

Family Ministries Musings

Family Traditions

Because the Sabbath begins when the sun sets on Friday, make the first hours special to your children. Try baking something they especially like for supper, placing lighted candles on the table in the winter. After supper spend family time singing around the piano, reading interesting stories, and simply talking and sharing with one another. Maybe they will enjoy coloring and drawing while you read aloud. When it was bedtime, tuck the kids in with backrubs.

I believe that a parent being present and available to children is the most important ingredient for a happy Sabbath. If we are so tired on Sabbath that we seek nothing more than a nap, leaving the kids to their own devices, we've failed. I agree with Donna Habenicht, author of **How to Help Your Child Really Love Jesus**, when she writes: "Our children will treasure those childhood Sabbaths largely because of our presence as we create for them a storehouse of happy Sabbath memories that will continually draw them back to the Sabbath and its Creator."



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Psalm 46:10 (MSG)

“Step out of the traffic! Take a long, loving look at Me, your High God, above politics, above everything.”

Pastor Archibald was inspired by Psalms 46:10 when writing this prayer. “Be still, and know that I am God.” Outside noise can drown out God’s voice, so we must take time for silence in order to hear God’s Word.

When we think of families and what that means, we must realize that the occasions to gather together and rejoice because of the great things - milestones - that occur in our lives are truly blessings.

We dare not take for granted the privilege of life and health. Sometimes, I hear Christians state that “they have not been blessed.” Yet, they have strength, health and their families and friends to surround them. None of these things are to be taken lightly. Remember when the devil decided to attack Job, he took away his family first!

Let us savor each new day that the Lord has given us. Let us remember: the past is gone, the future is not promised, all we have is today - that’s why we call it a present!

If we are constantly whining and complaining about today or things that might have happened in the past, or we’re worried about what might happen in the future - we’re not really living up to what we say we believe as Christians. We are admonished in Philippians 4: 6, ***“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank His for all He has done.*** (NLT). Paul exhorts the Philippians to pray about their circumstances instead of worrying over them. He prohibits the Philippians from worrying about their own problems. Instead they are to commit their problems to God in prayer, trusting that He will provide deliverance.

That advice is even more necessary today - there is NOTHING that can cause a true Christian to fret.

Check your gauge - are you talking without walking? If so, why do you expect your children to believe you when you say, “God will provide.” Look in the back of the Book: Revelation says :”Revelation 12:10-11 (PHILLIPS) ***Then I heard a great voice in Heaven cry: “Now the salvation and the power and kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ have come!...Now they have conquered him through the blood of the Lamb, and through the Word to which they bore witness....***

During this pandemic, we have been called to stay in—which did you consider it: a **lockdown** or a **shelter-in-place**? Only you can determine that for your family. **Lockdown: a security measure taken during an emergency to prevent people from leaving or entering a building or other location; Shelter-in-place: to stay in a safe indoor place or building during an emergency: .**

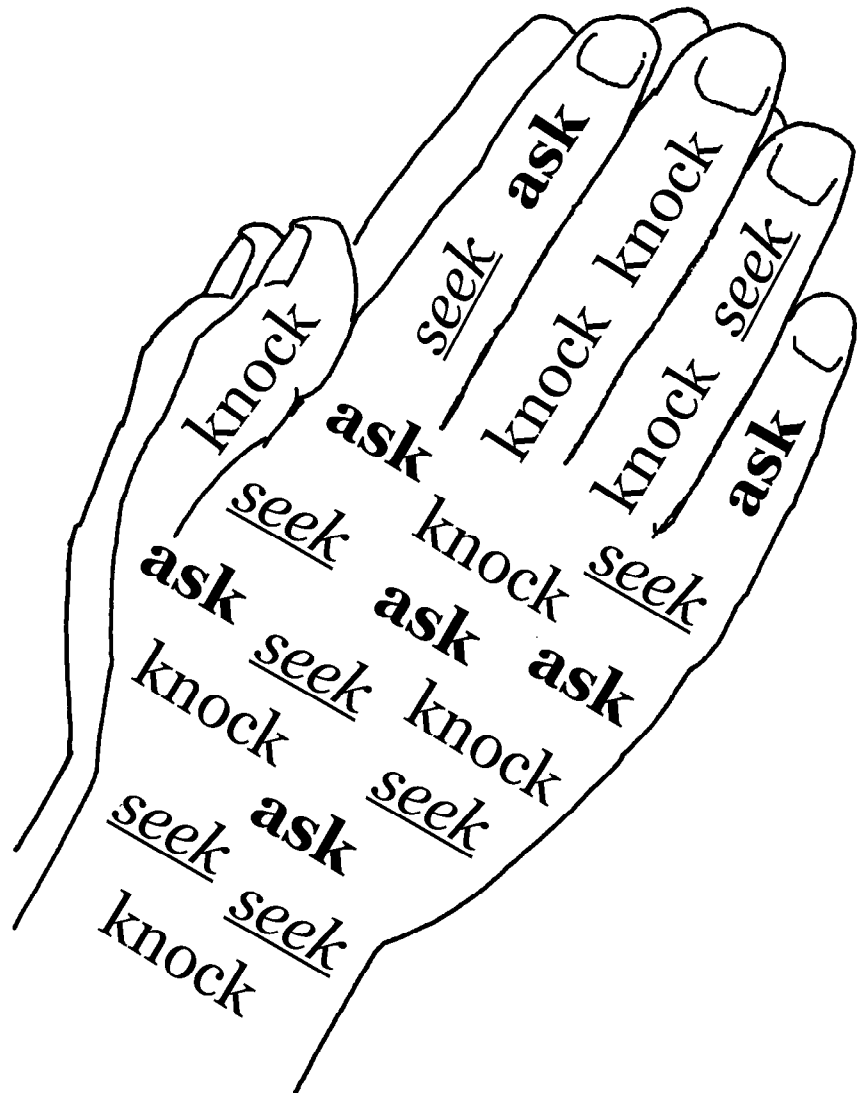
Deuteronomy 33:27 (NLT) - *The eternal God is your refuge, and His everlasting arms are under you. He drives out the enemy before you; He cries out, ‘Destroy them!’* If we believe as a Christian family, that this is true, then we won’t be fearful about what is going on around us; we’ll look up and remember **WHO** is really in charge. We will live our lives without fear and we can smile and know God’s got this!



Our Father knows what we need. God will give to those who ask, seek and knock.



Find and count. Circle the correct number.
ask 7 or 9? seek 6 or 8? knock 8 or 10?



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Ages 3-6

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus Teaches About Prayer



Teach us to pray ...



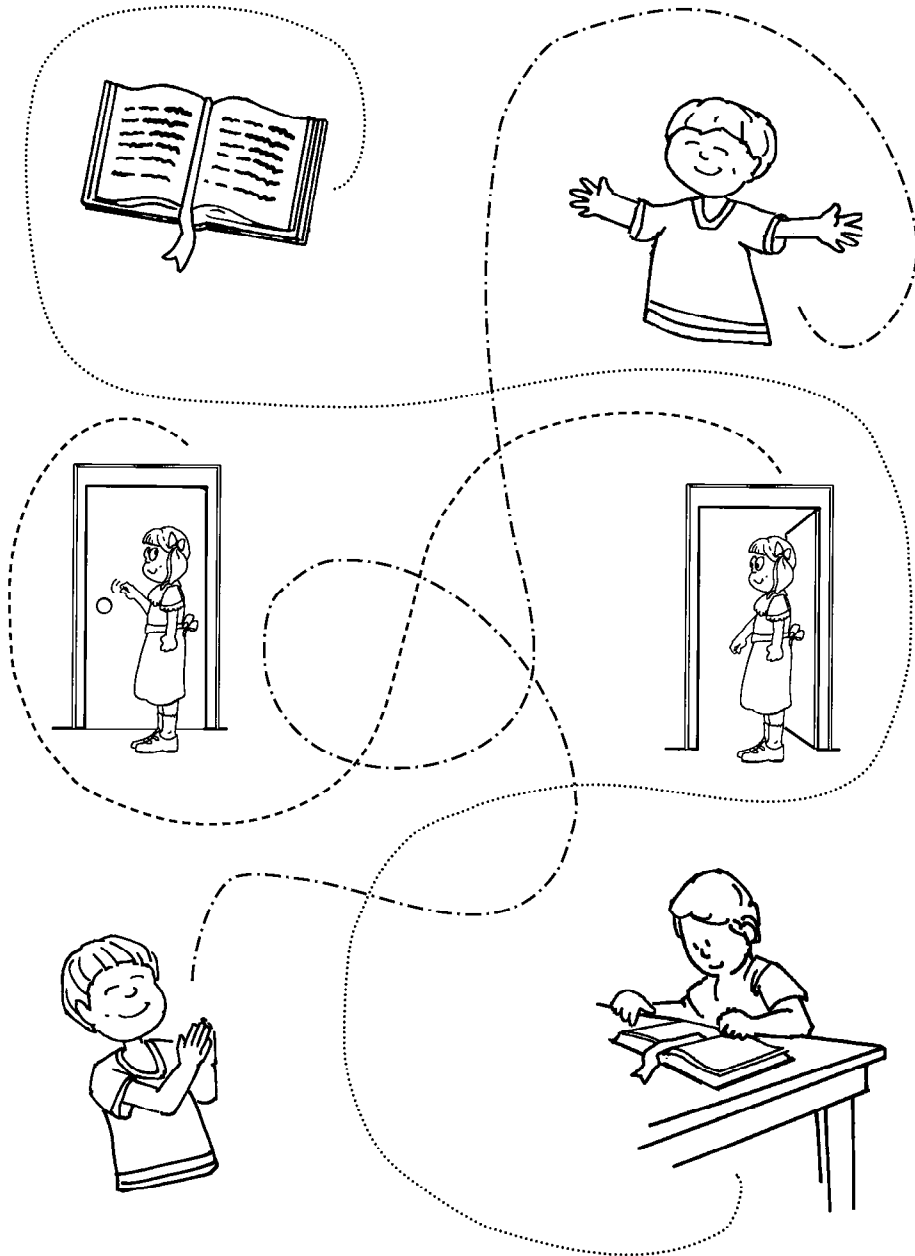
Trace the words.





“Father,
hallowed be
Your name.

Your kingdom come;
Give us each day our daily
bread. Forgive us our sins ...”

Prayer is like knocking,
seeking and asking.

Trace the paths to match the pairs.



Jesus said, "If your son came to you asking for a fish  would you give him a snake  ? Or if he asks for an egg  would you give him a scorpion  ?"

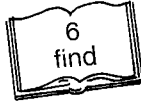
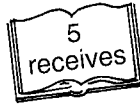
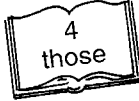
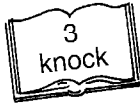
Find these objects.





Jesus tells us
to be bold with our faith.

Solve the math problems. Then fill in the blanks.



“_____ and it will be given
 $8 - 7 + 1$
to you; _____ and you
 $3 + 9 - 11$
will find; _____ and
 $8 - 7 + 2$
the door will be opened to
you. For everyone who
asks _____;
 $7 - 4 + 2$
those who seek _____;
 $5 + 7 - 6$
and to _____ who
 $3 + 6 - 5$
_____, the door
 $9 + 2 - 8$
will be opened.”

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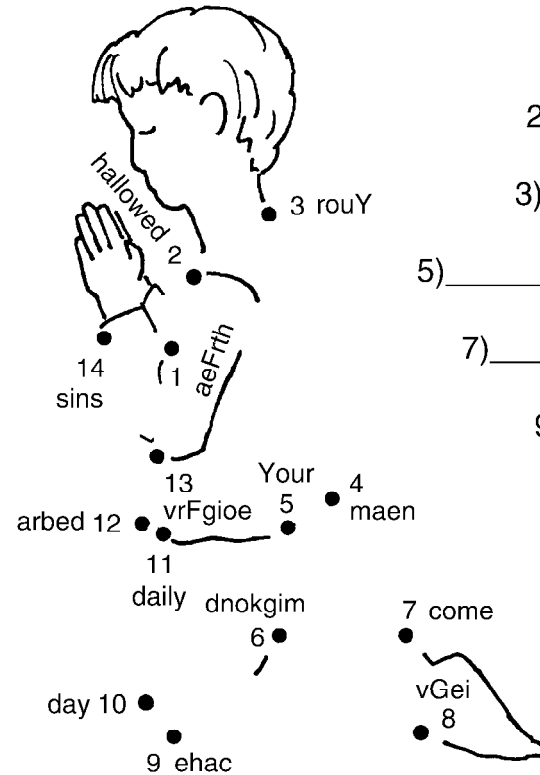
Ages 7-12

Luke 11:1-13

Jesus Teaches about Prayer

One day Jesus was praying.
One of His disciples said, “Lord, teach us to pray.”
What did Jesus tell them to say?

Connect the dots. Some words are scrambled.
Unscramble them and write all the words on the lines.



- “1) _____,
2) _____ be
3) _____ 4) _____,
5) _____ 6) _____
7) _____ 8) _____ us
9) _____ 10) _____
our 11) _____
12) _____.
13) _____
us our 14) _____.”

Then Jesus told them a story.

Fit the words in the crossword. Then fill in the blanks.

get	door	have	much	before	inside	already	journey	anything
man	give	lend	bread	bother	locked	answers	nothing	boldness
come	goes	mine	three	friend	loaves	because	suppose	midnight



1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____

6) _____

7) _____

8) _____

9) m i d n i g h t

10) _____

11) _____

12) _____

13) _____

14) _____

15) _____

16) _____

17) _____

18) _____

19) _____

20) _____

21) _____

22) _____

23) _____

24) _____

25) _____

24) _____

you 11) _____ a 20) _____

and a 16) _____ 23) _____ to him at

9) _____ and says, "20) _____,

14) _____ me 12) _____ 1) _____ of

18) _____, 22) _____ a 20) _____ of

4) _____ on a 3) _____ has 8) _____ to me, and I

11) _____ 10) _____ to set 21D) _____ him."

Then the one 2) _____ 17D) _____,

"Don't 21A) _____ me. The 15) _____ is

19) _____ 6) _____.

... I can't 25) _____ up and 5) _____ you

17A) _____." The 16) _____ will

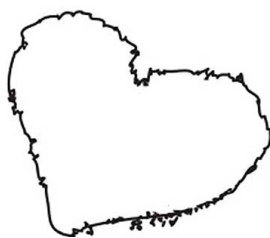
not 25) _____ up and 5) _____ him the

18) _____ 22) _____ he is a

20) _____, yet 22) _____

of the man's 7) _____ he will 25) _____

up and 5) _____ him as 13) _____ as he needs.



IT'S A GOOD DAY TO...

Choose:

Faith over Fear,
Peace over Panic,
Sharing over Selfishness
Kindness over and over
and over again