



## Jesus Teaches on Prayer

### April 15-17                      Luke 11:1-13

**\*See February 20's idea sheet for more ideas on this passage**

#### **Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas**

- Sing the kids song "[Ask, Seek, Knock](#)"
- Imagine going into a royal court to ask a king for something you want. How would you feel? Now imagine going to ask an adult that loves you for the same thing? Would that be as scary? Probably not!
- Have a skit with a questioner and someone who is found waiting and praying. Explain what a vigil is - waiting on God in prayer.
- How many of you like going to birthday parties? Do you like buying gifts for your friends? Isn't it fun to walk around the store and try to find something your friend will love? Did you know God likes giving gifts too? He wants to give us good gifts because he is our Father and he loves us!

#### **Discussion Ideas and Questions**

- Did you know that even though this passage talks about God being a king, it starts by calling God "Daddy"? Jesus is saying that we shouldn't be scared about talking to God, but instead talk to him like we would to our parents.
- Vigils are about waiting. What are we waiting for God to do? Waiting can be hard. We pray for God to help us as we wait because God is with us in the waiting!

#### **At Home Connections**

- What does it mean to persevere in prayer? What is something we as a family have been praying about for a long time?
- What is something we need to commit to pray for, no matter how long it takes?
- Make your own family version of the Lord's Prayer, replacing the nouns with words that have meaning for your family (mad lib style).
- Set aside time to have a vigil as a family - try five hours. At each hour, light a candle and gather as a family for a short time of prayer. Add a candle each time you gather.