



## Unit 23, Session 3

# Jesus Taught About Prayer

Luke 11; 18

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**Story Point:** Jesus taught people how to pray.

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One of Jesus' disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray." So Jesus told them, "When you pray, say, 'Father, Your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone in debt to us. And do not bring us into temptation.'"

Jesus told them a story: "Imagine you go to a friend at midnight and say, '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.' Even though the man does not want to help, he will get up and give his friend what he needs because he asked boldly." Jesus 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?" 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. "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."

*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.*



## EXPERIENCE the Story

*The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.*

- 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 ...

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What does the story of the widow and judge teach about prayer?

### CHRIST CONNECTION

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## APPLY the Story

- Will God always give us what we ask for when we pray?

- Why do we pray?

- What can you do when you aren't sure what to pray?

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## APPLY the Story

- Find John 14:25-26 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for teaching us to pray. Thank Him for being a good Father to whom we can go with every trouble, praise, and need.

### READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 5:14  | <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 4:6 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 4:16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Romans 8:26     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 34:17  | <input type="checkbox"/> Ephesians 6:18  |