

## Notes from Today's Lesson:

### Learning How To Pray — Luke 11:1-13

1. Luke 11:1 — Jesus' disciples ask Jesus to give them a prayer or method to pray that they can do as a group.
2. Luke 11:2 — The first part of prayer is to praise God and ask for God's Kingdom to come soon.
3. Luke 11:3 — The second part of prayer is to ask God to meet our basic physical needs.
4. Luke 11:4a — The third part of prayer is to confess our sins and ask God to forgive us as we have forgiven others.
  - This is not about salvation, but the confession we should have when we sin against God as believers.
5. Luke 11:4b — The final part of prayer is to ask for God's strength so we don't give into temptation and sin.
6. Luke 11:5-9 — When you pray, go to God boldly and He will answer your prayer.

### Devotional #1: Don't Pray For Easy

Many times when we pray, we ask for things that will make our lives easier:

- "Jesus, can I have a new car because my old one keeps breaking?"
- "Jesus, can you get rid of this stomach bug, because I'm tired of being sick?"
- "Jesus, can you make my little brother less annoying, because I can't take it any more?"

Read James 1:2-4

What should be our response to challenges (trials) in life?

What is the benefit of remaining in a trial?

We all tend to push back on extra work, until we see the value of doing it. Trials are meant to be challenging and remind us to keep our focus on God and to ask His help to not just survive but to thrive and grow in our faith.

When you pray, think about why you are asking for what you are asking for. Don't ask God to simply get rid of your trials, but ask God to help you through them. Your faith and relationship with God will grow as you learn to trust Him.

## Devotional #2: Pray Boldly

### Without Doubt

Have you ever found yourself praying for something, but you never really expected for God to respond?

Read James 1:5-8

When we are asking God for wisdom as we face trials, how should we ask?

If we go to God for help, but doubt His willingness to help, we should expect nothing.

What does verse 5 say about the type of giver that God is?

We need to remember 4 things as we pray:

- 1) God is all powerful and in control.
- 2) God loves and cares for you.
- 3) God wants to give to you generously.
- 4) You need to boldly go to God, asking for wisdom as you face trials, without doubting, because God is able, cares, and wants to help you.

Don't doubt God's love for you or His ability to help. Trust God every time you pray, and don't hesitate to ask for His help.

## Grace Kids Devotional:

This is an opportunity for you to go home and continue to learn about the lesson taught in Children's Church. The three devotionals are designed to connect to this week's lesson.

### **The Challenge:**

Complete all three devotionals either as a family or by yourself. If you are by yourself, you will need to write down your answers to verify you did the devotional.

Have your parent or guardian sign below, verifying you completed each devotional. Each devotional is to be done on a separate date (for example, Monday, Thursday, and Saturday).

### **The Reward:**

Return this portion of your notes to Children's Church on the following Sunday and you will receive one Grace Buck per devotional (so you can earn up to 3 Grace Bucks for doing all three)

*(Week of July 19)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Devotional #1**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature

### **Devotional #2**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Guardian Signature

### **Devotional #3**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Devotional #3: Remember,**  
**you are praying to the**  
**Shepherd, not just another**  
**sheep**

Read Psalm 23

Sheep are not the smartest or strongest animals, so they need the shepherd to take care of them all the time.

List all the things our Lord, as our Shepherd, does for us.

As your Good Shepherd, God takes care of you. You need to learn to trust Him. Trust that He knows best. Trust that He cares enough about you to look out for you. Trust that He isn't going to lead you into danger, but protect you from danger, etc.

As we grow in our trust relationship with God, we will find ourselves relying less on our own abilities (which are limited) and turning to God more.

Do you pray to God, thinking of Him as your Good Shepherd or as just another lost/weak sheep?



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