

# Sermon Study Guide

11.1.2009 – Faith

**KIDS VERSION**



1. Do you get good gifts at Christmas? What makes a good gift? What are some examples of good gifts you've received or given? Why aren't socks as fun to get as toys?

## SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 11:1-13

<sup>1</sup>One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

" 'Father,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins,  
for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.' "

<sup>5</sup>Then he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and he goes to him at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, <sup>6</sup>because a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have nothing to set before him.'

<sup>7</sup>"Then the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, though he will not get up and give him the bread because he is his friend, yet because of the man's boldness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup>"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?

<sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

2. Did you notice Jesus gave his disciples and example of *how to pray*?
3. Do your parents ever give you mean gifts that could hurt you? Do you think God our Father would?
4. Verses 9-10 say God will give us what we ask for. Do you believe that God will really give us anything we ask for?
5. What does it mean when we don't receive what we ask for?

- a. Jesus told us to ask, seek, and knock. It takes a lot of faith for us to do all those things – to keep asking, keep seeking, and keep knocking.
  - b. Do you think sometimes when we don't get what we ask for God wants to teach us something?
6. Have someone read James 4:1-3.
  - Do you think God wants us to be asking him for material things like toys and candy?
7. Go back and read Luke 11:11-13. What do you see about the Father's gift-giving in these verses?
8. Do you have something you want to ask God for that isn't a material gift for yourself?
  - Jesus is very specific about how and what God gives—He gives the Holy Spirit to those who ask. The Holy Spirit does a lot of things for us.
9. Remember those things that we want from God that aren't material? How could it help us to keep asking God for those things?
10. Read Hebrews 4:14-16.
11. Let's pray!