

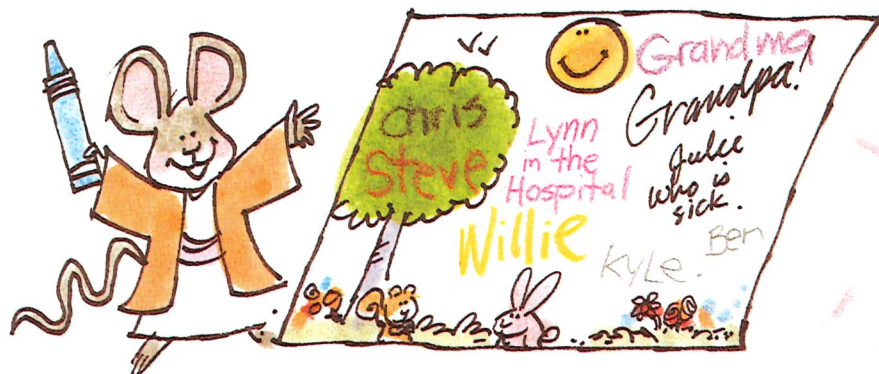
# Family Page

There are so many different ways to pray and so many things to pray about that we would need many, many pages to write them all down. Each member of the family has his or her own special way to pray for special needs. Last week you learned to pray just by BEING with Jesus. Sometimes you pray just to tell Jesus how wonderful he is. And sometimes you pray for things you need. Here is a special family project that will help you to think about this week's kind of prayer.

- Decorate a big piece of poster paper with birds and trees and small animals and flowers—all the things that God has given you.
- Hang your poster on the refrigerator where everyone can get at it.
- Each day, members of the family can write on the poster something they want to pray for. This can be something a person needs or it can be for help in school or for someone who is sick. It can also just be special

words of love for God. (Visitors and friends who want the family to pray for them should be invited to add their intentions.)

- Each evening, when the family prays together, you can all pray for the special things that are written on your poster.
- At the end of the week, share the many ways in which God has answered the prayers and petitions of the family. Write a family thank-you prayer, then celebrate God's constant care by reciting your prayer together.



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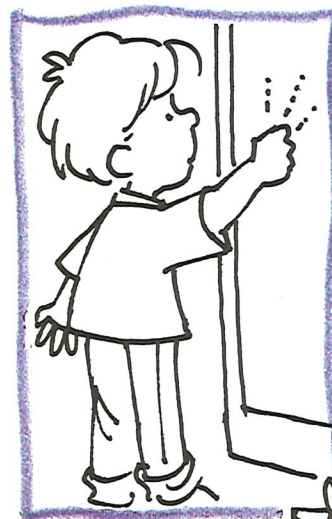


# explaining GOD'S WORD

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) • Luke 11:1–13 • July 27, 2025



**KNOCK AND IT  
SHALL BE  
OPENED**



A picture  
to color!



If your very good friend asked you for a favor, what would you do? You would try very hard to help your friend.

If you asked your good friend to do a favor for you, what would your friend do? Your friend would try to help you. Of course! That's what friends are for.

Now how about God? God is your very good friend. God is your BEST friend. If you should ask God to do you a favor, what do you think God would do?



If you should ask God to make someone who is sick all well and healthy again or if you ask God to help you to do your schoolwork better, do you think God would hear you?

Jesus tells you a secret this week, a very wonderful secret. Jesus makes a promise about your prayers. He says, "Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened to you."

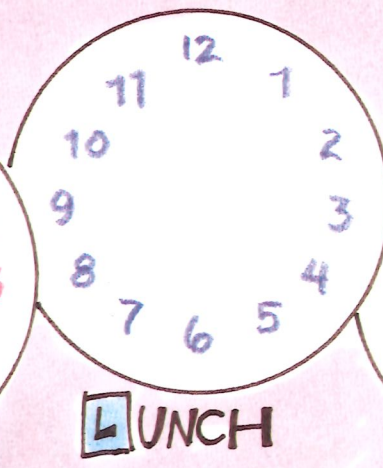
God hears your every prayer and wants to do nice things for you. What a wonderful promise! What a really good friend is God!

## Time to Pray

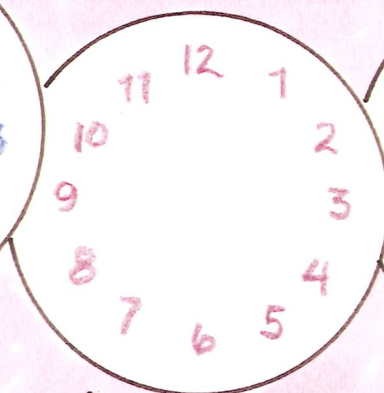
Here are four good times to pray. Can you fill in the correct times on the clock faces?



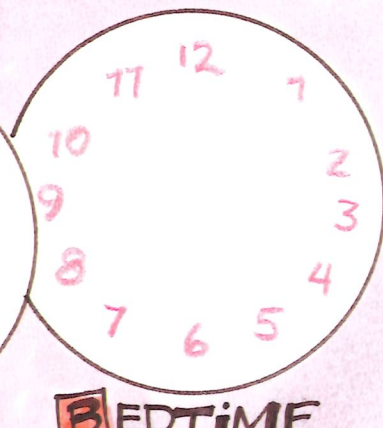
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