin with A, E, O, or U.



Younger Kids Activity Pages
Unit 23 • Session 3
Jesus Taught About Prayer

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- Jesus taught people how to pray.
- Jesus used stories to help the people understand prayer.
- A neighbor will help a persistent friend even if it's late, so we can trust that God will help us.
- Even an unjust king will do the right thing if asked often enough, so we can trust God to answer our prayers in the best way.

KEY PASSAGE: John 14:25-26

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- What did Jesus teach when He was on earth? Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- What is prayer?
- Why does God want us to pray?
- Can you think of a time God answered a prayer in an unexpected way?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Invite your kids to have a special night where they are allowed to stay up very late. Lead them in prayer in the middle of the night.



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Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Discuss a time your family can pray together (mealtimes, bedtime, and so on). Commit to praying regularly.
- What keeps you from praying?
- How do you feel knowing God hears us when we pray?

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STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE HOW TO PRAY.

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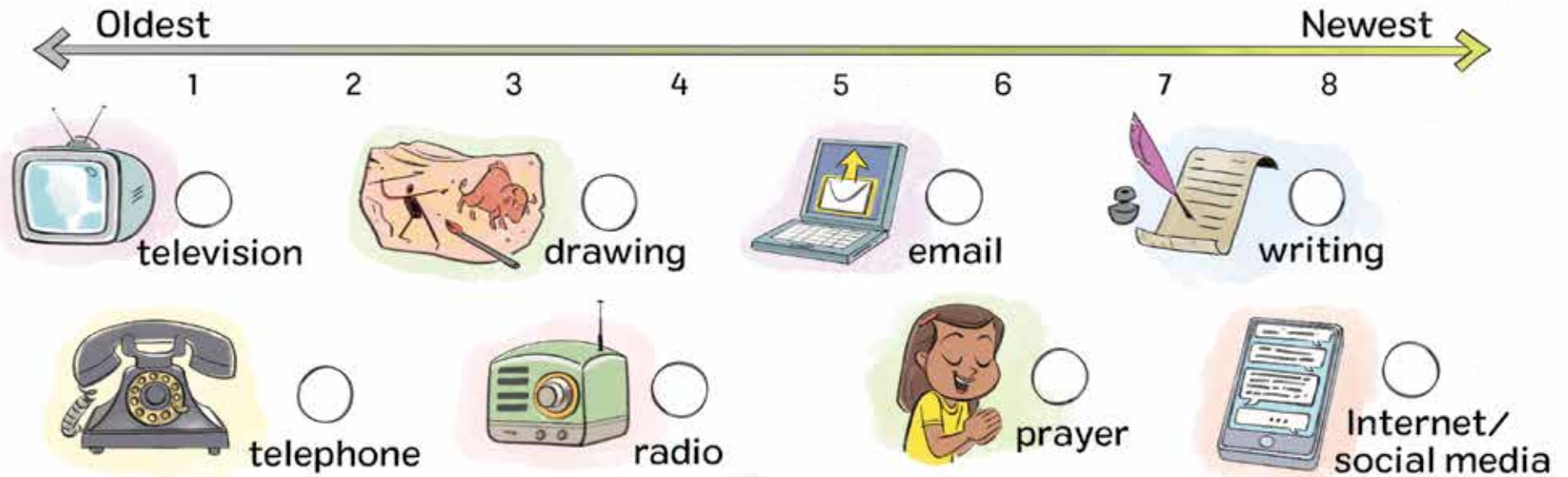
Christ Connection: Jesus taught us to pray. Because of Jesus, we can pray to God as a Father and ask for what we need. We can trust that God is good and loving, and we can count on Him to do what is right.



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Making Connections

Number the ways to communicate in order from oldest to newest.



Prayer Time | Use this outline to help you organize your prayers.

God, I Confess...

God, I Praise You Because You are...

God, thank you for...

God, Please help...