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Written for Sunday, July 24, 2016

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – Lectionary Year C

Scripture: [Luke 11:1-13](#) [**Summary:** *The Good Samaritan.*]

Supplies Needed: No supplies needed

ASK (a.k.a. [The On-Ramp](#))

- Good morning!
- What are some of the best gifts that your parents have given you? [*Listen to the answers*]
- Those are all very good gifts.
- Why do you think your parent(s) gave those gifts to you? [*Looking for the answers of: “Because I asked/begged/pleaded forever and ever for that gift”; and, “because they care about me”*]

TELL (a.k.a. [The Freeway](#))

- I asked you about receiving gifts because in today's scripture story, Jesus tells the disciples about some gifts that God offers us.
- Jesus tells the disciples that God offers these gifts to us for the same reasons why your parents give you gifts.
- Because 1. We keep asking God for the gifts...
- ...and 2. God really loves and cares for us.
- Jesus then tells his disciples that the way to both ask God and to receive these gifts is by praying.
- So, in today's story, Jesus teaches the disciples one way to pray.

SHARE the Good News (a.k.a. [The Destination](#))

- The prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray in today's story is one version of the prayer we call, “The Lord's Prayer”

- We pray it together in worship every Sunday here at [*name of your church*].
- One of the reasons we pray this prayer every Sunday is because of Jesus' reminder that when we really want something, we should keep asking for it.
- Just like you kept asking your family for some of those great gifts that you were just telling me about, right?
- And, the things that are in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples seem like pretty good things to want.
- So let's close in prayer, praying for those things that Jesus taught his disciples in today's story.
- And then, before we end the prayer, we'll be quiet for a moment or two to practice listening for how God might respond to us.
- This is a repeat-after-me prayer...

CLOSING Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name...
Hallowed be your name...

...your kingdom come...
...your kingdom come...

Give us each our daily bread...
Give us each our daily bread...

And forgive us our sins...
And forgive us our sins...

...so we can forgive those who sin against us.
...so we can forgive those who sin against us.

[PAUSE]

Thank you and Amen