

PIONEER CLUBS

DELTA

Hiker



ALL-IN-ONE

Knowing God's Love



ADVENTURER

NAVIGATOR



Leader Planbook



## UNIT 1 MEETING 4

### God's Love Through the Bible



#### Bible Study Aims

Club members will:

- know how willing God is to give us good things.
- sense God wants to hear from them.
- pray for a request they have.

#### Scripture

Luke 18:1-7

#### Prayer of Preparation

Lord, I know You listen to prayer. Teach me to pray, even as I am in the midst of teaching Your children. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### Supplies Needed

- Bibles
- Pencils
- Markers
- Plain paper
- Option:* Judge's wig, robe, gavel or special chair

#### Plan Ahead

Gather supplies.

## I Learn to Pray

### OPENING 5-10 MINUTES

**Welcome!** Make introductions and announcements.

#### Sing

Sing songs related to prayer or praising God.

#### Review

Review books of the Old Testament.

#### Pray

**Dear God, we know You love to hear us pray. Thank You for always caring about us and our needs and acting on what is best. We trust You. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

### BIBLE EXPLORATION 30-35 MINUTES

#### Introduction

Play a few minutes of Pictionary® to discover some things God has given us, using words such as *food, Bible, toy, home, parent, cross.*

**God is happy to give us these good things—and much more! Our Bible story today will show us that God wants us to talk to Him about our needs and to ask Him about things that are important to us.**

#### Scripture

**You have learned that God speaks to us through the Bible.**

- **Who knows how we speak to God?** (Prayer.)

**The Bible tells us that God loves to hear us pray. Our story today, a story Jesus told His followers to teach them to keep praying, is in Luke 18.**

- **Is Luke in the Old or New Testament?** (New.)

Read or have club members read Luke 18:1-5. **So, over and over the woman came to the mean judge. "Judge, listen to me!" she said again and again.**

- **Did the judge care about her?** (No.)

**That's right, he didn't really care. But he did get tired of listening to her complain—so tired that he helped her, just to get her to go away.**

**Let's see what might happen if we had a similar judge here at DELTA today.** Ask for an older volunteer to be the judge. *Option:* Have props for the judge, like a wig, robe, gavel or special chair. **The woman in the story wanted fairness for something she really cared about. To make sure the people going before our judge are pleading for something they really care about, our judge will decide who gets to have snack today and who doesn't!**

Quietly instruct the judge to refuse to allow snacks several times, but then to let each person have permission after he or she has asked repeatedly. Let the judge have fun with the part!

Ask for volunteers to come up and ask the judge if they can have snack today. Remind each of them: **You must keep on asking the judge, no matter what happens.** After the role play, say:

- **Raise your hand if you've ever felt like one of the volunteers—or like the woman in the Bible story, asking for something over and over again.**

- **What were you asking for?** (Take responses.)

**Here is how Jesus ended His story about the woman and the judge.** Read or have a club member read Luke 18:6-8a.

- **What is God like, compared to the mean judge?** (Take responses.)

- The verse asks, “Will God answer us when we cry out to Him day and night?” What’s the answer? (Yes!)
- The verse asks, “Will God put us off?” What’s the answer? (No!)
- What do you think Jesus wanted to teach us about praying? (God wants to listen and answer us; Keep praying; etc.)

Help Hikers complete Bible award requirement 4, “I Learn to Pray,” part 1, “Decode the Message,” on page 11 of their Kids Handbook.

**God used the mean judge as a bad example, saying that *even* a mean judge would give in to someone who keeps asking. God is our good example! God is good and loves us! Because God loves us, He wants us to ask for what we need. God *wants* to help us, so we should come to Him for everything.**

If you have mostly older kids and you have time, talk about the next two questions:

- **Do you think it was easy for the woman to keep going back to the judge? Explain.** (She didn’t want to be disappointed again; The judge was mean; It’s hard to hear “no” over and over; etc.)
- **Is it always easy to keep praying? Explain.** (Maybe we can’t concentrate; Maybe God asks us to wait before He answers; etc.)

**Sometimes it’s easy to pray. Other times it’s harder. God understands.**

## Application

Look at Bible award requirement 4, part 1, “Create a commercial,” on page 11 of the Kids Handbook for the Adventurers and Navigators. Help all club members create one commercial, with the two older age-groups contributing what’s described in their handbook.

- **Do we always get everything we pray for? Why not?** (We may ask for things that aren’t good for us; We don’t know what is best; etc.)

**God always knows the right thing to do for us, even if we don’t. He wants us to trust Him.**

- **What else can we pray about besides asking for things?** (Our day; Good things He’s done for us; Important thoughts and feelings inside us; How great we think He is; etc.)

**God doesn’t get tired of our prayers. He won’t laugh at us. He wants us to keep praying, even if we say the same thing again and again. God wants to hear from us!**

Explain part 2, “Spend Time with God,” of requirement 4. Hand out markers for everyone and index cards for Adventurers and Navigators and let club members draw or write.

- **Why do you suppose it’s good to include praying in our quiet times with God?** (It helps you get to know Him better; It gives you opportunities to see how He answers your prayers; It’s obeying Jesus’ teaching to keep on praying; etc.)

**Maybe sometimes you will forget to pray. Don’t think God is mad at you. Just start up again.**

## BIBLE MEMORY 5-7 MINUTES

Review books of the Bible.

## MENTORING MOMENT 2 MINUTES

Share about a time God answered a specific prayer.

## CHART PROGRESS

Check off God’s Love Through the Bible Bible Award requirement 4 and Bible Memory Verse on your Award Record Sheet.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Let volunteers tell the requests they wrote or drew for the Bible award requirement. Take other requests. Jot them down. Allow time for silent prayer. Then read the prayer requests one at a time and ask for someone to pray. If needed, suggest a simple prayer for younger kids, such as “Dear Jesus, please help \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.”

## ACTIVITY

Skill Award and Games Award (20-30 minutes each)