

LESSON PLAN

Lesson Number: 172
Grade Level: 4-6

Date: _____
Title: Praying Pays Off/A Friend at Midnight
Text/Story: Luke 11:5-13; 18:1-8
Main idea: Importance in prayer will bring an answer; we should not be discouraged when we don't get an answer right away.
Key Verse: Luke 18:1

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| | Pre-Lesson Prayer Survey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide each student with a survey sheet and a pencil • Ask students to fill out the survey as honestly as they can • Discuss each section of survey and ask if anyone would volunteer to comment • Tell them if they have 4 or more 'a's in their answer, today's lesson is for them; if they have 4 or more 'b's, today's lesson is for them; and if they have 4 or more 'c's, today's lesson is for them |
| | Lesson Luke 18:1-8 Skits | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Luke 18:1-8 together as a class and explain vocabulary (e.g., avenge, adversary, etc.) • Divide the class into groups of 2 and ask them to act out the story with their partners • If time permits, ask volunteers to do their skits for the class • Option: have students make up a modern day version of a similar situation and act it out |
| | Post-Lesson Pyramid Writing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials: writing paper, pens • Brainstorm some words/phrases together to describe prayer (e.g., long, short, loud, quiet, asking, powerful, changes things, continual, yes, no, wait, don't stop, praise, knocking, seeking etc.); write on chart paper/ chalkboard • Have students write 5 lines of on prayer in this pattern: on the first line write the word 'Prayer' or 'Pray'; the next line write two-word sentence on prayer; on the third line, write a three-word sentence; on the fourth line a four-word sentence, and a five-word sentence on the fifth line e.g., Pray Bow down. Praise and thank. Answer: yes, no, wait. Be patient and don't stop. • Option: Students can create a border on their good copy; use calligraphy pens for fancy writing; write on plaque or tile to take home |



PRAYER SURVEY



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| <p>1. I pray and talk to God:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. more than once a dayb. once a dayc. every few days | <p>2. I say grace over my food:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. every mealb. at home onlyc. only when I remember to |
| <p>3. I pray before I go to bed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. alwaysb. sometimesc. never | <p>4. At church, I pray:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. after every church serviceb. in my Sunday school classc. only when I feel like it |
| <p>5. About leading in prayer in a group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. I enjoy it and volunteer when I canb. I'd do it only when the teacher asks me toc. I won't do it for anything | <p>6. In my private prayer to God, I pray mostly for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. my family and friendsb. things that I need or wantc. nothing in particular; God knows everything anyway |
| <p>7. I think prayer is important because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. it's how we talk to Godb. we get things from God that wayc. it's a good thing to do | <p>8. When I don't get an answer from God, right away, I:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. keep praying until I hear from Himb. stop for a while and pray about other stuffc. forget the whole thing because the answer is 'no' |

Need an answer?



How do you go about getting something when you've asked but been put off?

When Jesus told about the Friend at Midnight, he was trying to teach that we

- a. shouldn't bother our friends when they are in bed.*
- b. sometimes need to importune to get prayers answered.*
- c. are sure to get an answer when we've prayed fifty times.*
- d. need better friends if they won't get up at night to help us.*

Can you think of a time when you prayed but didn't get an answer right away?

Why do you think God wants us to persist in prayer or repeatedly ask about something?

Read Luke 18:1. Sometimes situations seem desperate. How does God want us to handle the pressure?

THE POWER OF PRAYER

"IT'S ME AGAIN, LORD!"



Our memory verse says, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint" in Luke 18:1

Does this mean we should stay on our knees all the time? _____ What do you think it means?

Jesus gave us two examples of being persistent in Luke 11:5-13 and 18:1-8

The man at the door didn't give up in his knocking and the widow kept asking. What point do you think Jesus was trying to make?

Jesus gives us some promises in Luke 11:9,10 if we follow His commands. Fill in the blanks to find out what His commands and promises are.

"And I say unto you, _____ and it shall be _____ you: _____

and ye shall _____; _____ and it shall be _____ unto you.

For everyone that _____; and he that _____

_____; and to him that _____ it shall be _____."

UNSCRAMBLE THE FOLLOWING PHRASE:

RAPYRE SI A PRVIGLEIE HATT BRGNIS SU TINO ETH PRSECNEE FO OGD.



JUST AS WE MUST SPEND TIME WITH OUR FRIENDS TO KEEP THEIR FRIENDSHIP WE NEED TO SPEND TIME WITH OUR BEST FRIEND, JESUS!



AND SPEND TIME ALONE IN PRAYER