

## KEEP PRAYING

### Lesson Plan:

1. *Activity:* Sit down with your children and have them draw a person praying. Help them as needed.
2. *Account:* Read the account to your children (below). Incorporate the drawings as desired.
3. *Application:* Share some applications with your children (examples below).



### Keep Praying (Paraphrased from Luke 18:1-8)

One day Jesus told a parable (a parable is a story that uses an example from every-day life to teach a very important spiritual truth). The very important truth that Jesus wanted us to learn from this parable is that we are to always pray and that we should never give up. Here is the story.

In a certain city there was a certain judge. This judge did not fear God at all. He didn't care about other people either. He was very wicked. In that same city there was a widow. This widow had been done wrong by one of her enemies. So, she went to the judge and said, "Give me justice concerning my enemy." Well, this wicked judge went on for a while and didn't do anything to help this widow out. But, this widow kept coming to the judge and asking for help. She didn't stop. So, the judge thought to himself, "Even though I don't fear God, and even though I don't care about other people, I am going to help this widow. I am going to help her because she keeps coming to me and if I don't help her, she won't stop! She will wear me out!"

After Jesus told this parable, He said, "Pay attention to what the wicked judge said and learn the lesson." He said, "Now, don't you think that God will help His own chosen people that keep on praying to Him day and night?" Jesus said, "I tell you, He will give them justice very quickly."

Then Jesus said something very alarming, He said, "Then again, when I return will I find people on the earth who have faith in God?"

Application and Review: (Review the account and discuss some of the applications to your children. To encourage learning, consider giving candy or a reward when the kids get the answer right. Below are some examples.)

- In the story that Jesus told, why did the wicked judge decide to help the widow and give her justice? (Because she kept on asking him for help.)
- Do you think we should keep on praying and asking God for help? (Absolutely. That was Jesus' lesson from the story. Jesus promised that God would help.)
- Jesus talked like there would not be a whole lot of people who actually trusted in God when He returns to the earth. Do you think we can trust God? What are some ways the God has shown us how much we can trust Him? (Examples: The Bible is completely true; God loved us enough to send Jesus to pay for our sins through His death on the cross – if anyone loves us that much we can surely trust them; etc.)