



Talking with God

THE SERIES AT A GLANCE

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3 meetings of 5 minutes



Learning to pray: asking, keeping going, giving thanks



Preparation: 5 min



How to use the series: Use one part in each of three meetings in a row. At the start, briefly recall the previous part.

1 Part 1: Jesus shows how to pray

Bible: Matthew 6:9–13

The disciples ask Jesus: How should we pray? Jesus teaches them the Lord's Prayer. He says: You may call God "Father". You do not need special words – God listens like a good father.



Question: Which line of the Lord's Prayer do you like best?



Prayer: *Father in heaven, thank you that I can talk to you just as I am. Amen.*



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2 Part 2: The friend at midnight

Bible: Luke 11:5–10

In the middle of the night a man knocks at his friend's door: Lend me three loaves, I have visitors! At first the friend does not want to get up. But because the man does not give up, he helps him. Jesus says: Ask and it will be given to you. Keep going when you pray!

 **Question:** What do you want to keep praying for?

 **Prayer:** *Dear God, help me not to give up when I pray. Thank you for listening to me. Amen.*

3 Part 3: One comes back

Bible: Luke 17:11–19

Ten sick men call out: Jesus, have mercy on us! Jesus heals all ten. But only one comes back to say thank you. Jesus is glad about him. Saying thank you makes your heart happy.

 **Question:** What would you like to thank God for today?

 **Prayer:** *Jesus, thank you for all the good things in my life. Help me not to forget to say thank you. Amen.*

For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.