

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 31

Jesus Teaches About
Prayer

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Younger Verse

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

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Jesus was giving the disciples a sample of the different parts of prayer. He began with praising God. It is important to begin our prayers by praising and thanking God for who He is and the good things He has done for us. That puts us in the right frame of mind to speak to our Heavenly Father.

Next, Jesus prayed for God’s kingdom to come soon. That is like praying for God’s will to be done. Then, Jesus prayed for daily needs, like food. God wants us to ask Him for what we need. The next part of the prayer is confession—telling God about our sins and asking Him to forgive us. Jesus also prayed that we would forgive those who sin against us. The final part of this model prayer is praying for help resisting temptation. We all need help with that!

Jesus taught His disciples **HOW** they should pray, but He also explained that they should pray and not give up. He told a story to illustrate this. Jesus said to imagine that you went to a friend’s house at midnight and asked them for three loaves of bread. You tell the friend that you have unexpected visitors, and you don’t have enough food for them to eat. Your friend tells you to leave them alone, that they are already in bed. But you keep knocking and knocking. Eventually, the friend gets up and gives you what you asked for because they were tired of hearing you knock. Jesus explained that just like someone keeps knocking and knocking, if we keep praying and pray-

Lesson Goals

- Learn about the different parts of prayer**
- Learn that we should pray and not give up**
- Learn that God hears and answers our prayers**

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Jesus also reminded His disciples that God is a loving heavenly Father who wants to give us good things. We can trust Him to do what is best for us. God’s answer to our prayers may not be what we expect. God may hear our prayers and say “Yes,” “No,” or “Wait.” It is important for us to trust God and know that whatever His answer, He knows best.

Just like Jesus’ friends listened and wanted to learn how to pray, we must grow and learn more about prayer. God promises that if we ask, He hears us and will answer.

Remember: God wants to talk to us and give us the things we need. The most important prayer He would love to hear is the one asking Him to come into your life.

You can do this by telling Jesus that you are sorry for the things you have done wrong (sin) and want Jesus to forgive you. Then, tell Jesus that you believe in Him and want Him to come into your life. Jesus will come into your life and help you live your life for God. If you want to pray this prayer, please talk to us about it. We will help you.

Review Questions

1. What are some different parts of prayer? (praise, praying for our needs, confessing our sins, asking for help with temptation)
2. What was Jesus teaching when He told the story of the friend knocking on the door at midnight? (We need to keep on praying and not give up.)
3. What are some possible answers to our prayers? (Yes, no, or wait.)

Life Application

This would be a good chance to start a prayer list with your class. Bring a jar or other container and some index cards. Ask students to write down prayer needs on the cards, or write for them if necessary. Emphasize that we can pray about anything. Examples: family members, those who do not know Christ, sick people, teachers. Keep the cards and continue to pray for these needs each week. Thank God when they are answered!

Planning for Lesson 32
Don't Be Selfish
Luke 12:13-21

Preschool Lesson for Jesus Teaches About Prayer

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**Hands-on Activities
for
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Let each person draw the outline of their hand. To help remember the prayer, put one verse of the prayer on each finger. Ex: thumb—Father you are holy; index finger—we pray that your kingdom will come; third finger—give us the food we need; ring finger—forgive us; pinky finger—help us when we are tested. Another idea is to write it on a surgical glove that they can take home.

Bring a paper for each student with the Lord's Prayer on it. Have them make a card by gluing it onto construction paper or other heavy paper. They can decorate it and take it home as a reminder of how and what to pray.

Try to memorize the Lord's Prayer with your kids. Do something special when everyone memorizes the whole thing!

Let the kids write the prayer in **their** own words.

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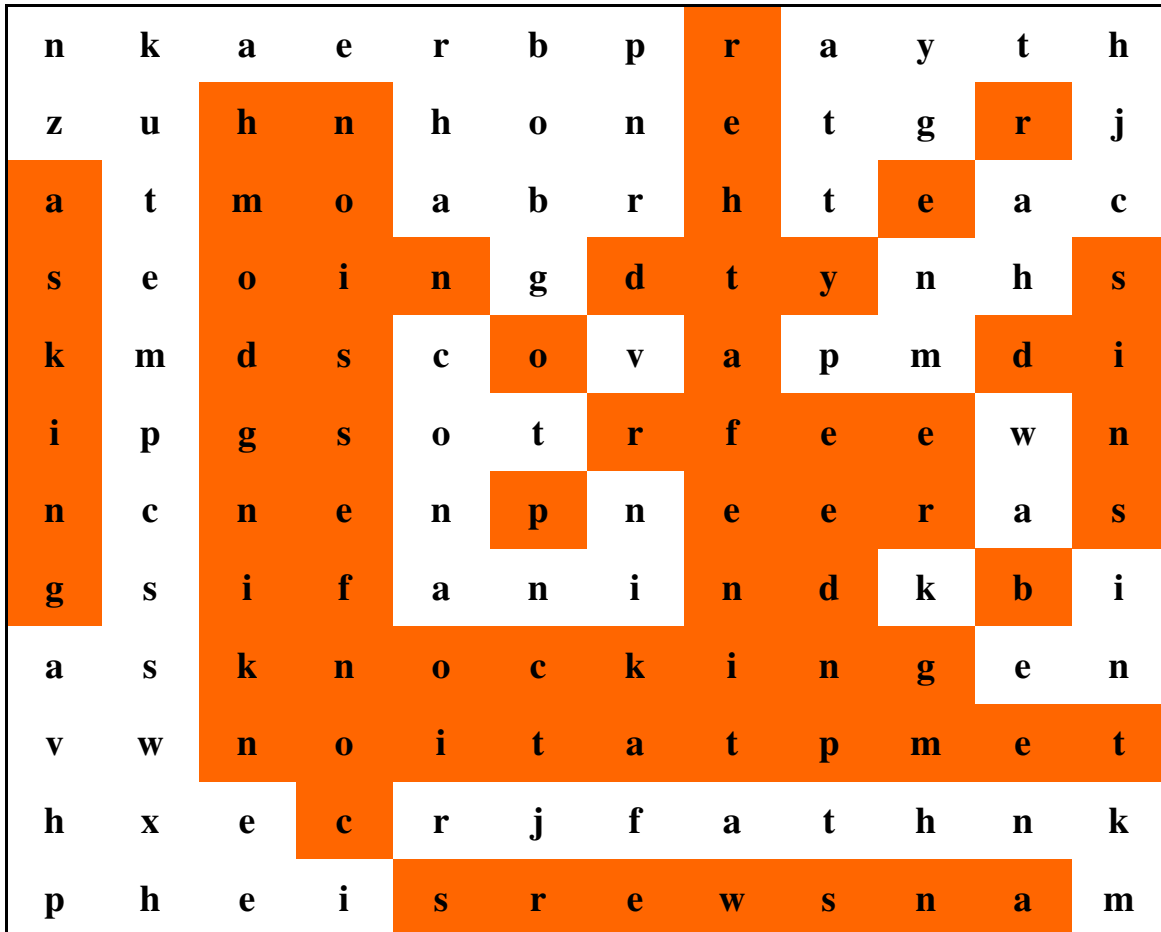
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