

PARABLES ABOUT PRAYER

Jesus taught two parables about prayer.

Let's Get Started

Episode Theme: Worshiping God/ Jesus Talks about God's Kingdom

1. In Luke 18:1-14, Jesus taught two parables about prayer: The Parable of the Persistent Widow and The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector. What are some things you would like to know about prayer? What questions do you have about prayer?
2. Prayer is an essential daily spiritual practice we can't live without. As you listen to this episode, think about how we can take our problems to God and find answers from him.

Memory Verse

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

Luke 18:1

After You Listen

Think about why you pray. Prayer connects us with God. As we can see in both of Jesus' parables, God encourages us to give him praise, thanks, concern, worries, and fears (Philippians 4:5-7). [1 John 5:14-15](#) says that when we share our good and bad times with God, he hears us, bears our burdens, and gives us what we need. Whether it is a quick, spontaneous prayer with friends or saying the Lord's Prayer together during family meal time, there's never a wrong time to pray!

Read all about prayer in [Matthew 6:9-13](#), [Ephesians 1:17](#), [Ephesians 6:18](#), [Colossians 4:2](#), [Romans 12:12](#), and [Philippians 4:6](#). Want to dig deeper and learn more about prayer? Check out [Kids Corner's eBook Faith Practices for Families: Prayer](#).

Challenge

When his disciples asked him to teach them to pray, Jesus taught them this prayer:

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:9-13).

Let's follow Jesus' example because it is for us, too. **Learn the Lord's Prayer, practice praying it, and repeat it from memory.**

Take the Episode Quiz

Question 1: True or False. The judge said that he feared God and cared what other people thought.

Answer: False. He didn't fear God or care what people thought.

Question 2: What lesson did Jesus teach about in The Parable of the Persistent Widow?

Answer: Jesus taught that unless we know who God is and unless we are people who pray without losing heart, we don't yet have the persistent faith that Jesus will look for when he returns.

Question 3: What was the tax collector's prayer?

Answer: He said, "God, have mercy on me. Forgive me, a sinner."

Question 4: What lesson did Jesus teach about in The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector?

Answer: When we pray humbly to God for forgiveness and help, God will forgive us.
