

## For the Family

*This week and next week we're going to talk about and memorize the model prayer that Jesus gave to his disciples in Luke 11:2-4. This is a shorter version than the one found in Matthew, the version most people know. Luke's version may be easier for children to learn, so try it out.*

*This week: God and his Kingdom. Next week: God's people.*

### Read Together Luke 11:1-4

**Explain** how Jesus' best friends—his disciples—had watched Jesus pray and wanted to learn how to pray. Jesus taught them this simple little prayer. We can learn to pray by starting with his words, and then learning how to pray in our own words.

**Explain** how God wants us to talk to him every day, through prayer. This prayer helps us learn how to do that.

**Work together** on learning the first part of the prayer:

*Father, hallowed be your name.*

*Your kingdom come.*

Try to learn it so you can say it without looking.  
Then talk together about each part:

**Father** – God is our heavenly Father, and we are his children. He loves us and wants us to know him and love him. We can talk to him at anytime.

**Hallowed be your name** – This means we want God's name to be honored and respected by everyone. Praying these words reminds us we need to respect him, praise him, and be thankful for all he has done for us.

**Your kingdom come** – This means we want our world to be just like God's kingdom in heaven. We want God to make things better for people. We want things to be right.

**Pray together** the model prayer, then, if you can, lead your family in prayer by praying the ideas of the prayer in your own words.

4



*The Journey of Discipleship  
Luke 9-19*

## Self-promoting Pharisee or Others-serving Follower?

*Luke 11:14-54*

### Our Story So Far – Luke 9:51-11:13

- Jesus is determined to go to Jerusalem to fulfill his mission.
- He sends messengers into Samaria, but they are rejected.
- 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.
- A lawyer asks him what he must do to inherit eternal life. He says, "Love God with all you have, and love your neighbor as you love yourself."
- Jesus agrees and tells him to go and do it.
- He tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, to show that loving your neighbor means helping those who are in need.
- 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.

**Last Week:** Jesus' disciples ask him to teach them to pray. He gives them a model prayer, and teaches the importance of being persistent in prayer.

### This Week's Story: Luke 11:14-54

**Read Luke 11:14-54, then discuss the following questions.**

This is a large section of text. We won't be able to cover every detail. There are two main stories. The first shows people opposing Jesus and his kingdom. The second shows Jesus engaging Pharisees and lawyers.

1

## Story #1: An Exorcism

14-36

1. What does Jesus do that starts all the fuss?

14

What are the three reactions to it?

14-16

- a.
- b.
- c.

2. Verses 17-26 are Jesus' response to those who say he is casting out demons by the power of Beelzebul.

How does Jesus show the foolishness of this claim? 17-19

What is his alternative explanation? 20

What does this say about the kingdom of God?

Read Luke 10:8-12, 17-18.

What does this add to your understanding?

What is the choice to which he calls people? 23

3. Verses 27-28 are Jesus' response to those who were amazed.

Who does he say are the truly blessed?

4. Verses 29-36 are Jesus' response to those who sought a sign.

Why do you think Jesus called this generation an "evil generation"?

What is the sign of Jonah?

Read Matthew 12:38-41. What does that add?

What is Jesus' main point in verses 31-32?

What is the "something greater"?

What "sign" would it take for your generation to accept Jesus?

What can happen to our faith if we rely on "signs"?

## Story #2: Dinner at a Pharisee's House 37-54

What does Jesus do (or not do) that starts all the fuss?

What is Jesus' basic point about the Pharisees in verses 39-41? 2

In verse 28 Jesus spoke a blessing. In verses 42-52 Jesus speaks the opposite of blessing; he gives six woes, three concerning the Pharisees and three concerning the lawyers. What is the central characteristic condemned in each woe?

1. (Vs. 42)

2. (Vs. 43)

3. (Vs. 44)

4. (Vs. 46)

5. (Vss. 47-51)

6. (Vs. 52)

## Putting it All Together

How is Jesus presented in these verses?

Of the six woes, which one, if any, applies to you the most?

What would you need to do to change that about your character?

How are you doing in hearing and keeping the word?

Are you "all in" for Jesus?

What would it take for you to be able to be "all in" for Jesus?

## Next Steps:

- I will strive to be aware of legalism in my life.
- I will not stand in the way of others coming into the kingdom.
- I will come alongside others to help them see Jesus.
- I will imitate Jesus in my speech and my actions.

## Memory Verse – Luke 11:28

*But (Jesus) said,*

*"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"* 3