



Jesus Calls Us to Persistent Prayer

February 20

Luke 11:5-13

EMC Day of Prayer

Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- Act out the parable - it is perfect for dramatizing!
- Teach the children the song "Seek Ye First" ([YouTube link](#))
- Have someone in your congregation share a story of persistent prayer - whether it was answered as hoped for or not.
- Who likes cleaning their room? How many times does your parent/adult/grownup have to ask you to clean your room? In the end, how many of you do it just to get them to stop?
- Use the missionary and church planter ideas noted on last week's idea sheet to connect to Day of Prayer.

Discussion Ideas and Questions

- God is not like the friend who doesn't want to open the door. Talk about how, when we ask God to help us know him, "how much more" he gives the Holy Spirit.
- Children well know the frustration of not being heard or helped. Ask them about a time they have been frustrated.
- What are things we pray for that we don't see an answer to? How can we remember to keep praying and trusting that God will answer?
- Has there ever been something you have prayed for a long time before it finally happened?

At Home Connections

- Create a prayer board / poster / journal etc to write down what your family is praying for. Once a week or month, review the list and write down how God has answered or if you are still praying.
- Spend time researching as a family different ways to pray - reminders, methods etc.
- Brainstorm prayer requests you want to pray for as a family, and commit to praying for them together every day for a week or a month. Thank God for any answers you see.