

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Luke 11:1-13

SESSION SUMMARY

We're hesitant to ask for help sometimes, even from God. This week, we'll learn straight from Jesus how to pray and keep praying until He answers, even if He doesn't answer the way we hoped. These verses show us that we can imitate Jesus and pray honestly and faithfully, fully depending on God. Here are the key themes:

- We can approach God (Luke 11:1-4).
- God listens as our good Father (Luke 11:5-13).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Why can it be difficult for our family to view God as a good Father who wants to give us good gifts? What can help us shift our view in those moments?
- How did each of us learn to pray? Do we pray using a specific format (like ACTS or PRAY) or do we typically pray for things in a certain order, without using a model? Why or why not?
- What are some ways we can guard against only praying when we need or want something?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Prayer isn't boring or something we just have to do—it's literally talking to the God of the universe! While being respectful and keeping in mind who God is as we pray are good ideas, God wants us come before Him and tell Him our honest hurts, hopes, and needs. But sometimes, getting started is the hardest part. So, try starting a family prayer time at dinner, before bed, on the way to school—whenever works best for you. If you're struggling to know how to lead your family in prayer, try the ACTS model (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication) or use "popcorn" prayer so different family members get to pray. Building consistent prayer habits is vital for our spiritual health and our relationship with God.