

Nurturing Faith...
Every Day in Every Way

July 28, 2019

Genesis 18:20-32
 Psalm 138
 Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
 Luke 11:1-13

7th Sunday After Pentecost

What are some of the best gifts that you've received from your family? Why do you think your family got you those gifts? (allow for responses) Maybe it's because you asked over and over?

In our gospel lesson this morning, Jesus tells the disciples about some of the gifts that God gives us. We are going to say a prayer together that I think you know by heart. Repeat after me. (recite Lord's prayer slowly allowing time for the children to repeat it.) Did you hear what gifts Jesus was referring to? (daily bread, forgiveness, saving, deliverance...)

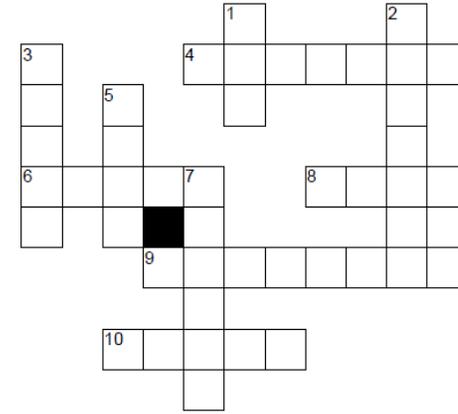
Jesus tells the disciples that God offers these gifts to us for the same reason you received the gifts that your family gave you. We received all of those gifts in the Lord's prayer because God loves us and because we asked. When we talk to God, it's called prayer.

We can talk to God whenever we want to and there are many different ways to do that. What are some ways we can pray? (allow for answers) Do we need to use big words?? No! Do we need to be seated with our hands folded? No!! Do we have to pray at a particular time of day? No!! God hears us whenever we call upon God...morning, noon, or night; when we call upon God out loud (like we do at church) or when we call to God in our hearts. God is always there and always listening and we can listen for God's response.

How about we practice praying together?

Loving God, thank you for Jesus who taught us how to pray. Help us to remember that we can always talk to you, no matter what time of day, no matter where we are, because you are always listening. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 4. A country whose ruler is a king or queen
- 6. To instruct someone on how to do something
- 8. Something bad; wicked
- 9. Holy, sacred, worthy of praise
- 10. A baked food made from flour

DOWN

- 1. To break God's laws
- 2. To remove the blame for doing wrong
- 3. The planet where we live
- 5. To speak to God with praise, confession, asking, or thanksgiving
- 7. The place where God is

KINGDOM	FORGIVE	EARTH	PRAY	BREAD
HALLOWED	EVIL	HEAVEN	SIN	TEACH

Activity: This week, think of all the ways we can pray. We can pray by saying "Thank you, God" when we see the beautiful sky. We can pray by singing. We can pray together or all alone. Make a list of those you'd like to lift up to God. Keep them in a prayer journal and then you can see how God has answered your prayers.

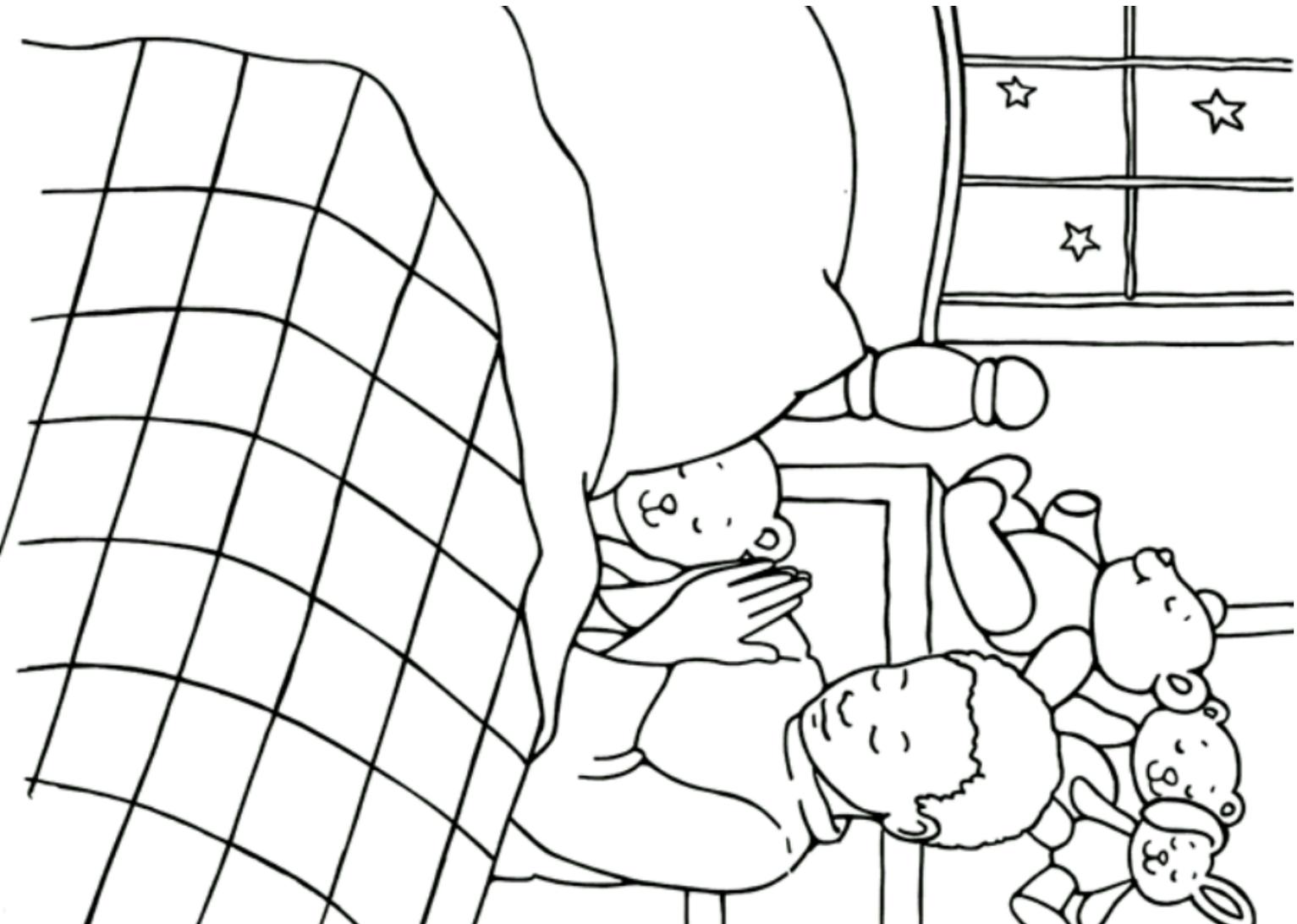
Discussion Question: Talk about a time when God has answered your prayer. Ask others the same question and discuss as a family.

Family Table Prayer for July:

Fireworks and fireflies
 Picnics and the sun
 Thank you, God for Summer days,
 And for your Children, each and every one!

July Memory Verse: Ephesians 4:32 Be kind and compassionate to one another and forgive each other just as in Christ, God has forgiven you.

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God hears my prayers

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