

Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHER'S PACKET

4 Year Olds

Sunday Morning

Study 2

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The Objective is the key concept for this weeks lesson. It should be the main focus of the study

These are the key verses that you will find helpful in teaching your study this week. The "Main passage" is the basis of the study, where the other verse support the objective of the lesson.

There is a memory verse for the students that relates to every study. If a student can memorize the verse for the following week you may give them a prize from the "reward box" found on your cart.

An introductory activity or question that will settle the class, draw their attention to the study and prepare their hearts for God's Word

Objective Using Luke 11:11-13 show the students that God provides and gives. He blesses us with uncountable gifts and cares for us in all ways.

Key Verses

Luke 11:11-13—Main teaching passage

Acts 17:24-25

Matthew 6:25-34

Memory Verse Matthew 19:26 (January Memory Verse)

"And looking at them Jesus said to them, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

Hook

Go over the memory verse – Matthew 19:26.

Hold up a piece of candy and ask the students if they would like a present. When they all shout "Me, me, me" select one student and give them a (clean) crumpled up tissue or other suitably disappointing present.

Tell the students that sometimes in life we receive things that are really disappointing. God however never gives us second best. The gifts he gives are good and perfect – James 1:17

What does the Bible say? This is where we will read a passage or series of passages that teach on the subject of the day.

BOOK Read through Luke 11:9-13

We are told in scripture that we are supposed to ask God for things (see Phil 4:6 “let your requests be made known”). Here Jesus says we are to ask, seek and knock, and that God will respond in kind to us when we do. God is our heavenly Father. Here we see that just like an earthly father, our heavenly Father will not give us awful things when we ask him for good things/things that we need. If we asked our own father for food or clothing, he would not give us a poisonous snake that would cause us harm. In the same way God does not give us bad or harmful gifts. He cares for us, He loves us, and He gives us those things that we need. In fact Acts 17:25 says that He gives us our very lives and even our next breath. James says that every good and perfect gift comes from above.

The interpretation/exegesis of the passage. What does this passage mean? How does this passage apply to my life?

LOOK God promises to give us good gifts and that every good gift comes from above, however he does not promise to give us whatever we ask for. We can pray for a new car, or a new puppy, as much as we want, but there is no guarantee that he will give that to us. God knows if receiving that object or having that prayer answered is actually a good thing for us and he promises to not give us “stones, scorpions or snakes.”

Walk the students through Matthew 6:25-34, show them that God sees our needs and cares for us so much that he will fill those. The key verses are at the end of this section. “Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness...” if we make God and His righteousness our greatest desire then of course God will answer and give those things to us. More than that, God has promised to give us Himself in the form of the Holy Spirit (Luke 11). If we have that in our life, what more could we want for.

Share with the students a personal testimony of a time that God withheld something from you that in retrospect would have been a burden and not a blessing.

Share with the students a personal testimony of a time that you feel God truly answered your prayers and blessed you with something incredible.

What is my response to this passage of Scripture? How should my life change according to what this passage teaches me? What are the practical things I can do throughout the week to make this true in my life.

TOOK

Have the students make a list of all the ways that God has blessed them. Tell them to keep it somewhere so that as the Lord continues to work in their lives they can add to their list.

Pray. Have the students thank God for the good and perfect things that He has given them.

Parent Question: Have the students ask their parents “What good things has God given our family?”

FURTHER STUDY

Luke 3 Commentary by David Guzik

Luke 3. (5-8) Pray with boldness and persistence.

And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs."

a. **Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight:** In the custom of that day, a whole family lived together in a one-room house. On one side of the house was a raised platform where they all slept; down on the ground were all their animals - a cow, perhaps some sheep and goats and so forth. There was no way the man could come to the door without disturbing the whole household.

b. **Yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs:** It took a lot of boldness for the man in the story to so shamelessly ask his friend in the middle of the night; he really *wanted* and *needed* the bread.

i. God often waits for our passionate persistence in prayer. It isn't that God is reluctant and needs to be persuaded. Our persistence doesn't change God; it changes us, developing in us a heart and passion for what God wants.

4. (9-13) Pray with a childlike confidence.

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

a. **Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you:** We are told to *keep on* asking, seeking and knocking. "All three verbs are continuous: Jesus is not speaking of single activities, but of those that persist." (Morris)

i. These descriptions speak of an earnestness and intensity; all too often, our prayers are merely wishes cast up to heaven, and this is not real prayer.

b. **If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone?** Any human father loves to bless his children, and would never answer a simple request for something good with something evil. If that is case with us, **how much more** will God answer us, though sometimes it doesn't seem so!

c. **How much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!** God especially loves to give **the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him**. We never need doubt God's desire to pour out His Spirit. The problem is in our receiving, not in God's desire to give.