



NAVIGATOR

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
- ☐ Index cards for Application
- ☐ Markers for Application
- ☐ Paper for Prayer
- ☐ Memory verse sticker for each kid

Plan Ahead

Gather supplies.

Learning to Pray

BIBLE EXPLORATION 10-15 MINUTES

Open your Bibles to Luke 18:1-7. Ask which testament it's in. Read or have club members read the verses.

- **What do Jesus' questions in verse 7 mean?** (They're *rhetorical* questions—a way of saying something is obvious—God *will* bring about justice and *won't* put us off.)
- **If you were the woman, would it have been easy or hard for you to keep going back to the judge? Explain.** (Take responses.)
- **What do you think Jesus wanted to teach us about praying?** (God wants to listen and answer us; We should keep praying even if it feels hard; etc.)

Let's do Bible award requirement 4, "Learning to Pray," part 1, "Create a Commercial," on page 11 in your Navigator Handbook. Option: Take commercial "on the road" to another Small Group.

APPLICATION

- **Do we always get everything we pray for? Why or why not?** (No. We may ask for things that aren't good for us; We don't always 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 are other things we can pray about besides asking for things?** (Just telling Him about our day; Telling Him we think He's great, Remembering good things He's done for us and others; Telling Him the important things inside us that we're afraid to tell anyone else; etc.)

God doesn't get tired of our prayers. How loves us! He won't laugh at us. He wants us to keep on praying, even if we say the same thing again and again. The God who made us wants to hear from us! Explain part 2, "Spend Time with God," of requirement 4. Hand out index cards and let club members write. Say that in a few minutes they'll have time to pray for this thing.

- **Why do you think praying can help you?** As an example, mention an answered prayer. You can suggest categories such as when we're at school, when we're with our families, when we're alone, when we're with friends, etc.

Maybe sometimes you'll forget to pray. Don't worry that God is upset with you. Just start up again.

BIBLE MEMORY 5-7 MINUTES

Review the books of the Bible. Play a game where you sing one of the songs, stop in the middle of a verse and point to a club member to finish it.

Hand out Memory Verse Stickers.

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 on your Award Record Sheet.

Hand out awards that were earned during this unit.

PRAYER 3-5 MINUTES

Let volunteers tell the requests they wrote 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 for each one and let him or her pray.

ACTIVITY

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



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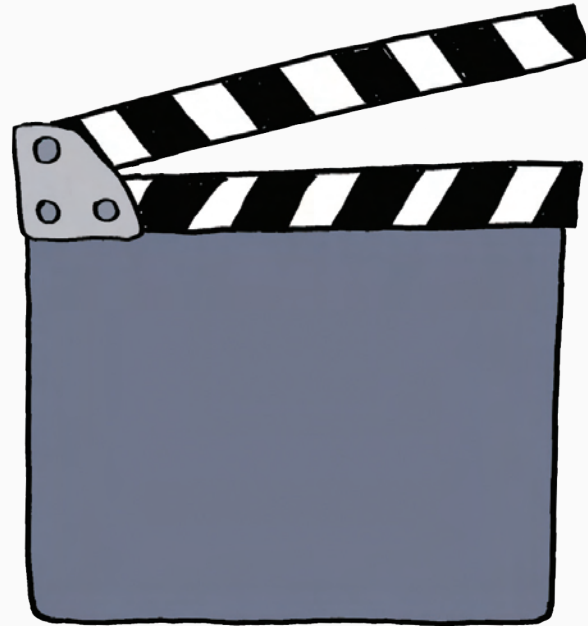
4. Learning to Pray

Part 1 – Create a Commercial

Read Luke 18:1-7. Commercials on TV often present a problem and then tell a solution. Make up a commercial based on this problem:

“Sometimes it’s hard to pray!”

Tell when it might be hard to pray and what could help.



Part 2 – Spend Time with God

How are you doing at having a regular time to read the Bible?
Make praying a part of that special time.

I will pray for:	Answer
1.	
2.	
3.	

On an index card, make a prayer chart like the one shown. Write one thing you need to ask God for. Pray about it in each of your regular times with God. See what God says to you about it. Write His answer. (Sometimes His answer could be “no” or “wait awhile.”)

When you get an answer, write a new prayer request, and do the same thing.

REVIEW:

BIBLE MEMORY

Books of the Bible

