

For the Family

Read Together Luke 11:9-13

Talk Together about how ridiculous it would be for a father to give a child a snake, when they asked for fish sticks. Explain how ridiculous it would be for a father to give a child a scorpion, when they asked for scrambled eggs.

Explain how Jesus is saying that if imperfect fathers know how to give good gifts, imagine how much more our perfect heavenly father knows how to give good gifts to his children.

Read Together Luke 11:9-10

Talk Together about what it means to ask, seek, and knock.

Explain how we ask others for things we need or want, because we know they can give them to us. We can ask God for the things we need. Talk together about the types of things we can ask God for.

Talk about how we seek things that are lost, or don't know where they are. We seek God so we can be close to Him. Talk together about different ways we can seek God.

Talk about how we knock on doors, so someone will let us inside a house or building. We knock on God's door, because we want to live with Him. Now we can't live with Him unless our sins are forgiven. That is why Jesus came to us, to offer forgiveness.

Pray together that you will always trust our good and loving heavenly Father. Thank Him that because of Jesus, we can come before Him. Thank Him that we can ask Him for the things we need, that we can be close to Him all our life, and that we will live with Him forever.

Memory Verse – Luke 11:9-10

*And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you,
seek, and you will find, knock, and it will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds,
and to the one who knocks it will be opened.*



*The Journey of Discipleship
Luke 9—19*

Lessons on Prayer

Luke 11:1-13

Our Story So Far – Luke 9:51-10:42

Jesus is determined to go to Jerusalem to fulfill his mission. He sends messengers into Samaria, but they are rejected. He tells three stories of the cost of following him. He sends out more missionaries, who return with stories of their authority over demons. Jesus commends them, and tells them that Satan is falling from heaven because of their work. He also tells them that something more important is having their names written in heaven. A lawyer asks him what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus agrees with his response: to love God with all you have, and to love your neighbor as you love yourself. He then tells the parable of The Good Samaritan, to show that loving your neighbor means helping those who are in need.

Last Week:

Jesus goes to Martha and Mary's house. Martha is busy being a good host, while Mary sits at Jesus' feet like a disciple. Martha asks Jesus to tell Mary to help her, but Jesus says Mary has made a good choice to listen to his teaching.

This Week's Story: Luke 11:1-13

Read Luke 11:1-13, then discuss the following questions.

A Model Prayer

1-4

The prayer begins with two matters related to God. 2
What are they?

- 1.
- 2.

Why is this a good starting point for a model prayer?

What does it mean for God's name to be hallowed?

What does it mean for God's kingdom to come?

The prayer continues with three community issues. 3-4
What are they?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Since we don't live in a subsistence culture, how does the request for "daily bread" apply to us?

What is the relationship between forgiveness and prayer?

What does it mean to ask God to "lead us not into temptation"?

The Parable of the Friend at Midnight

5-8

What is the main point of the parable?

How does it apply to prayer?

Ask, Seek, Knock

9-10

How do these verses relate to the parable Jesus just told?

What do these words mean in everyday usage?

Ask
Seek
Knock

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How do they relate to prayer?

Ask – What do disciples ask for?

Seek – What do disciples seek?

Knock – What door do disciples want open?

The Parable of the Evil Father

11-13

How do these verses connect to verses 9-10?

What is the main point of the parable?

What does it teach us about prayer?

Putting It All Together

What do we learn about God from this passage?

What do we learn about God's Kingdom?

How do your prayers compare to the model prayer?

What do you typically pray for?

How persistent are you in prayer?

What would you change about your prayer life, if anything?

Next Steps:

- I will seek to be more persistent in prayer.
- I will pray for God's Kingdom to grow, and for my involvement in the expansion of his kingdom.
- I will pray for sustenance, forgiveness, and spiritual protection.
- I will commit to praying the Lord's Prayer this week: personally, with my family, with my small group, and/or with Christian friends.

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