

# Hang on the Loop for the Loop

Our Persistent Prayer

Week 1 / The Unrighteous Judge



Emcee Leads

Small Group Leaders Lead

## Small Group Icebreaker (8 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- **Ask** your students to name an animal that best describes how their past week's been.
- Icebreaker: **What's the longest time you've ever spent working on something without giving up?**

## Welcome (30 sec.)

- Welcome everyone and say our three simple Loop rules: **Respect your leaders. Respect each other. Respect the room.**
- Invite everyone to stand for worship.

## Transition to Episode (30 sec.)

- Get students excited for this week's episode of *The Loop Show*!  
*This week on The Loop Show, we're learning about persistent prayer. What challenges do you think Ricky and Jayme will face? Let's find out! In 3 ... 2 ... 1!*

## Offering and Announcements (2 min.)

- **Recap** teaching in one sentence.
- **Celebrate** hands raised during the salvation video.
- **Show** the spot where students can give their tithes and offerings.
- **Pray** for tithes and offerings.
- **Say:** When you follow Jesus, you'll probably have some questions like, "*Who is God? What is the Bible? Is all of this real?*" Those are great questions, and we have a great book for you! It's called: **The Ultimate Guide to Your Greatest Adventure**. If you want one, let us know, and we'll get it in your hands today!
- **Transition** to Activity.

## Activity (10 min.)

### Game Objective

Answer the trivia question correctly, and you *might* not have to do a challenge!

### You'll Need

Spinner (1 per room)

### Set Up

No additional set up required

### How to Play

1. Students **stand** toward the middle of your room.

**Say:** Today, we got to watch Ricky and Jayme face off in an unfair trivia game. Now, *we're* going to do the same thing! And you just might have to do some unfair challenges!

2. **Read** a trivia question printed on back.

**Say:** If you think the answer's TRUE, move to *this* side of the room (*point to one side*). If you think the answer's FALSE, move to *that* side of the room (*point to other side*).

3. Students **move** to the side of the room that represents their answer.

4. **Reveal** the correct answer.

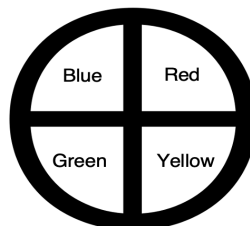
5. If any student(s) got the **correct answer**, have one of them **spin** the spinner. (*If everyone guessed incorrectly, everyone has to do a challenge you choose for them!*)

6. If winners spin a "**safe color**" as listed on back, they're safe and only the losing team has to do a challenge you choose for them.

7. Any other color is an "**unfair color**," and the **whole room** has to do a challenge—even the winners!

8. **Repeat** steps 2-7 as time allows.

Spinner color key to help if you have colorblindness:



## Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

### Today's Main Idea

Jesus said justice is God's design, and God listens to our persistent prayers.

### Review Today's Big Question

Why does Jesus encourage us to pray persistently for justice and righteousness?

### Review Today's Bible Verse

- **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.

**Luke 18:1 NIRV** *Jesus told his disciples a story. He wanted to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*

- Why do you think Jesus taught people using stories?

### More Questions to Keep Your Group Talking

- What stood out to you the most from today's *Loop Show*? What's one thing you learned?
- What stood out to you the most in Jesus' story about the widow and the judge?
- Have you ever seen something that was unfair? What happened? How did you or others help? What would you do if you saw that same situation again?
- Why do you think God cares so much about what's fair and right?
- Where are some places at your school or in your neighborhood where you see things that aren't fair? What could you do about them, and how can you remember to persistently pray about these situations?

### Pray Together

Check in with your group. How are they doing? Anything they want to ask or thank God for? Pray together!

### Leader Tip

Challenge: Try to learn one new fact about each of your Loopsters today! Favorite snack, pet's name, anything! It grows your relationships and shows you care—which builds trust and opens the door to deeper conversations in your small group discussion time.



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## Unfair Trivia Questions and Challenges

### True or False Trivia Questions

1. True or False: Lightning never strikes the same place twice. (False—it often does!) Safe color: RED
2. True or False: A group of lions is called a pride. (True) Safe color: BLUE
3. True or False: The human body has four lungs. (False. It has two.) Safe color: RED
4. True or False: Bananas grow on trees. (False! They grow on giant plants that are technically herbs!) Safe color: GREEN
5. True or False: An octopus has three hearts. (True) Safe color: YELLOW
6. True or False: The Great Wall of China is visible from space with the naked eye. (False—that's a myth.) Safe color: YELLOW
7. True or False: Honey never spoils. (True! Edible honey has been found in ancient tombs!) Safe color: YELLOW again!
8. True or False: The Pacific Ocean is the largest ocean on Earth. (True) Safe color: BLUE
9. True or False: There are 50 states in the United States. (True) Safe color: RED
10. True or False: A kangaroo can walk backward. (False! They can't!) Safe color: GREEN
11. True or False: The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France. (True) Safe color: BLUE
12. True or False: The smallest bone in your body is in your ear. (True) Safe color: BLUE again!
13. True or False: A dolphin is one of the largest fish. (False! It's a mammal.) Safe color: GREEN
14. True or False: The sun is actually a star. (True) Safe color: BLUE
15. True or False: All birds can fly. (False! Penguins and ostriches can't.) Safe color: RED

<i>Physically Active Challenges</i>	<i>Less Physically Active Challenges</i>
Crawl around the room once.	Sing a Disney song at the top of your lungs.
Pretend to jump rope for 15 seconds.	Say the alphabet backwards using a robot voice.
Balance on one foot with your index fingers on your nose for 15 seconds.	Bark like a dog 10 times.
Do a robot dance for 15 seconds.	Make a huge smile and freeze your face for 15 seconds.
Do 15 jumping jacks.	Sing, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" but swap out the lyrics with, "Loop Show, Loop Show is the best!"
Sit down on the floor and stand back up 10 times in a row.	Stick out your tongue as far as it will go and say, "Ricky & Jayme are my favorites!" 5 times as loudly as you can.
March in place 15 times like you're in a marching band.	Try to cross your eyes while you stick out your tongue, and hold it for 15 seconds.
High five all the leaders in your room.	Wave to all the leaders in your room.
Pretend the room filled with water and "swim" a lap around the room.	Hold your nose and shout, "Hang on for the Loop!" 5 times.
Do your best ballet dancing for 15 seconds.	Hold your eyes open without blinking for 20 seconds.
Do 15 push-ups.	Put your shoes on the wrong feet until the game is over.
Tiptoe one lap around the room as quietly as you can.	Do an air guitar or drum solo for 15 seconds.

# Hang on Loop for the

Our Persistent Prayer  
Week 2 / The Tenacious Widow



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## Small Group Icebreaker (8 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- **Ask** your students what they laughed about the hardest in their past week.
- Icebreaker: **If you had to eat only ONE food every day for a week, what food would you stick with?**

## Welcome (30 sec.)

- Welcome everyone and say our three simple Loop rules: **Respect your leaders. Respect each other. Respect the room.**
- Invite everyone to stand for worship.

## Transition to Episode (30 sec.)

- Get students excited for this week's episode of *The Loop Show*!  
*On this week's Loop Show, we're learning more about tenacity and prayer. And someone's going to win the longest trophy? Let's watch and see what that even is!*

## Offering and Announcements (2 min.)

- **Recap** teaching in one sentence.
- **Celebrate** hands raised during the salvation video.
- **Show** the spot where students can give their tithes and offerings.
- **Pray** for tithes and offerings.
- **Say:** Did you know there are **24 collectible bookmarks** called **Good Guides** just for Loop students? There are! This month is: **Good Guide number 15: Weird Stuff!**  
Get one all month long, stick it in your Bible, and build your collection. Can you and your friends collect all 24?
- **Transition** to Activity.

## Activity (10 min.)

### Game Objective

Be the most persistent by keeping up funny and challenging actions the longest.

### You'll Need

No additional materials needed

### Set Up

No additional set up required

### How to Play

**Say:** We got to watch Ricky and Jayme compete in their challenges to win the longest trophy. So, let's do some persistence challenges of our own to see who would win the longest trophy (if we had one) in Loop today! Try your best, don't give up too easily, and cheer each other on!

1. **Spread out** students a bit.
2. **Pick** a challenge from the Persistence Challenges list on back.
3. Students **do** the challenge as long as they can. If they stop or mess up, they're out and should sit down or step aside.
4. Leaders help spot any students who are out.
5. Last student still doing the challenge **wins** the round. **Celebrate** their victory with thunderous applause!
6. **Reset** and play as many challenges as time allows.

## Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

### Today's Main Idea

Jesus shows how to be tenacious in seeking justice.

### Review Today's Big Question

How does the widow show tenacity in the story? Why does her persistence matter?

### Review Today's Bible Verse

- **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.

**Luke 18:1 NIRV** *Jesus told his disciples a story. He wanted to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*

- What would help you remember to pray more regularly, without forgetting or just plain giving up?

### More Questions to Keep Your Group Talking

- What stood out to you the most from today's *Loop Show*? What's one thing you learned?
- Why do you think God wants us to keep praying, even if we don't see an answer right away?
- What would you tell your friend if they told you they've given up on praying for something because they never seem to see an answer?
- Can you think of a person who is sometimes overlooked and needs someone to stand up for them, like the widow needed? What do you think you could do to help them?
- What's one unfair thing we can pray about every day this week, at least? As a group, come up with a way you'll remember to pray about that issue every day.

### Pray Together

Check in with your group. How are they doing? Anything they want to ask or thank God for? Pray together!

## LeaderTip

Idea for small group discussion time: Try "turn and talk." Ask a question. Have students turn to the person next to them and share their answers with each other. Then, ask if anyone wants to share what they talked about.



# Loop

## Persistence Challenges!

<b><i>Physically Active Persistence Challenges</i></b>	<b><i>Less Physically Active Persistence Challenges</i></b>
Who can stand only on their heels the longest?	Who can whistle a note for the longest?
Who can balance on one foot the longest?	Who can go without blinking the longest?
Who can hold their arms out to their sides the longest?	Who can make a funny face and freeze it the longest?
Who can stand on tiptoes the longest?	Who can hold a “statue pose” without moving the longest?
Who can do tiny bunny hops in place the longest?	Who can sing a note the longest?
Who can clap their hands above their head the longest?	Who can say, “tenacious widow” over and over again without stumbling the longest?
Who can sit in an invisible chair the longest?	Who can keep a straight face the longest?
Who can march in place the longest?	Who can keep their cheeks puffed out with air the longest?
Who can do slow-motion jumping jacks the longest?	Who can keep their tongue sticking out without laughing the longest?
Who can flap their arms like a bird the longest?	Who can wiggle their eyebrows up and down the longest?
Who can stand with one leg bent like a flamingo the longest?	Who can pat their head while rubbing their tummy without messing up the longest?
Feel free to make up some challenges or ask students to invent a challenge! (You get final approval of any student ideas, of course, to make sure they’re safe and appropriate.)	

# Hang on the Loop for the Loop

Our Persistent Prayer  
Week 3 / The Storyteller



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## Small Group Icebreaker (8 min.)

- **Introduce** yourself. **Welcome** students by name. **Check in** with them to see how they're doing.
- **Ask:** Which emoji or meme best describes how your week's been so far?
- Icebreaker: **What's something you started and wanted to quit, but now you're glad you didn't?**

## Welcome (30 sec.)

- Welcome everyone and say our three simple Loop rules: **Respect your leaders. Respect each other. Respect the room.**
- Invite everyone to stand for worship.

## Transition to Episode (30 sec.)

- Get students excited for this week's episode of *The Loop Show*!  
*This week on The Loop Show, we're finishing up learning about persistent prayer. I wonder what challenges Ricky and Jayme will attempt this week. Only one way to find out. Count down with me: Loop Show in 3 ... 2 ... 1 ...*

## Offering and Announcements (2 min.)

- **Recap** teaching in one sentence.
- **Celebrate** hands raised during the salvation video.
- **Show** the spot where students can give their tithes and offerings.
- **Pray** for tithes and offerings.
- **Say:** Who can you think of who might like to join you at Loop next week? **Invite** them! Loop's always more fun with more friends. And, since next weekend is **Fall Fest** here at church, it's a perfect time to invite someone! We'd love to see them here with you next week.
- **Transition** to Activity.

## Activity (10 min.)

### Activity Objective

Stick a prayer request on the butcher paper posters on the walls of your room. Then, choose one to pray for.

### You'll Need

Package of sticky tack (1 per room)  
6' strips of butcher paper (4 per room, at least)  
Sticky notes (1 or 2 sheets per student)  
Tape (1 roll per room, as needed)  
Pen or pencil (1 per student)

### Set Up

1. **Hang** four strips of butcher paper on different walls around your room using sticky tack provided, if not done already.
2. If butcher paper strips are already on walls, **check** to make sure there is still enough room on them for each student in your service to hang a sticky note somewhere on them.
3. If the butcher paper strips are mostly full of sticky-note prayers, **ask** your campus staff for more butcher paper and **hang** some more strips on your walls.

### How to Play

**Say:** We've been studying the story of the persistent widow from the Bible. Today, we're going to do something special. We get to share a prayer request, and then we will pray for one another.

1. **Give** each student one sticky note and something to write with.
2. Students **write** a prayer request on their sticky note. **Tell them** other students will read it, so they could write something like, "It's personal" if they have a request of a more personal nature.
3. Students **hang** their prayer request on the butcher paper strips around your room. (*Leaders secure with extra tape provided if needed.*)
4. Students **silently walk** through room, **read** prayer requests, and **choose** one to pray for without removing it. If they'd like to write it down, they can have another sticky note to keep.
5. **Encourage** students to let the Holy Spirit guide them to pray for a specific request and to **silently pray** for the need right then and there.
6. **End** with someone praying out loud for all the requests.
7. **LEAVE requests** hanging up all weekend so other services may read them and choose to pray for them.

## Small Group Discussion (10 min.)

### Today's Main Idea

Because of Jesus, justice will win over evil.

### Review Today's Big Question

How can we partner with God to make a difference in places where things are broken and unfair?

### Review Today's Bible Verse

- **Locate Bibles** in the room, **look up** the verse together, and **talk about** what's the same and what's different if it's in a different translation.

**Luke 18:1 NIRV** *Jesus told his disciples a story. He wanted to show them that they should always pray and not give up.*

- What's something you want to pray about without giving up?

### More Questions to Keep Your Group Talking

- What stood out to you the most from today's *Loop Show*? What's one thing you learned?
- What can we learn about God's character when we see how different He is from the unfair judge?
- Sin creates a mess out of God's creation. What kind of messy problems do sins like greed, selfishness, or jealousy create? How do you think God wants you to partner with Him to undo the effects of sin?
- What's one way you can spread God's goodness and stand up for what's right this week?

### Pray Together

Consider spending a little extra time in prayer for one another this week. If anyone would like to share what they wrote on their prayer request, let them. Check in with them. How are they doing? Anything they want to thank God for? Pray together!

## Leader Tip

Awkward silence in small group discussion? Try going first! Share your own answer to a question and follow up with something like, "That's what I think, anyway. What do you think?" Sometimes your own answer can help spark ideas and answers for others.

**No activity supplement needed for this week.**