



Topic: Prayer

LESSON PLAN:

Purpose:

Instruct, activate, encourage in prayer and the fellowship we have in prayer.

Bible Lesson and text:

1 Samuel 1-2 Luke 11 Luke 18 1 Kings 18:41-46

Focus:

Might want to just cover one aspect of prayer.

Scripture:

James 5:16 "The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective." (NIV)

Lie Buster:

I am a PPPP; (a patient, persistent, powerful, PRAYER).

Teaching Styles:

Acting out the story, with props and visuals. A Bible story book with pictures. May involve children in part of the lesson teaching.

Object Lesson 1: Prayer Needs the Proper Ingredients

Point:

To have our prayer answered we need to follow the Bible way to pray. The Bible gives us "directions" on the prayer. Some are listed below.

Prayer Ingredients:

P PERSON: Our prayer is with a person(the Holy Spirit) to a Person(God the Father) through Jesus Christ. We PROPHECY the Word of God; His Purpose; Patiently.

R REQUESTS: Requests include: asking forgiveness of sins; RELEASE things and people to God; ones we are angry with or have hurt us. Ask for needs to be met.

A ADORATION: Tell God I love Him and all the things about Him. Give Him all.

Y YEARN: The more we pray, the more we YEARN for more of God.Yada time.

E EXPECT: When we pray, we pray in faith, believe in God, trust Him to Answer.

R RECEIVE: Receive God's Revelation. Receive God's answers with Thankfulness.



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Teaching:

The Bible gives us “directions” on the prayer. Now when we make brownies we also need to follow the directions if we want to have them turn out right

Prayer Brownies:

Point:

The Bible gives us “directions” for prayer. We are making brownies today and we need to have and follow directions to have them turn out right.

Props:

Brownie mix, ingredients for the mix, utensils to mix batter, and a pan of brownies that are already baked (if you want to give out at the end of class).

1. The cook (teacher) should be a dramatic cook. Character: Betty Crockpot. She is a hill-billy type cook. She has strange methods and stranger ingredients in her recipes.
2. The cook talks about what she is going to do. This reminds her about how making brownies has ingredients like prayer has ingredients. She explains that each ingredient will be a symbol of prayer. Pay attention and see how many they can remember. Put the ingredients in as you teach the points.
 - A. Brownie mix - **Person** - Jesus is the main ingredient in prayer. It's what He says that counts. We need to agree with Him by speaking His words out of my mouth. Jesus always prayed perfect prayers.
 - B. Eggs - **Requests** - not demands; Unforgiveness is like egg shells in our mix. Would we want to just throw the whole egg in? Forgiveness of others takes away hardness. When we get angry with others, we know it is time to go to God for forgiveness and forgive those who the anger is directed to. Other wise unforgiveness keeps us separated from God's best, and from others. In us dwells all good. **Repenting** and forgiving breaks the shell off and **releases** the life inside.
 - C. Oil - **Adoration** - Is telling God I love Him and sometimes just sitting with Him and being quiet. The anointing flows over us like oil and things that were sticking



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to us like fear or anger seem to slip off. Our heart becomes and stays soft. When my heart is soft what Jesus speaks to me will be able to change me.

- D. Water - **Yearning** - Have you ever been playing outside on a hot day and the harder you play the more you really want a tall glass of cold water? You yearn for that glass of water. That's wanting so much that you can't think about anything else. Nothing else will satisfy. The more time we spend in prayer the more time we want to spend with our heavenly Father. Yearning may be like looking at the brownie batter and wanting to stick your finger in and take a lick. All you can think about is eating brownies.
- E. Stir and Bake - **Expect** - We need all the right ingredients mixed together for prayers that bring results and are successful. We also need to put these brownies in the oven and wait until they're finished baking. Just like in prayer we will have to wait until the answer comes. We pray expecting to receive an answer, the best answer. We expect the brownies to be the best brownies.
- F. Eating - **Receiving** - God's answer is like eating the brownies. Was waiting to eat the brownies worth the wait. Was eating the brownies worth following the directions to make them. Our prayers bless others with answers also. Just like others get to eat the brownies and they didn't even help to make them. But we all say thank you. They are "sooooooo good".
- G. Afterward have the children take the brownie ingredients and see if they can remember what they represent spiritually.

Object Lesson 2: Doing Everything Right But??? Faith in God

Point:

God must be the center of our prayers. It must be His will, His Kingdom come. Prayer is not my will be done. We are agreeing with God's desires and praying and making His decrees. Our faith is in Him, not **my** praying. Mark 11:22

Props:

2 Jar of Bubbles- 1st jar with only water in (Not God-centered, faith is not in God), 2nd jar with bubble solution in (Filled with God. He moves. He is life.)



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Directions:

1. Water Bubbles: Teacher or children are trying to get the bubbles to work. Something is wrong. What could it be? Blowing bubbles from the water filled bottle is out prayers that seem right, takes the same effort, I get wet and maybe the area right under the place I blow. Why don't my prayers get results. I am fervent. I pray again and again. MY WAYS, MY TIMING, MY DREAM. WHAT I THINK IS GOD. Focus is on ME not on God.
2. Why don't my prayers get results? I am fervent. I pray again and again. MY ways, MY timing, MY dream, what I think is God. Focus is on ME, not on God. Can't have faith in me or what I did. Must know what is God's will and not waver once we know as we pray.
3. Real Bubbles: All the steps and actions are the same. What is the difference? GOD'S WAY, AND WILL. My focus is off me and on my God. His life and power by the Spirit of God form, shape, direct and release the destination and the timing. So much less effort. We can't make it happen.
4. Use some examples of faith in the wrong thing. Mission team looking to people to give them money and not God moving in their behalf to release money. We want that person off the ball team so we can have the position of pitcher. We want our own new ipad because we don't want to share with our sister. as you know your children, you can use examples that relate to them.

Object lesson 3: The Good Connection

Point:

When we pray, we are in communication or connection with God. Even though we can't physically see Him, He is with us. When we hear, we believe. In prayer, the words which we speak out loud is our faith in motion. God will speak to us as we listen.

Directions:

1. Two children can have walkie talkies. One can go outside the door of the class. They start to talk to each other. The teacher can write a few points for the children to say, or just tell them to share with each other about their favorite holiday, pet, foods, etc.



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2. Can they see each other? how are they connected to be able to talk? they are connected because of the right signal being transmitted; and batteries. Is only one person doing all the talking?
3. Option 2: Teacher could pretend to be speaking to someone on the phone. Do we believe that if we dial the right number we will get the person we want to talk to?
4. Is God ever too busy to personally talk to us? God can connect and have communion with His people everywhere at the same time. Like the internet. He is global and connected with all His children. He is always listening, even when we wish He would not be.

Object Lesson 4: Are We There Yet?

Point:

Patience and persistence will bring us to the destination (the answer)

Directions:

1. Begin by asking the children if they ever went on a long trip. Where did they go? were they ever there before? How did they get there? How many times have they been to the place? Did they get tired of waiting? Did they ever ask are we there yet? What would have happened if they turned around and went home? (You could have some tourist brochures to aid in visuals)
2. Faith level has risen for trips. they came to an expected end. You saw the pictures of where you were going, you made the journey and experienced the fulfillment of the expectation. It became real to you.
3. Prayer is the same way. when we know what God says we have, as His children, we can believe for the expected end as we persist in prayer.
4. Some destinations take longer to prepare for, pay for, and travel to, but we know if we continue on, the end will come. We were there before and we can have confidence to believe that when we make the journey again, in prayer, we will be met by God in the place where He released the answer.



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5. Seasons: Have you ever gone to the amusement park in the winter? What is it like? The park is still there. (The promise has not failed) but it is not the season for rides to be open. Prayer is like that. God has seasons when the prayer answer will arrive. Just go back again to him and thank Him for the answer.
6. As we pray and continue to pursue God, it should be easier to see God move.
7. **Ministry Time:** Ask the children if there is something on their heart to pray about. Then have the class join in for prayer of personal needs.

Object Lesson 5: Again God?

Point:

God has many reasons for the way He does things? We may want to question Him, but we will still have to obey for the fulness of the answer to come. We are faithful prayers.

Directions:

1. Read 1 Kings 18:41-46 to the children or have a child be the "Feature Preacher" and come to the front of the class to read the scripture.
2. Select two children to be Elijah and the servant. Or a teacher and child act out the principle of persistent faith directed prayer.
3. Be dramatic. Ask class how many times was that? The servant has to back again? Again.....again.....Oh.....Did Elijah get another servant? Did Elijah give up? Each of us has a part to play in the promise of God being fulfilled. Pray!
4. Ask the class what was necessary for the answer to come.

Object Lesson 6: Holy, Holes or Whole

Point:

Prayer is much more than words coming out of our mouth. Our whole Spirit, soul and body must be in agreement. Our thoughts and words must be holy. Otherwise we have holes in our prayers. then they are powerless and ineffective. Aborted.

Props:

Balloons. Before class place a few tiny pin holes in one balloon near the opening.



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Directions:

1. Blow up two balloons (one with the pin holes or have a child blow them up. Tie the ends and set them down as you teach. Both balloons took the same actions and breath. They look the same. What did we have to do to fill the balloons?
 - A. If a child blows-up the balloon, you could write on the balloons something that the child wants to pray for.
 - B. God's word tells us to have faith in Him, to think on things that are Godly, just, true, etc. Praying is "seeing" as God sees. Prayer is keeping the focus of God's love being performed; his will being fulfilled.
2. What happens sometimes when we pray? We start out right but then start to think, or say something different than what God said in our prayer time. We lose vision, get impatient, discouraged, unthankful or quit believing. Our thoughts must be His thoughts.
3. The other balloon should be starting to deflate. This balloon had some holes in it that we could not see. but God sees. The holes are like our doubt. It starts to poke holes through our prayers. That causes our holy prayer to become a prayer with holes. God's promise or answer escapes. If we pray and wholly believe in God and His Word it shall prosper.
4. But God is a God of grace, forgiveness and mercy. He gives us another chance!!! We pray and ask for forgiveness for putting "holes" in our prayer. Holes cause leaks. Unbelief causes us to leak and the devil to sneak in.
5. **Ministry Time:** Boys and girls let's pray and ask God to forgive us for putting holes in our prayers. Forgive us Lord for our leaks. Children may want to be specific if they know an area that they have sinned in. End with thanksgiving for God's cleansing.
6. If you want you can have a time to give each child a balloon to start fresh with a holy, whole prayer. Write the prayer on the balloon and remind the child that this is a prayer that won't leak. We are in agreement with God.

Object Lesson 7: The Hour Is Late - So arise And Pray

Point:

Prayer is never an inconvenience to God. We may think it is, but those times are the best time to pray though. God does not say, go away, you are bothering Me, come back



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later. Prayer may not be convenient to our time schedule. We may not “feel” like it. The dark times are the best times to see God come through, for you, and the others that need God.

Directions:

1. Read Luke 11:5-10 to the children or have a child be the “Feature Preacher” and come to the front of the class to read the scripture.
2. Select two children, or a teacher and a child, to act out the principle of persistence in prayer.
3. Be dramatic! Act out the characters from Luke 11:5-10 (the friend who comes to your house at midnight for bread). (Luke 18:1-14)
4. **Conclusion:** Luke 11:8 “I say unto you, though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.”
5. The following are some questions to ask older children or points to cover with the younger ones. What was the reason the friend gave the bread? Did the man who wanted the bread quit? What would you have done? What is Jesus teaching from this passage?
6. Some meanings for the word importunity include: determination, persistence, tenacity, and insistence.

James 5:16 “The prayer of a righteous man child) is powerful and effective.”

Object Lesson 8: Our Father, Our King

Point:

A father and a king are deserving of honor, respect and a Godly fear. Jesus taught in the Lord’s Prayer: Our Father...Hallowed by thy name...thy kingdom. Almighty God is not just a “buddy,” “sugar daddy,” “Santa Claus,” or a “drive-through burger joint.”

Directions:

1. A natural father or righteous king is always out to see those he is ruling over, live a prosperous, fulfilling life. God is the same.



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2. When we come to God, there should be respect and honor for who He is.
3. Approaching God should be with a confidence that the Father loves us, is for us and only wants to see us be a success.
4. When approaching a king, only those who are called or summoned may enter his courts.
5. **Illustration:** (Dramatize and have the children choose the correct answers.)
 - A. how should we talk to our dad? Examples: Give me, take me, you owe me, I won't do the yard work, may I go to my friends, I don't care what you say, thank you for the ride, ect.
 - 1) A natural father takes care of his children. A father does not take all the children in the town out to supper, shopping, buy them school clothes, go to their school functions, sign their report card, ect. Only their father does these for his natural children. Is God your Father?
 - B. How should we talk to a king?
 - 1) Use similar examples from above. There is a proper way to approach our God in prayer.
 - 2) A king has authority in his kingdom. He can't go to another nation and sit on that throne. Those in his kingdom receive all the benefits of his kingship. Are we in His Kingdom?
6. **Ministry Time:** These examples can lead right into a salvation message.
7. **Activation:** Spend time in prayer as the Holy Spirit leads concerning the class, the church, family, nation, the lost, etc.

Skit: It's All Your Fault (a "What If" version of the Great Jail Brake.)



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Point:

The question "What If?" How would this story be different if Paul and Silas blamed each other for where they were? What if they blamed, complained, cursed, cried and gave up instead of praying and praising God?

Setting:

The question "What if?" Will be demonstrated in relationship to the story of Paul and Silas. "Paul and Silas" will act out a different version of the jail scene. Skit is taken from Acts 16: 25-34.

Characters: Paul and Silas

PAUL:

Hey Silas, throw that last break crust over here. My stomach is doing flip flops. I might as well get it over with and eat my last meal. (Stomach growling sounds)

SILAS:

Tough luck Paul! I went to eat it myself last night and when i put my hand in the bag, all that I felt was the huge rat. So much for that!!

PAUL:

You went to eat my bread!! What kind of a friend are you? This is the last mission trip I'll ever take you on!

Silas:

Last trip...right! After tonight neither of us will ever have to think about another trip. Our heads will be in Caesar's basket...You know...chop...chop.

PAUL:

There you go again, thinking the worst.

SILAS:

Me! What about you, Oh mighty apostle of Faith! Your "faith" got us into this mess.

PAUL:

Your mind is like a garbage dump...All you have done since we have been in this jail is complain. If it's not the slimy floor, then you are complaining about the screams and the moans from the other prisoners. NOW you are complaining about me.

SILAS:

Well, do you have a better idea?

PAUL:

Well...we could pray!



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SILAS:

We did pray. Remember...Then we got these chains locked on our feet. I am finding out that you are not such a sweet peach to lay beside. You grind your teeth when you sleep. And it feels like the whole jail is shaking when you snore.

PAUL:

Yeah Silas, but at least I am not grinding my teeth when I am awake like you do. I don't get a moment's rest when you keep singing these blues. Too bad for little old me...Boo hoo...Boo hoo...

SILAS:

Hey, Paul did you hear something? Listen...(Keys jingling in background)

PAUL:

All I hear is your noisy groans and moans.

SILAS:

Really Paul... I thought I heard something (Keys jingling in background)

PAUL & SILAS:

It's the sound of keys. Oh no! It's the jailer!! He's coming to take us away.

SILAS:

(tells dream with Paul interjecting) Paul, I forgot to tell you, I had a dream about him last night. I dreamed we were praying and praising God and all of a sudden the whole prison started shaking. Then the prison doors flew open. But...we didn't run out. No...instead...the jailer was about to kill himself. But Paul...you yelled to him and told him to stop! And he did. Then the next thing I know, we are at the jailer's house with all of his family...And the whole house is getting saved. They all asked Jesus into their hearts. Wow! Do you think that was a God dream?

PAUL:

Silas, why didn't you say something sooner. That was God! He was showing us the way to breakthrough. If only we would have obeyed!

SILAS:

Well, we do know prayer and praise and praise are powerful and effective. We must have just gotten too lazy and afraid to pray one more time.

PAUL:

Silas, did you hear that?

SILAS:

The jailer's keys are in the lock. I think this is it!

PAUL:

No, not that...It sounds like the rooster crowing...Listen...(crow in background)



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SILAS:

Yeah, it is! Well, I guess that means they will be coming for us. Hey Paul, all differences aside, I was out of my mind just then. forgive me, please. I really would go on another mission trip with you, but this is the end. God...will you forgive me?

PAUL:

You know Silas, I was a real jerk too. I was really out of line. Will you forgive me too. Good bye, friend. See you in heaven. Oh, God...will you forgive me?

Ministry Time:

Be prepared to lead into a time of prayer and repentance.

Review of skit:

Have the points of question six part two written on the board. Go over them and ask the children which things did not happen in this version of Paul and Silas.

Yes, God will forgive us. But how many souls are tied to our obedience? How many "just-one-more-day-prayers" would it take for each of us to see a prison break for the lost? How is our life shortened?



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TEACHER STUDY NOTES

1. Reflections on prayer

P PERSON: Our prayer is with a person(the Holy Spirit) to a Person(God the Father) through Jesus Christ. In prayer we PROPHECY the Word of God and Declare His will (purpose). We wait patiently. In prayer we come into His PRESENCE to speak His PURPOSE.

R REQUESTS: Requests include: asking forgiveness of sins; RELEASE things and people to God we have been mad at or who have hurt us. Ask for needs to be met.

A ADORATION:Tell God I love Him and all the things about Him. Give Him All.

Y YEARN: The more time we spend in prayer, the more we YEARN for more time with God. Yada, We experience God personally.

E EXPECT: When we pray, we must pray in faith, believe in God, trust Him to Answer. EYES for only Jesus and His will.

R RECEIVE: RECEIVE God's REVELATION. Receive God's answers with Thankfulness. Release is granted. Restoration is made.

2. Jesus gave examples on how to pray

A. The Lord's Prayer

- 1) Address to whom we speak - my Father.
- 2) Holy, honor or expression of who He is - His name.
- 3) Decree and agree with kingdom dominion here.
- 4) Give, release your supply and I will receive.
- 5) Mercy, forgiveness is what we need and give.
- 6) We need your leading and deliverance.

Luke 11:2-4 "So He said to them, 'When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one,'"

B. Persistence in prayer

- 1) For the needs of others and for all that we need.
- 2) We are not the source. We seek the Father.



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Luke 11:5-10 “ And He said to them, ‘Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 'for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; "and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? "I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs."So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.” (NKJ)

C. Prayer for injustice

- 1) Especially when it looks impossible.
- 2) Even when we feel weak and as if we can't go on. Go on!
- 3) Pray with force and powerful blows against the enemy.
- 4) Expect the answer.
- 5) Our prayers will weary and make the enemy give up what belongs to us.

Luke 18:1-7 “Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, saying: ‘There was a certain city a judge who did not fear god nor regard man. Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, ‘Get justice for me from my adversary.’ And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself ‘though I do not fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.’ Then the Lord said, day and night to Him, though he bears long with them?”

D. Our Attitude and action in prayer

- 1) Aggressive strong confidence
- 2) To lay claim and take back what the thief stole.

E. Prayer moves mountains - IF

- 1) God is our focus.
- 2) The Word and Spirit agree; before we say, ask God's mind in the matter.
- 3) Faith is the deciding factor.
- 4) Faith IN God and nothing else.
- 5) We speak to the mountain (problem, obstacle). God is not the mountain.



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- 6) We possess our confession and wait.
- 7) forgive others and walk in forgiveness from God and toward others.

Mark 11:22-25 “So Jesus answered and said to them ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will come to pass, he will have whatever he says. therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.”

F. Obedience to God is the key to answered prayer

G. The name of Jesus is our identification and representation; in His Name we Pray.

John 14:13-15 “And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it. “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” (NIV)

H. Only continual relationship (abiding) by the word and the Spirit will cause the desires of God and our desires to agree.

John 15:7 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

I. It is not our will, but His will that is the confidence we have as we come to pray.

I John 5:14-15 “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us-- whatever we ask-- we know that we have what we asked of him.” (NIV)

3. A miracle producing power is released as we pray in faith (not in doubt or trying to figure it out) and with faith (not with fear but with power, authority, love and single mindedness). By faith...

A. God-pleasers are faithfully rewarded, because we believe.



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Hebrews 11:6 "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him." (NKJ)

- B. A God-griever is not a God-receiver. Doubt will toss our prayers right out. Doubt places us in the rages of the storms. Ouch!

James 1:6-8 "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." (NKJ)

- C. Praisers prosper in prayer. Prayer prospers and delivers the captives; us and others.

Acts 16:25-33 "But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized." (NKJ)

- D. Our hearts are broken because of sin. Our prayers cry tears of travail, to birth God's causes and cause the righteous to be delivered.

Ps 119:136 "Rivers of water run down from my eyes, because men do not keep Your law." (NKJ)

Ps 34:15-19 "The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry. The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all." (NKJ)



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4. The way Elijah prayed is a model for our prayers

- A. The promise we have from God is brought forth by prayer. We don't stop after we hear what God wants to do. we pray it through.
- B. Elijah went up to the top of Mt. Carmel (the place of plenty of fruitful field). He got away from the natural place of drought (or lack) and went to the place in the Spirit with God. With God, he could SEE the way God said it is. Not the way it looks in the natural.
- C. Persistent Prayer. Prayed seven times. Each time he didn't see the rain, Elijah went back to prayer until he saw the smallest sign (the cloud far away). Didn't quit.
- D. Faith was the key. Elijah believed the answer wa already there, he "saw" it in the spirit.
- E. Prayer is active. elijah was in action or engaged from the moment he went to pray. He continued in action as soon as the little cloud appeared. He sent his servant repeatedly to the place of the rising on the promise. Spoke the direction to Ahab. He arose and went forth.
- F. The 5 points of Elijah's prayer can be demonstrated on our hand to help remember.
 - 1) We hear God's voice for the direction and promise.
 - 2) We get away. go to the secret place.
 - 3) Don't quit. We prevail and travail.
 - 4) Have faith in god no matter what. We believe.
 - 5) When the answer comes, we arise and go forth in the answer. We advance.

I Kings 18:41-46 "And Elijah said to Ahab, "Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain." So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. "Go and look toward the sea," he told his servant. And he went up and looked. "There is nothing there," he said. Seven times Elijah said,



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"Go back." The seventh time the servant reported, "A cloud as small as a man's hand is rising from the sea." So Elijah said, "Go and tell Ahab, 'Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.'" Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel. The power of the LORD came upon Elijah and, tucking his cloak into his belt, he ran ahead of Ahab all the way to Jezreel." (NIV)

According to the strong's definition for Carmel includes fruitful, a plentiful field or place. Jezreel means "God will sow."

- G. Humble ourselves, admit our weaknesses, accept our brothers and sisters and our prayers will release healing.

James 5:16-18 "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." (NIV)

When we approach God - our eyes are on him and off of us. Then we see as He sees and can ask according to His will, not our lack.



Topic: Prayer

NAME: _____

PRAYER STUDY SHEET

1. Children are to say the Prayer Ingredients on the following page out loud with a parent. Pray with them.

2. Memory verse: Say out loud three times and put CHILD in the place of man.

James 5:16 " The prayer of a righteous man (CHILD) is powerful and effective." (NIV)

3. This week phone your teacher and pray with them for one of the following:

Pastors Your School/Class The Nation Special Need Parents

Teacher: _____ Phone number: _____

4. Draw or write about something that you prayed for. What did you see or hear? Write it down on paper. Use the back of this page if you like.

REQUIREMENTS: YOUNGER KIDS QUESTIONS 1 - 4; OLDER CHILDREN: ALL

5. Read 1 Kings 18:41-46: Who was the prophet who prayed? E_____

How many times did he go back to pray before he saw the promise of the rain? _____

Who did the prophet believe when the servant did not see anything each time he went to look toward the sea? _____ the servant _____ God _____ no one (Check answer)

6. Read Acts 16: 25-34; The two men did two things together and in agreement. What did the men do? (Circle the answers)

Cried Prayed Questioned God Spit Sang Praises Went to Sleep Got afraid



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Paul and Silas' obedience caused the power of God to be released in what ways?
(Circle answers)

Prisoners chains loosened Earthquake Prison shaken Paul and Silas are free
Jailer dies Jailer and his family are saved Paul and Silas run away Miracles

7. Page two has Throne Room Prayers to help you as you pray. Pray them with faith.
Circle which days you prayed: Mon Tues Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

PRAYER INGREDIENTS

P PERSON: Our prayer is with a person(the Holy Spirit) to a Person(God the Father) through Jesus Christ. We PROPHECY the Word of God; His Purpose; Patiently.

R REQUESTS: Requests include: asking forgiveness of sins; RELEASE things and people to God we have been mad at or who have hurt us. Ask for needs to be met.

A ADORATION: Tell God I love Him and all the things about Him. Give Him all.

Y YEARN: The more we pray, the more we YEARN for more of God. Yada time.

E EXPECT: When we pray, we pray in faith, believe in God, trust Him to Answer.

R RECEIVE: Receive God's Revelation. Receive God's answers with Thankfulness.

THRONE ROOM PRAYERS

*WE LIFT OUR HEARTS TO GOD IN THANKSGIVING
IT IS GOD'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE US THE KINGDOM*

PRAY FOR FAMILIES: Father I pray YOUR KINGDOM PURPOSES be established FOR FAMILIES. THEY ALL LOVE THE LORD FIRST, AND SERVE HIM TOGETHER. I pray each one has highest RESPECT, HONOR, AND LOVE for each other. I pray the JOY OF THE LORD and the GLORY OF GOD, FILLS EACH HOME. BLESS THEM.

PRAY FOR REVIVAL: OH, LORD WE NEED YOU. COME, OH GOD. Please God, move again in this generation. Take out our stony, hearts and GIVE US YOUR HEART. BRING YOUR



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GLORY IN THE EARTH AND IN EACH OF US. Shake us. Wake us. POUR OUT YOUR HOLY SPIRIT on all flesh. Dry bones live again. Breath of God breathe on us. THANK YOU LORD.

PRAY FOR THE CHURCH: Father, I ask that you BRING YOUR CHURCH TO GROW UP IN the bond of LOVE; in perfect UNITY. That is where You have promised the blessing. Church Arise.

PRAY FOR MIRACLES: I PRAY LORD, YOU WILL DO BIG MIRACLES in our midst. You say all things are possible to those who believe. I BELIEVE YOUR PROMISES. Show forth your power and glory. BRING MIRACLES SO THE WORLD WILL SEE JESUS.

PRAY FOR THE LOST: I SPEAK TO THE LOST; COME HOME TO YOUR FATHER. JESUS LOVES YOU. DEVIL GIVE THEM UP. You can't have them. Light of JESUS SHINE. I BIND WICKED SPIRITS AND COMMAND YOU TO LET THE LOST GO, IN THE NAME OF JESUS. I claim my inheritance. I call my brothers and sisters home.

PRAY FOR PASTORS: Thank you Lord, for my pastors. GIVE OUR PASTORS STRONG HEARTS, SOULS AND BODIES. POUR OUT GRACE in full measure. I pray the FEAR OF THE LORD IS THEIR DELIGHT. Lord, PLEASE GIVE THEM WISDOM AND WISE COUNSEL. They SPEAK WHAT YOU SPEAK, AND DO WHAT YOU SAY. I decree FAVOR over my pastors. Thank you, Lord