

# FAMILY LESSON - WEEK 2

**Materials Needed:** None needed

**Bible Story:** Parables on Prayer (Luke 18:1-14)



## CIRCLE UP

*Use this time to gather together and get everyone talking.*

### ASK

Have each family member choose a number between one and six. Then ask one of the following question based on the number chosen:

- 1 - What is one way animals talk to each other?
- 2 - Would you rather be able to talk like a monkey or a parrot?
- 3 - Who is someone you have talked to today?
- 4 - Do you like receiving letters in the mail?
- 5 - What is your favorite song to sing?
- 6 - Would you rather go a whole day without talking or without sleep?

### SAY

When we pray, we are talking to God. Today we are going to learn some ways we can talk to Him. Say this after me:

**I Can** (thumbs to chest)

**Talk to God** (make praying hands)

**In Any Way** (cup hands around mouth)

## WATCH

*Watch today's Elementary and/or Preschool video on the web page where you found this lesson or on the KidSpring App or YouTube channel.*

### ASK your Elementary Schooler:

Should we ask God for something one time or keep asking Him? (Allow responses) We can keep asking God because He never gets tired of hearing us talk to Him!

Can we pray in any way? (Yes!) Who should we be focused on when we are praying? (God) We can even picture God or Jesus when we close our eyes to pray!

### ASK your Preschooler:

Can you talk to God when you're standing? (Yes) What about when you're sitting? (Yes) Can you talk to Him with your eyes closed? (Yes) And with them open!

Can you whisper to God? (Yes) Can you beg Him for what you need? (Yes) Yes! You can talk to God in any way!

# HAVE FUN TOGETHER

Have fun learning different ways that you and your family can talk to God!

## DO

Have your family make each of the following letters with their bodies. After the letter has been made, read the section that follows and allow responses.

- **P** - P is for praise - Who is someone that you love? (Allow responses) You can praise God and tell Him, "Thank You," for all the amazing people you love!
- **R** - R is for repent. That's when we talk to God and tell Him we're sorry for doing wrong things. On the count of three, let's practice telling God, "I'm sorry!" One, two three! (Everyone will say, "I'm sorry!")
- **A** - A is for Ask - What makes you feel mad? (Allow responses) Sometimes we may feel mad or sad and not know what to do. We can talk to God and ask Him to help us.
- **Y** - Y is for Yes - If your mom wants to give you a special treat after dinner, what would you say? (Yes, thank you) You got it! God has amazing things for you — things that are even better than treats! We can say, "Yes!" to whatever God has for us because He knows what's best!

## PRAY

**P** - P is for praise - In your heart, tell God something you like about Him or something that you're thankful for.

**R** - R is for Repent - Think about something you did that wasn't right, and tell God you are sorry.

**A** - A is for Ask - Is there something you need or something you want? Ask God for it now!

**Y** - Y is for Yes - Tell God, "YES! I want what You say is best! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen!"

## DO

Have your kids repeat the series memory verse in a fun way.

Elementary (ES)

**"Don't worry about anything.** (make "X" with arms, shake head in "no" motion)

**No matter what happens,** (arms out in "why" motion)

**tell God about everything.** (arms up and out)

**Ask and pray,** (make praying hands)

**and give thanks to Him."** (wave both hands up high)

**Philippians 4:6** (make book with hands)

Preschool (PS)

**"No matter** (make "X" with arms, shake head in "no" motion)

**what happens,** (arms out in "why" motion)

**tell God** (make praying hands)  
**about everything."** (arms up and out)

**Philippians 4:6** (make book with hands)

Directions: Read the story below, having kids draw/color on their **Bible Story Drawing Sheets** as directed.

*Jesus loved to tell stories, and the Bible calls these stories parables. One day, Jesus told His friends a parable about a judge who didn't love God, didn't care about what people thought, and only did whatever he wanted.*

**Point to number one on the Bible Story Drawing Sheet.**

*At number one, draw what you think the judge may have looked like. You can draw as I keep reading.*

*A widow who didn't have a husband or any money came to the judge asking for help. Someone was treating her unfairly, so she came to the judge over and over begging him to help her. On the count of three, let me hear you say, "Please," as many times as you can until I say, "Stop." One, two, three! (Allow kids to say, "Please," until you say, "Stop!")*

*Finally, the judge decided to help the widow. He helped her even though he didn't care about God or people. But Jesus explained that our God does care about us, and He hears us every time we pray to Him. Because He cares about us, when we pray in any way, even if we are begging like the widow, God promises to help us.*

**Point to number two on the Bible Story Drawing Sheet.**

*At number two, trace the praying hands to remind you that you can pray in any way!*

*Jesus told another parable to some people. These people were sure that they were perfect and good in God's eyes. But Jesus knew that they looked down on everyone else, and He wanted them to know that wasn't OK. So Jesus said, "Two men went up to the temple to pray." One man was a Pharisee. (Pronounced: Fair-uh-see) A Pharisee was a religious leader who thought they loved God more than anyone else. The other man who went to pray was a tax collector. Tax collectors took money from people to give to the king, and everyone hated them.*

*The Pharisee stood where everyone could see him and prayed loudly so everyone could hear, "Oh God, I thank You that I'm not like other people." The Pharisee also told God about all of the good things he had done. But the tax collector stood far away from everyone, and he wouldn't even look up to heaven because he was sad about all the wrong things he had done. The tax collector prayed, "God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner."*

**Point to number three on the Bible Story Drawing Sheet.**

*At number three, draw a heart and color it your favorite colors as I keep reading.*

*Jesus wanted the people to see that the tax collector's heart was humble when he admitted he had sinned. And God is always ready to forgive us when we ask Him! But when we do wrong things and don't admit it, our pride hurts our friendship with God. Unfortunately, that's what happened with the Pharisee. His heart was full of pride because the only thing he talked to God about was how good he was! God always listens when we talk, but when our hearts are humble it grows our friendship with Him.*

*There are many ways we can pray, but sometimes you may have a hard time knowing what to say. Whenever that happens, you can remember the word "PRAY"!*

**Point to number four on the Bible Story Drawing Sheet.**

*At number four, color in the letters of PRAY as I talk about them.*

- *P stands for "Praise"! You can praise God by telling Him how awesome He is and thanking Him for different things in your life.*
- *R is for "Repent." Repent means you tell God you're sorry for doing wrong things and ask Him to help you not do them anymore.*
- *A is for "Ask." You can ask God for whatever you want and need! You can be sure that God will give you what He knows is best for you because He loves you so much!*
- *Y is for "Yes!" We can tell God "Yes," to whatever He says is best for us!*

**Point to number five on the Bible Story Drawing Sheet.**

*At number five, finish the Need to Know by writing the words "Any Way" in the blank. Now, let's say what we need to know together:*

***I Can Talk to God in Any Way***