

An rfour.org Children's Time Message

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Lectionary Year C

**Scripture:** [Luke 11:1-13](#) [ **Summary:** *Jesus Teaches The Lord's Prayer* ]

**Supplies Needed:** No supplies needed.

**ASK** (a.k.a. *The On-Ramp*)

- Good morning!
- What are some of the gifts that you've received from your family that you really like and remember?  
[*Listen to the answers*]
- Those are all very good gifts!
- Why do you think your family 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 of the gifts that God offers us.
- Some of those gifts that Jesus mentions are fulfillment (aka *daily bread*), forgiveness, and God's wisdom (aka *do not bring us to the time of trial*).
- Jesus tells the disciples that God offers these gifts to us for the same reasons why your parents give you gifts. Those reasons Jesus gives are:
  - 1. Because we want these gifts and keep asking God for them.
  - 2. And, because God really loves and cares for us.
- Jesus then tells his disciples that the way to ask God for these gifts and to receive the gifts that God offers is by praying.
- Which is why, 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 using the same words that Jesus taught his disciples in today's story – which will be a little different than the Lord's prayer that we are used to hearing.
- 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.
- Let's pray. This is a repeat-after-me prayer.

## **CLOSING Prayer**

**Dear God, hallowed be your name.**

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**Your kingdom come.**

Your kingdom come.

**Give us each day our daily bread.**

Give us each day our daily bread.

**And forgive us of our sins,**

And forgive us of our sins,

**As we forgive those who sin against us.**

As we forgive those who sin against us.

**And do not bring us to the time of trial.**

And do not bring us to the time of trial.

[Pause for 10 to 15 seconds]

**Thank you and Amen**