

Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

October 20, 2019

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8



19th Sunday After Pentecost

**** As the children come forward, begin asking each one of them for a pencil (or any item will do! Maybe something you need for worship that day!). Keep asking them over and over and over.***

Are you all annoyed by my asking? How did that feel when I kept asking you for something that I needed? (allow for answers) Sometimes we get upset or irritated when people ask us the same thing repeatedly. But when someone asks you for something, especially when you know that they really need it or it will really help them, you also want to do that thing for them or get the item that they need. It's nice to be able to help others when we can.

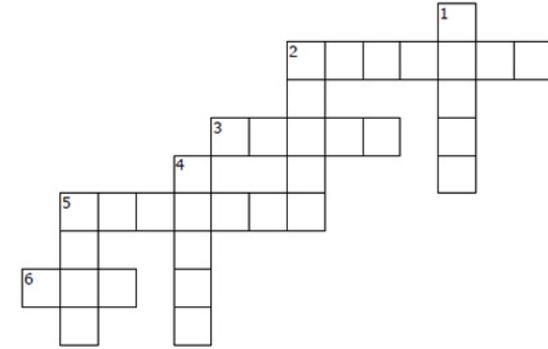
In our gospel lesson from Luke, Jesus tells a story of a woman who is all alone, no family and she needs help. A judge in Jesus' time was more than a person who worried about laws, but also could help people in all kinds of different ways. So, the woman went to the judge for help. The judge thought that it would be easier to not help her, but she kept asking him! Just like I kept asking you for a pencil! Finally, he does help her. Jesus tells the people listening to this story that if people can listen to each other and help one another, then think about how much God listens to us. God wants to have a conversation with us all the time, about everything. Even if we think that it's not important, what we saw on the way to school, or who we are angry with, or a friend who might be sad. God wants us to know that we're not annoying when we talk to God. God says, "Tell me everything! Tell me about your bad day, the new toy you saw, when you mess up; tell me when your mad at me and tell me that you love me!" God can handle anything we say. Even if like the woman, we say it over and over and over.

What do you want to tell God today? (Write it down quickly and use it for the closing prayer. Depending on the ages, offer to have each child offer a prayer.) We can tell God anything!

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Loving God, you hear us and listen to us every time we call upon you. Help us to remember that we can tell you anything and everything. Amen.

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

2. To be treated fairly
3. A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
5. A simple story illustrating a moral or religious lesson
6. The period from sunrise to sunset (light)

DOWN

1. The period between sunset and sunrise (darkness)
2. An official who hears and decides cases brought before a court of law
4. A belief that does not require proof
5. To speak to or make a request to God

justice	night	pray	widow
faith	day	judge	parable

Activity: This week, practice sharing your day with God. Tell God about what you saw on your walk, what is making you sad or happy. If you only pray at bedtime, practice praying at dinner (thanking God for your food!) or in the morning before you start your day. God wants to hear from us ALL the time!

Discussion Question: Why is it important to talk to God? God wants to be in the center of our lives. With your family, discuss some ways to put God first.

Family Table Prayer for October:

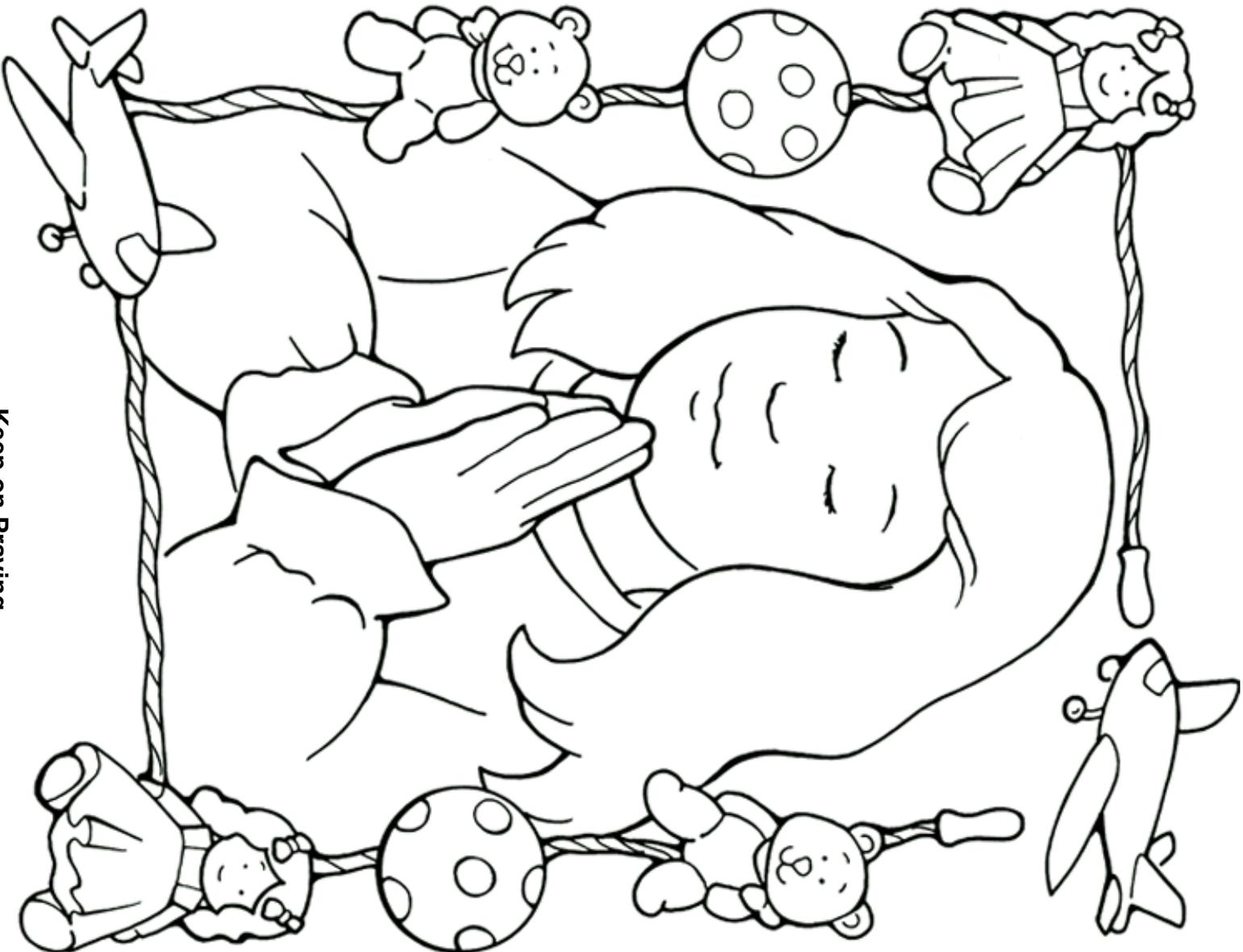
For football, pumpkins, and cooler weather

For hay rides and leaves that fall

Lord, we thank you for this family table, and for food that feeds us all. Amen.

October Memory Verse: Ephesians 2:8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God.

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Keep on Praying

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