Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey?
- How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

• Discuss a time your family can pray together (mealtimes, bedtime, and so on). Commit to praying regularly.

- What keeps you from praying?
- How do you feel knowing God hears us when we pray?

Jesus Taught About Prayer

Luke 11; 18

STORY POINT: JESUS TAUGHT PEOPLE HOW TO PRAY.

Jesus had just finished praying when one of His disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray." So Jesus told them, "When you pray, say, 'Father, Your name be honored as holy. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive everyone in debt to us. And do not bring us into temptation."

Then Jesus told a story. "Imagine one of you goes to a friend at midnight and says, 'Let me borrow three loaves of bread because a friend of mine has traveled to visit me, and I don't have anything to offer him.' Even though the man does not want to help his friend, he will get up and give his friend what he needs because he asked boldly."

Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you."

Jesus told another story. "In a town was a judge who did not care about God or people. Over and over, a widow went to the judge and asked him to protect her from wrongdoing. The judge did not want to help, but after awhile he said, 'I will give this widow what she wants so she does not keep bothering me.'"

Jesus pointed out that the unjust judge did what was right because the widow did not give up. "When people cry out to God day and night, will He ignore them?" Jesus asked. "No! He will quickly make things right."

Christ Connection: Jesus taught us to pray. Because of Jesus, we can pray to God as a Father and ask for what we need. We can trust that God is good and loving, and we can count on Him to do what is right.

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