

# KIDTOWN GUIDE

1st-5th Grades

**DATE:** 7/12/20

**SCRIPTURE:** Luke 11; 18

**LESSON:** Jesus Taught About Prayer

## INTRO



**Parents say to your kid(s)** - Last week we learned that Jesus taught us to love Him with our whole life. This week Jesus is going to teach us about prayer.

**Impossible ESP** - Kids love to learn in concrete ways. This activity is a simple object lesson to help your kids interact with the Bible story they're about to learn.

Pick a simple task you want your kids to do (e.g. 5 jumping jacks, pick up a pencil, walk around the room). DON'T tell them what it is. Instead, tell them you are going to think REALLY hard about it, without saying it. Tell them they win if they figure out and do the task! Let them spend a couple of minutes trying to do the task from you just thinking about it. Then, ask them, "What would make this easier?" They should reply with something like, "This is impossible until you tell me what you want me to do!"

**Say** - Exactly! Today we're going to see that Jesus taught His disciples we should always ask God for what we need in prayer!

## LESSON - JESUS TAUGHT ABOUT PRAYER



Watch the Gospel Project Bible video: [Jesus Taught About Prayer](#)

**Story Point #1:** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus taught us to pray to God as a Father.** (Kids repeat!)

This was a huge deal! Jesus was the first person to talk about God as if He was our dad. The nation of Israel talked about God as the Father of the nation, but Jesus put emphasis on God as our personal and good Father. When you need help or comfort because of a bad dream or anything you might need,, you don't have to be afraid to go to your parents and wake them up to ask them for what you need. We have that same kind of access to the Maker of the Universe. We are free to ask Him to calm our fears or to provide for our needs. Jesus wants us to know that God loves us as His children, and we can come to Him at any time about anything!

**Story Point #2:** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus taught us to pray boldly.** (Kids repeat!)

Jesus taught His disciples to not be afraid to ask God for anything! He told them to pray, "Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Things are perfect in heaven--there's no more crying or pain, so when we ask God for His will to be done here and now like it is being done in heaven, we're asking for things to be perfect here, too! That's a pretty big request! But that's what Jesus is teaching us to do--to bring our big requests to Him as well as our small ones. He might not always say "yes" to our requests, but we can approach Him with anything.

**Story Point #3:** (Kids repeat!)

**Jesus taught us to pray persistently.** (Kids repeat!)

Jesus taught His disciples to never give up on their prayers. Sometimes the things we ask for from God are not quickly answered, but God does not ignore our prayers. Even when we feel like our prayers are unheard or unanswered, Jesus tells us to keep asking God for help.

Jesus teaches us to never be afraid to repeat our prayers to God.  
 Jesus teaches us to never believe that God does not care about our prayers.  
 Jesus teaches us that God wants us to pray over and over again.

**Christ Connection!** (Kids repeat!)

**Prayer is a gift from the cross.** (kids repeat)

Jesus died for our sins so that we can be reunited to God our Father. And because of Jesus, we can pray to God our Father boldly and persistently and trust that He will answer us! Because of Jesus' death on the cross and His instructions to the disciples, we know that God is a good and loving Father that we can come to whenever we need Him. All of Jesus' stories talked about people who, even though they were sinners, gave to those who asked of them. How much more will our Heavenly Father provide for us when we faithfully ask Him?

## RESPONSE



**Sing:** [I Have Spoken](#) (Current Key Passage Song)  
[By His Wounds](#)

**Pray:** Dear Lord, Thank You for being such a loving Father. Please help us come to You boldly and persistently. We love You and we need You. Amen.

**Discuss:**

- What stood out to you from this story? *Let kids answer. Non-spiritual answers are okay--we want them to interact with Scripture, not just regurgitate facts.*
- Will God always give us what we ask for when we pray? *Lead kids to recognize that the Bible says God gives us what we ask for when we ask according to His will, or His plan. Sometimes God does not give us what we ask for because He has a better plan for us. We can trust that God is good and loving, and we can count on Him to do what is right. (1 John 5:14)*
- Why do we pray? *Prayer is how we talk to God. We can praise Him, confess our sins, thank Him and ask for help. Prayer shows our dependence on God and our trust in Him. (Heb 4:16)*
- Has there been a time when you felt like God did not answer your prayers, or you were too afraid to ask for something in prayer? What was it?
- What are some things we can stop and ask God for right now? Try to name three "small" things and three big things!
- Does anyone have any questions? Was anything about this lesson confusing?
  - *Allow time for questions and if you don't know the answers, that's okay. Affirm their question and let them know that you don't know but will try to find out. If you have any questions you are really stumped on, feel free to email us at [kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com](mailto:kidtown@midtowncolumbia.com).*



## BONUS ACTIVITIES

**Coloring Sheet** - [Printable Coloring Sheet](#)

**Parent Share** - Tell about a time when you have seen God answer a prayer of yours.

**Statues in the Garden** - Pick one person to be the "curator" of the museum garden. Everyone else stands in a pose, frozen like a statue. The curator walks around the room while statues try to move without the curator seeing them. The statues can move however they want but when the curator looks at them they have to freeze. If the curator sees a statue move, that statue is out. Statues can win the game by being the first statue to touch the curator.