

DISCIPLES

PARENT GUIDE

LESSON 2.3: PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 11:1-13

SUMMARY:

In this week’s passage, Jesus is teaching His disciples how to pray and one of the first words out of His mouth is Father. There can be a lot of ways students interpret that concept, but if God is our heavenly Father, students need to know that they can talk to Him with the same closeness of a loving father with his children. God longs to hear from His children and looks out for their best

interests. He may not always give us exactly what we are asking (a good father has to say “no” sometimes), but He will always give us exactly what we need. This week, encourage your student to make prayer a priority. Encourage him or her to ask for what they need and even want and encourage him or her to build a close, loving relationship with his or her heavenly Father.

CORE VERSES

*This, then, is how you should pray:
 “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.
 Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our
 debtors. And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from the evil one.”*

Matthew 6:9-13

CORE CONCEPTS

Prayer is a conversation based on a loving relationship with our heavenly Father!

CONVERSATION:

An exchange between two people who have a desire to express their views and know they have been heard

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week’s lesson.
- What are you praying for these days?
- How is prayer a part of your life and daily routine?
- How can I pray for you?
- Describe your next steps based on what you’ve learned. How can I help?