



Jesus Teaches the Disciples to Pray

Matthew 6:9-15;
Luke 11:1-13

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One day the disciples said to Jesus, "Lord, please teach us to pray." Jesus answered, "When you pray, say this: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Jesus wanted them to be sure that God would hear their prayers and answer them. So Jesus said, "A man

went to his friend's house late at night. The man knocked on the door. He asked, 'Friend, may I have some bread?' He kept knocking on the door. At last his friend got up and gave him the bread."

Jesus told His disciples, "You are like that man. God is your friend. You can pray to Him anytime. He will answer you. You can be sure that your Father in heaven will give good things to you. Your Father in heaven will also give you the best gift of all. He will give the Holy Spirit to anyone who asks Him."

Pray to the Lord.



Parents: Teach your child the words of praise that are added to the end of the Lord's Prayer: "For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen." Practice saying the words together. Encourage your child to listen for the prayer and say it with you in church. Help your child become familiar with several short responses used in church services so he or she may be more involved in the worship.