

# MD KIDS CURRICULUM: LUKE

## Week 13: Prayer (from Luke 11:1-13)

### To the Teacher:

Jesus teaches us a posture of approaching God, the Father. In this famous prayer, we see the Messiah coming to the Father, and he concludes his teaching on prayer with talking about the Spirit being the very gift we are asking for. Do not miss this. Help our kids see that communication with God involves the Father, Son, and Spirit. We can approach God as our Dad because of the perfect Son, and as a good Dad He gives us the good gift of His Spirit!

- **Big Idea:** God is a good Father we can come to, as children He loves.
- **Question:** What is prayer? How do you do it?
- **Starter:** 'Howdy Neighbor'  
Think of this as a passing of the peace. Take a few moments to have the kids all greet one another. They can start with, "Hello Neighbor," or whatever greeting you choose. They can then ask each other how their weeks were. Have them greet as many people as possible - and make sure you participate too, teacher!
- **Story:** from Luke 11:1-13  
*[READ]*  
One day Jesus was praying and when he finished one of his followers said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, like John taught his disciples."

Jesus said, "When you pray, say:

"Our Father in heaven, may your name be great.

May your kingdom come to earth just like it is in heaven.

Give us our daily bread.

Forgive us for our sins, as we forgive everyone who sins against us.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one."

Then Jesus said to them, "Let's say you go to a friend's house at midnight and say, 'Friend, let me have some bread; another friend came to my house after a long trip and I have no food to feed him.' What if your friend said, 'Go away! It's late, my door is locked, and my family and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.'

“No way! Even if he wouldn’t want to get up and give you the bread as a friend, he eventually would because you were bold to ask, and he wants people to think he’s a good friend.

“Let me tell you: God is a much better friend! Ask God and He will give to you; look and you will find Him; knock and He will open the door to you. Everyone who asks receives; the one who looks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“What kind of dad, if his son asked for bread would give him a stone, or if he asked for a fish would give him a snake instead? Or if he asked for an egg would give him a scorpion? If human dads, who are selfish and not perfect, know how to give good gifts to their children, don’t you think your Father in heaven will give the gift of the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

*[Things to Point Out]*

- Jesus’ prayer is a model for how we can approach the Father... NOT a script we must read.
- Notice this prayer points out we are talking to the King over all creation; heaven and earth. But also...
- How wonderful is it that Jesus teaches us to start with “Father...”? Even though we were once enemies in rebellion to God, Jesus makes us God’s children.
- That’s why Jesus finishes the prayer by telling his disciples about how good dads give good gifts - and our Father in heaven is the BEST Dad!
- Ask: What is the good gift that our Father God wants to give us?
  - Guide the answer toward: *His Holy Spirit*
  - *Holy Spirit helps us to know God better, to be with God, and to become more like His Son, Jesus!*

• **Prayer:**

Father, your name is great and you are king over heaven and earth! We can always come to you, everyday. Forgive us when we don’t trust you, and help us forgive others when they do wrong to us. Help us not to be tempted to run away from you, but instead make evil run away! Amen.

- **Craft:** Prayer Prompt Cards

Use the attached images to create prayer cards for each of the kids. They will cut out and color each one, and attach them on a ring similar to this:



For younger kids, you may choose to already have these cut out. You can also use pipe cleaners or string to attach the cards if you do not have rings. Each card will represent something from Jesus' prayer he taught us, and will be used to prompt prayer for the kids during the week.

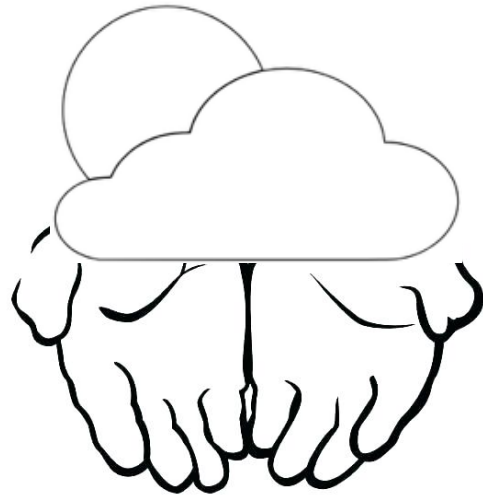
- **BLESS Activity:**

*\*For kids to do during the week\**

Use the prayer card activity to help you **Speak** to your Father, God, each day this week. He wants you to come to him every single day, just like you need to eat every day. That's what "our daily bread" means! Take time each day to talk and listen to God. Tell your parents about what you hear God saying to you.



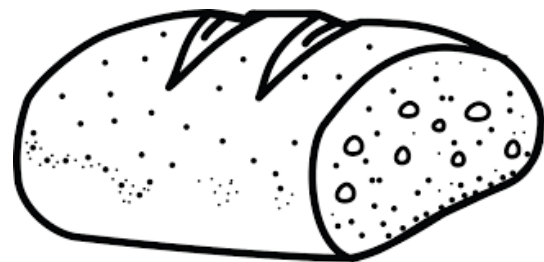
**Jesus, teach us to pray.**



**Father in heaven,  
You are great!**



**Bring Your kingdom to  
earth, like in heaven.**



**Give us what we need  
today.**



**Forgive us and help us  
forgive others.**



**Lead us away from bad  
and to Your good.**