

Messy Church Special - The Parable of the Widow and the Judge

Question

What do you do when you really want something? (You could mime out the answer)

Challenge

Who's the best at making other people laugh? Play the game to see.

Bible Story

From Luke 18:1-8 Read the story from the Bible or look it up and watch it online

Questions to choose from and chat about after the story...

- What's a parable? (a story that usually has a hidden meaning, Jesus used them a lot)
- What did the lady do to get what she needed?
- Why do you think the judge didn't want to help her?
- Is God like the judge? Why not?
- What do you think Jesus was saying through this parable?
 - That God will give us exactly what we want, when we want it?
 - That we should ask people for things over and over and over again?
 - That God loves us and listens to us whenever we pray, and gives us what we need which is always the best for us
- How do you like to pray and when?

Prayer

You can say thank you, sorry and please prayers, in your head or using the ideas on the video or below (or any other ideas that help you to spend time with Jesus)

Crafts and Challenges

Video Crafts and Challenges

- Cracker/bread letter challenge
- Decorate and fill 'Thank you, Sorry and Please' jars
- Make a marble run to remind you to keep on praying!

Other Crafts and Challenges

- Another idea to remind you to persevere in prayer is to make a Piñata – get a balloon and cover it in scrap paper, stuck on with PVA/ flour & water/ wallpaper paste (whatever you have got). Build up layers and layers over the weeks to make it nice and strong. Pop the balloon, fill with sweets, hang with some string. Bash with a wooden spoon. If you've made it well it takes perseverance to break and get to the goodies inside!
- Write your prayers on paper aeroplanes and fly them as far as you can
- Have you any photos of your family or friends? Why not put them near the place you pray so you can remember to pray for them everyday
- Use the colouring etc sheets below to help you pray

Prize available!

Can you count how many times I say 'OK' in the video?! I realise I say it a lot hee hee! So the closest answer will get a prize - email me on naomi.westlands@gmail.com with your answers!

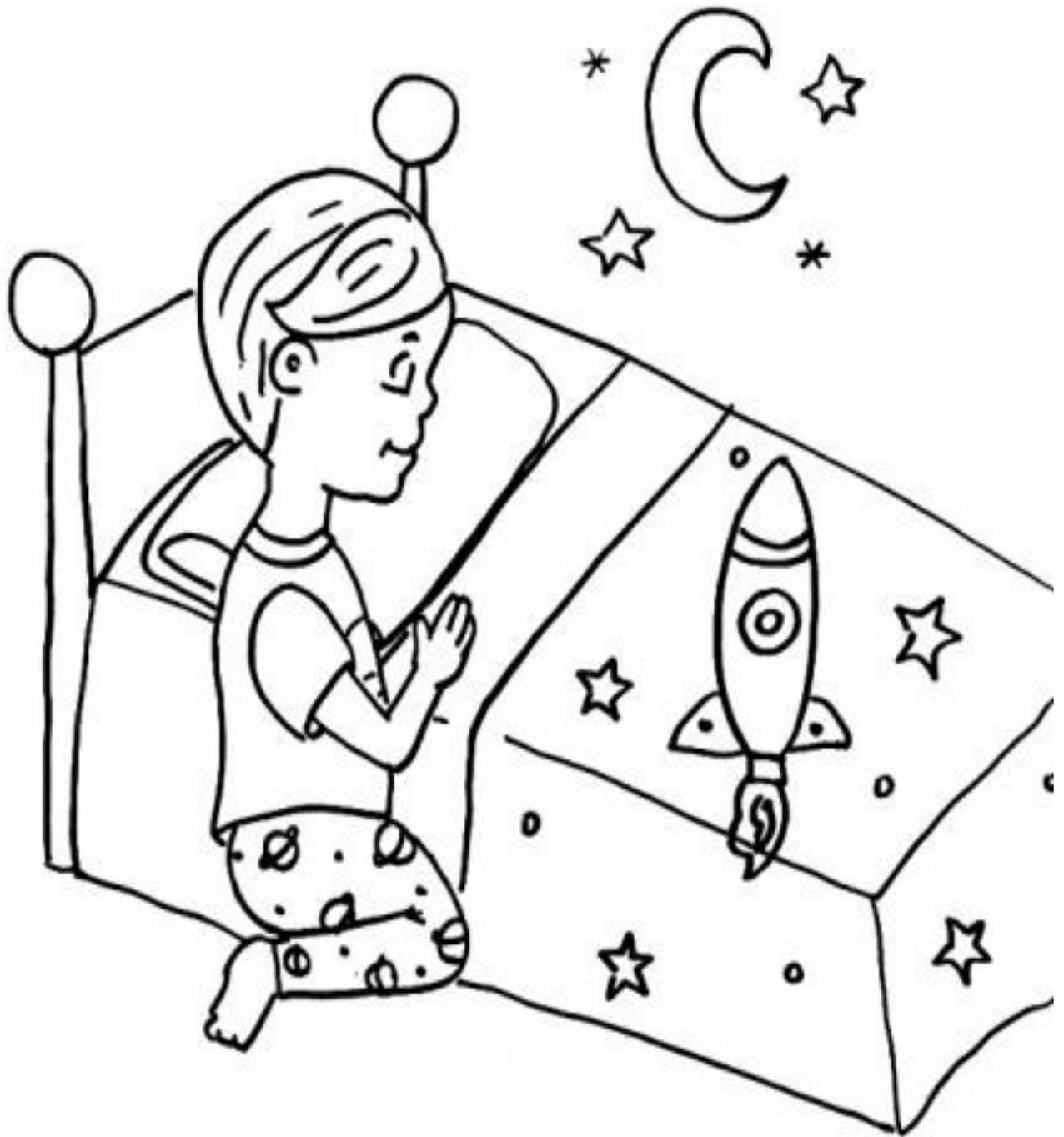
My family and friends prayer tree

Look at the leaves on the tree. Write the names of family and friends on the leaves. Tell God all about them.

Look at the leaves on the ground. Write the names of any family or friends who you don't see much of? Tell God about them.



God hears me



when I **PRAY.**

PRAY EACH DAY +

God, you are our Father.
You have made all things.
We thank you for.



sun moon stars

for sea, sky, earth, for
growing things and
animals; for all people,
for life and love. 

Your kingdom come and
your will be done in us and
by us.... in the whole world.
Let there be peace on earth
-and let no one starve or
suffer through injustice.

You supply all we truly need.
Please give us today all that
is necessary for our life.



Forgive us when we have
done wrong- and help us
to be forgiving. 

Keep us free from doing
evil and help us to do
what you want us to do.
AMEN.



Draw the place where you will
pray. Put the time of prayer on
the clock.

Also pray this week.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed
be your name. Your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it
is in heaven. Give us today
our daily bread and forgive us
our sins as we forgive those who
sin against us. Lead us not into
temptation but deliver us from
evil.

For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours now
and forever. AMEN

MONDAY	
TUESDAY	
WEDNESDAY	
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	
SATURDAY	
SUNDAY	

Make a prayer diary so that you pray to God for different things each day.



Some things you might like to pray for :

- home and family

- Ill people

- school and friends

- church and ministers

- Police, ambulance and fire officers

- Rulers and governments

- Holidays and fun

- the hungry, poor, and homeless

Jesus would like us to spend time with him each day.

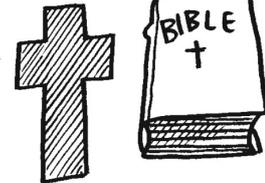
Choose a quiet place.
Promise to be there each day.



Try and make it the same time every day (often just before we go to bed is a good time).



Have something that reminds you that Jesus is with you. A cross, a Bible, a prayer book or a painting.



You might like to have a photograph of your family - and friends - who you would like to pray for.



It is good to have a little notebook of the things we want to pray for.



Begin by being very quiet and then give your love to God.



PRAY

LORD GOD, Help me to know you are always with me and that you love me. I come in the stillness to give my love to you.



THE LORDS PRAYER



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the Power
and the Glory
for ever and ever
Amen

Time to Pray



