



In My Father's Footsteps (Luke 18:1-17) - Jesus Prayed Week 4
Sunday, June 21, 2026

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: John 1:12 NKJV

We come to the Father persistently

Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, Luke 18:1 NKJV

saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. Luke 18:2 NKJV

Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' Luke 18:3 NKJV

And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, 'Though I do not fear God nor regard man, Luke 18:4 NKJV

yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me.' "

Luke 18:5 NKJV

Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. Luke 18:6 NKJV

And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? Luke 18:7 NKJV

I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8 NKJV

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NKJV

We come to the Father in humility

Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Luke 18:9 NKJV

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. Luke 18:10 NKJV

The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. Luke 18:11 NKJV

I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' Luke 18:12 NKJV

And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' Luke 18:13 NKJV

I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Luke 18:14 NKJV

We come to the Father as children

Then they also brought infants to Him that He might touch them; but when the disciples saw *it*, they rebuked them. Luke 18:15 NKJV

But Jesus called them to *Him* and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Luke 18:16 NKJV

Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." Luke 18:17 NKJV

This Week's Gospel of Luke Reading Plan:

June 21 – Prayer and Reflection

June 22 - Luke 19 + Luke 6:20-42

June 23 - Luke 20 + Luke 6:20-42

June 24 - Luke 21 + Luke 6:20-42

June 25 - Luke 22 + Luke 6:20-42

June 26 - Luke 23 + Luke 6:20-42

June 27 - Luke 24 + Luke 6:20-42

June 21

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Toddlers often feel anxious and insecure in unfamiliar situations. It's important to reassure toddlers that they are surrounded by people who will protect and care for them. Because God Watches over us all the time, we never have to be afraid.

Memory Verse: "God Watches Over Us" Psalm 121 (Adapted for Toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: I'm Happy That God Watches Over Us

Parent Connect: Today we colored door hangers to help us remember that God watches over us. On the back of the door hanger is the psalm we have been learning about this week. Remind your kid this week that God is watching over us! Challenge yourself to pray Psalm 121 over your kid each night, whether it's with them before they go to bed or after they fall asleep!

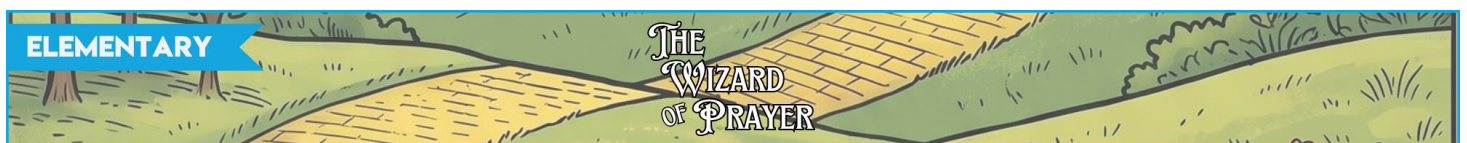


This month, during our busy SBO season, we are taking a break and learning about spiritual truths through watching VeggieTales

Memory Verse: "I love you Lord, You are my Strength" Psalm 18:1

Heart of the Lesson: God Makes Us Brave | 1 Samuel 17

Parent Connect: Today we learned about a young shepherd boy named David who defeated a giant named Goliath. David was able to defeat Goliath because God made him brave! Grown ups- encourage your kids at your next park outing to be brave and try a new obstacle. Maybe it's a bigger slide or trying the monkey bars! Emphasize that God makes us brave!



In this series, we will help kids learn to pray by contrasting real prayer with the Wizard of Oz story.

Memory Verse: Father may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. Luke 11:2

Heart of the Lesson: We can lean on Jesus | Luke 6:47-48

Parent Connect:

Read: Luke 18:1-17

Talk: Review the parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector praying in the temple. What do you think "those who humble themselves will be exalted" means?

Do: Act out the story together (vs 9-14)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As we welcome our new 5th graders into G56 we will not only introduce how we Connect, Grow and Go in G56, but we will also be following along with the Adults as we walk through The Lord's Prayer as written by Luke. We will go through the prayer verse by verse, learning about the example Jesus gives, how it applies to our lives and how we can pray. Students will also learn how to implement and practice the practical tips that Jesus teaches us in the book of Luke on how we can pray.

Memory Verse: **“Luke 11:2-4 He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.”**

Heart of the Lesson: God wants us to ask for forgiveness. Luke 11:4, 5-10

Parent Connect: This is a great opportunity for you as a parent to share with your student how you ask God for forgiveness. Modeling that prayer for your student can be so powerful. Let your student catch you praying to God, asking for forgiveness and memorizing scripture like the Lord's prayer.