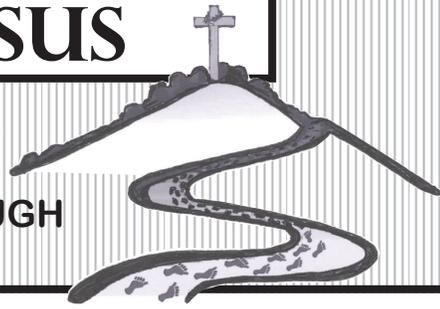


TO BE LIKE JESUS

Parent Resource Page Lesson 14: BECOMING LIKE JESUS THROUGH THE POWER OF PRAYER



Themes:

- God desires to have an intimate relationship with His children.
- Prayer is the means by which God's children come into His presence and speak to Him.
- In the Bible, Jesus teaches us how we should pray.
- In our prayers we should acknowledge who God is, express honor and love toward Him, seek His plans, ask Him to meet our needs, confess our sins, and ask for power against sin.
- Prayer should be done with an attitude of thanksgiving toward God.

Scripture:

2 Thessalonians 2:13b; Matthew 6:5-13; Colossians 4:2 (NASB)

Memory Verse: Matthew 6:9b-13

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Take it to heart: Can you tell your parents about the five points of prayer that you learned about in this lesson: ADDRESS, SUBMIT, ASK, CONFESS, RECOGNIZE, and BE THANKFUL?

Do you remember a specific situation when being able to go to God in prayer was really important to you? How did prayer help you get through that situation? Is there a problem that you or someone you love is facing today? How could you pray about this?

With your parents, read through the words from the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Do you feel that prayer is a great privilege? Why or why not? How is this shown in your life?

Read Luke 11:5-13. Should God's children just pray about something once and then just give up? What kind of a Father is God? What does He want to give His children? Is there something that you have been praying about for a long time? Maybe you have been asking God to save a friend or family member. Does it sometimes feel like God is not listening? Why? According to the Bible, is He listening? Does He want you to give up? What might He be teaching you?

Pray about it: Use the prayer from Matthew 6:9-13 as a guide in your prayers this week. Remember to address God in a way that is honoring and respectful of who He is and what He is like. Remember to spend time in praise and thanksgiving first so that your prayers don't simply become lists of requests. And keep Matthew 15:8 in mind when you pray. Is your heart sincere when you pray?