



# Hiker

Knowing God's Love

**SMALL GROUP 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 are a God who listens to prayer. Teach me to pray, even as I am in the midst of teaching Your children. Amen.

### Supplies Needed

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Pencils
- ☐ Markers
- ☐ Memory verse sticker for each kid

### Plan Ahead

Gather supplies.

## Learning to Pray

### BIBLE EXPLORATION 10-15 MINUTES

- **How does God talk to us?** (The Bible.)
- **How do we talk to God?** (Take responses.)
- **What different ways do people pray? Show us.** (Silently or out loud; Standing up; Sitting; Kneeling; Like talking to a friend; etc.)

**God loves to hear you pray.** Help club members find Luke 18. Ask which testament it's in. **Here is how Jesus ended His story about the woman and the judge.** Read verses 6-7.

- **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; We should keep praying; etc.)
- **Show me with your face how you think the woman felt when the judge kept saying no.** (Take responses.)
- **Show me with your face how you think she felt when the judge gave her what she asked for.** (Take responses.)

**Let's do Bible award requirement 4, "Learning to Pray," part 1, "Decode the Message," in your Hiker Handbook on page 11.** Help club members follow the instructions.

### APPLICATION

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

**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 things inside us; 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 and let club members draw. Say that in a few minutes they'll have time to pray for this thing.

- **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.)

### BIBLE MEMORY 5-7 MINUTES

Review the books of the New Testament. Play a game where you sing the song, stop in the middle of a line and point to a club member to finish it.

Hand out Memory Verse Stickers.

### CHART PROGRESS

Check off God's Love Through the Bible Bible award requirement 4 and Bible memory on your Award Record Sheet.

Hand out awards that were earned during this unit.

### PRAYER 3-5 MINUTES

Let volunteers tell the requests they 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, ask for someone to pray and let him or her pray. If needed, suggest a simple prayer, such as "Dear Jesus, please help \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_." Or pray yourself.

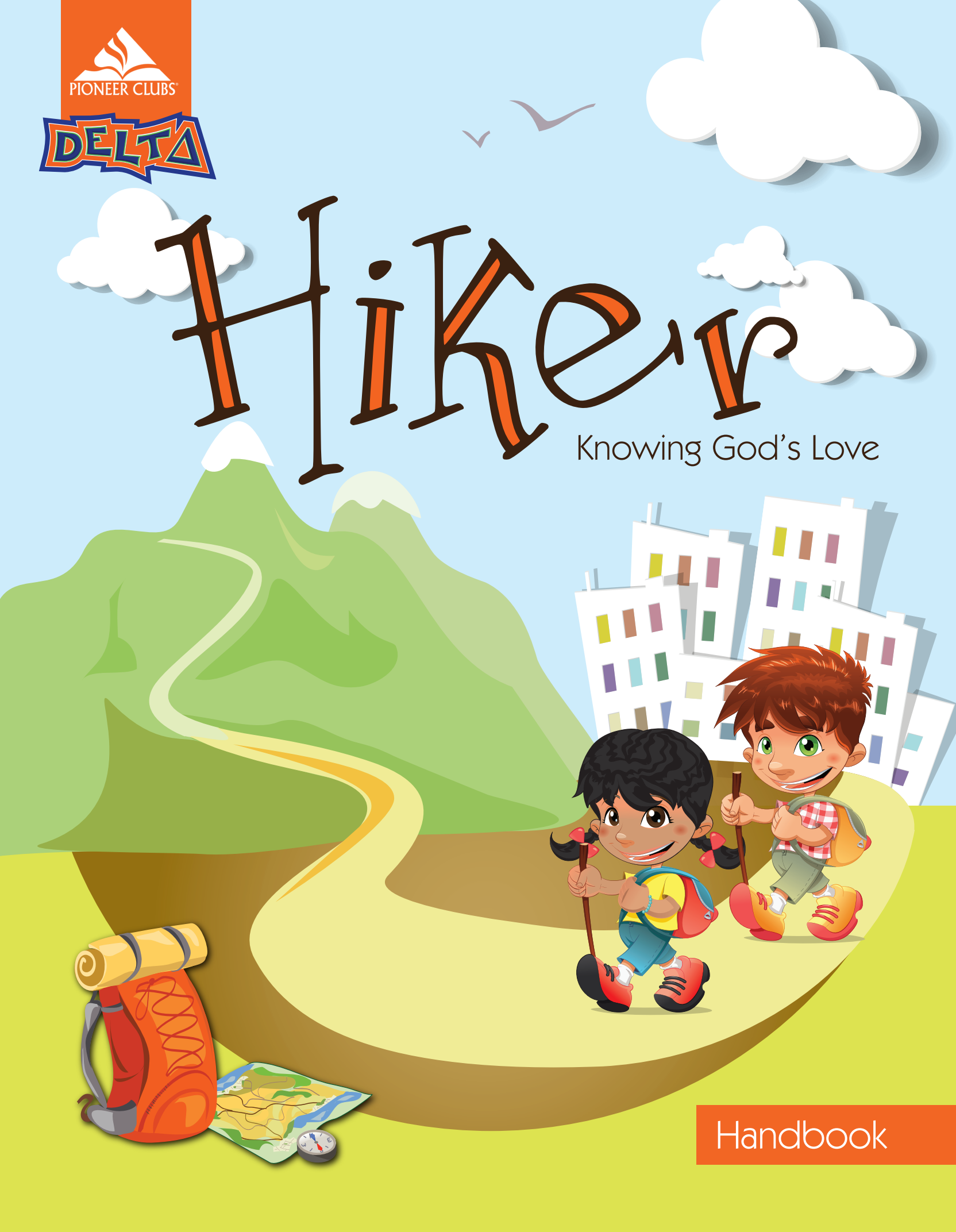
### ACTIVITY

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



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## 4. Learning to Pray

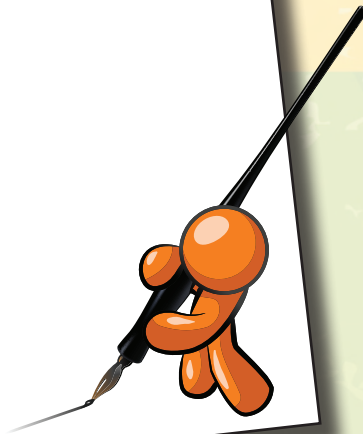
### Part 1 – Decode the Message

Read or listen to Acts 18:1-7. Find the important lesson by crossing out all of these letters: Q X Z.

Q N X X E Z Q V E Z X R Q  
X S T Z Z O X Q P  
P Q X R A Y X Z I Z N Q Z Q G

### Part 2 – Spend Time with God

How are you doing at having a regular time to read or listen to the Bible? Make praying a part of that special time. Draw 1 thing you need to ask God for. Pray about it in each of your regular times with God.



**REVIEW:**  
Books of the New Testament