

First Look | July 26

The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up • Luke 18:1-8

God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.

**Key Question:** Who teaches you about God's kingdom?

**Bottom Line:** Jesus teaches me about God's kingdom.

**Memory Verse:** "Put God's kingdom first." • Matthew 6:33 NIV

### 1. Video on Jellyfin

Lead the children in worship to one song and then watch today's video lesson.

### 2. Pray

"Let's open up today in prayer. Dear God, thank You that You are good and that You always love us. Thank You that we can pray and never give up. Help us put Your kingdom first. Thank You for Jesus, who teaches us about Your kingdom. We love You. In Jesus' name, Amen."

### 3. Filled with Treasure

#### What You Need:

- ☐ "Filled with Treasure" Activity Page
- ☐ "Treasure Stickers" Activity Page
- ☐ Cardstock
- ☐ Avery® Labels #22807 or equivalent
- ☐ Jewel stickers
- ☐ Crayons

#### What You Do:

*Before the Activity:* Print "Filled with Treasure" on cardstock, one per child. Print "Treasure Stickers" on label paper, one set per child. Write each child's name on their paper.

*During the Activity:* Encourage kids to decorate their treasure chest then add their special stickers and the jewel stickers.

*After the Activity:* Connect the Bottom Line to the Bible Story.

#### What You Say:

*Before the Activity:* "Come sit at the table with me. Let's add treasures to your treasure chest."

*During the Activity:* “Look at this big open treasure chest! What do we put inside treasure chests? Treasure! Color your treasure chest. *(Allow children time to color.)* Now let’s add your special stickers. This sticker says God is good. *(Give each child a sticker.)* Add this treasure to your treasure chest. *(Pause.)* This sticker *(hold up the sticker)* says ‘Put God’s kingdom first.’ That’s our Memory Verse! Add this treasure to your treasure chest. And this sticker *(hold up the sticker)* says pray and don’t give up. That’s what Jesus taught us in the story he told about the woman who didn’t give up. Now add some jewel stickers to make your treasure sparkle! *(Pause.)* Wowee! Look how full your treasure chests are! Every time we pray and don’t give up, we are adding treasure to God’s kingdom.”

*After the Activity:* “When we pray and don’t give up, we show that loving God and His kingdom is most important. Jesus told this story because He wants us to know that God is not like the judge in the story. God is good, and God always cares for His people. He loves us, and He loves to help us! We can pray and talk to God, and never give up, and He will help us. And we know this because Jesus teaches us about God’s kingdom. **Who teaches you about God’s kingdom?** **[Bottom Line] Jesus teaches me about God’s kingdom.**”

***EveryChild Pro-Tips:***

- If a child struggles with sticker backing, peel the edge slightly so it’s easier to grab.
- Read every sticker out loud as it is placed to reinforce truth through repetition.
- Celebrate every addition as an important treasure—every child helps fill God’s Kingdom with truth.