

# Persistence in Prayer

## Theme

Sometimes we quit praying too soon!

## Object

An item that represents something that you wanted so much that you kept asking your parents again and again.

## Scripture

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. Luke 18:1 (NVI)

Once there was a little boy who wanted more than anything to play in the band at school. The boy went home from school one day and asked his parents if they would buy him an instrument and let him sign up to play in the band. Well, the boy's parents didn't say yes, and they didn't say no. They said, "We'll have to think about it. After all, a musical instrument costs a lot of money and we aren't sure you will stick with it."

A few days went by and the boy's parents still hadn't said anything, so the boy decided he should ask again. The boy's parents didn't say yes and they didn't say no. They said, "We are still thinking about it."

On his way home from school the next day, the boy decided to stop by the local music store to check out the musical instruments. When he walked in the store, the first thing that caught his eye was a beautiful, shiny trumpet. It wasn't new, but it was in very good condition and it had a really cool fake alligator skin case. It was just what he wanted.

That night at supper the boy said to his parents, "I went by the music store today after school and they have a really nice used trumpet. It is exactly what I want and it only costs \$100."

The boy's father turned to his wife and said, "I guess we had better go take a look at that trumpet or we are never going to hear the end of this." The next day, the boy went to the music store with his parents and they bought him that trumpet.

The boy joined the band -- and he did stick with it. He played in the band all through high school and when he graduated from high school, he went on to college and studied music. After graduating from college, he became a music teacher. I wonder how differently his life might have turned out if he had asked his parents for that musical instrument one time and never mentioned it again.

The Bible teaches us that just as our parents want what is best for us and will give us what we ask for, God, our heavenly Father, also hears and answers our requests. Sometimes we ask God for something one time and never mention it again. Maybe that is our impatience showing. When we ask for something, we want God to say "yes," and we want Him to say it right now! Jesus said that we should always pray and not give up. Perhaps God just wants us to show that we are really serious about what we are asking of Him. Does this mean that if we keep asking for something over and over again that God will always give it to us? No, but He loves us and wants what is best for us, and He will answer, "yes" if He can.

Dear Father, teach us to pray -- and teach us to be patient and persistent in prayer. If we desire good things, remind us that we need to pray and pray again. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

## Sermon Title: "Persistence in Prayer"

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:11-9

### HIDE AND SEEK:

(Don't give up).... Children will take turns in trying to find someone in a designated area who the teacher has given a mini candy bar or any small item. If the child finds someone hiding but they do NOT have the item, they will continue to seek someone else until they find the children with the hidden item. Then the teacher will walk around and pretend to give another small candy or item to children and then to actually give the item to a child and the game will continue with someone else being the "seeker". Make sure that all the children get to be a "seeker" to FIND a child with the candy, but tell children to NOT GIVE UP until they find it.

### TUG OF WAR (Don't give up):

Divide the children into two teams and play tug of war. After one team has been pulled across the center line, have the first or last child on each team, move to the other team and continue to play. Change one child on each team after each LINE PULL until the team is completely switched to the other side. Tell children to NOT GIVE UP and pull as hard as they can no matter who is on their team -- to be PERSISTENT!!!

### PRAYER PATH GAME:

Make a path of different colors of construction paper squares. Then pass out one colored piece of paper to each child and have them stand on the path square that matches the color paper that they have been given by the teacher. The teacher will then begin to draw colored paper or an M&M out of a basket and call out that color. The child will come to the middle and name something to pray about that coincides with the color of square that the teacher called out: RED will be prayers for people (a certain name if known) who need to know that Jesus died on the cross and washed their sins away with His RED blood; DARK GREY will be for people who need to repent of their DIRTY sins; GREEN will be for someone to GROW in Jesus Christ; YELLOW will be for a certain person or group of friends or people to know more about HEAVEN; ORANGE could be for people to NOT FEAR struggles or problems because Jesus is near; PURPLE could be for people to obey GOD and to know that HE is royalty and we as Christians are His royal priesthood; BLUE can be for people to be baptized and obey God's desire for us to identify with Christ that way, etc. Then have a PRAYER PATH SCRAMBLE and everyone will change colors and continue to play.

### PRAYER WALK:

The teacher can place signs on the wall in a designated area. The pictures can be of a HOME, a FIREHOUSE, a SCHOOL, a CHURCH, an APARTMENT COMPLEX, etc. Children will walk from picture to picture and say a short prayer, (either silently or together as a class), for the people who live or work in each place!

### VIRTUAL PRAYER GAME:

Tell children to think of someone to pray for. When it is their turn, they will explain something about that person or place and the other children will try to guess where or what that prayer idea is located or what the prayer is for that person. (EX: I'm thinking of someone in my school, someone who walks in the halls, someone who watches us on the playground, or teaches my class; or I'm thinking of someone at the grocery store, etc.)

### PRAYING HANDS:

Give children supplies to trace their own hands on a piece of construction paper and cut out and tape or glue to another piece of paper. Write today's Bible verse on the hand or the paper, or write DON'T GIVE UP - KEEP ON PRAYING!

### PRAYER CUP:

Each child can be given a styrofoam cup and little pieces of colored construction paper. Children can write on the short slips of paper - words as as PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER, DON'T GIVE UP; PRAYER, FRIENDS, FAMILY, SCHOOL TEACHERS, POOR CHILDREN, SICK PEOPLE, etc and glue around the cup. Then children can take their cup home and have empty slips of paper inside the cup and during the week, they can write on a slip of paper as prayer needs come up or as names of people come to their mind to pray for. Encourage children to LOOK for things to pray for and to have all of their slips of paper written on by next class time.

### PRAYER JOURNAL:

Give children squares of construction paper to staple or tie with yarn together. Each page can be a picture drawn or some words of ideas for children to pray for --- a person, their home, school, friends, Dr, grand parents, teachers, etc. The cover page of their prayer journal can be titled -- DON'T GIVE UP -- KEEP PRAYING. Encourage children to take their prayer journals home and to

write specific names on each page to prayer for. IF they see an answer to their prayers, they should place a happy face or a sticker on that page.

### PRAYER BEAR:

Children can be given 2 copies of a bear to tape or yarn tie (in punched holes) around the edges. Stuff the bear from the top with tissues and tape or staple shut. Children can draw and write ideas about Prayer from our lesson today as well as adding stickers, etc. Hang the bears from the top with a hole punched and yarn for hanging.

### PRAYER TREE:

Give children supplies to cut out a tree trunk and tape or glue cut out leaves (or trace leaves on the tree) and place on another piece of construction paper. Let children use a pen, pencil or fine point markers to write prayer ideas on each leaf. On the trunk of the tree, children can write KEEP PRAYING - DON'T GIVE UP!

### PRAYER-O-METER:

Children can draw a long Meter on their own piece of paper or a very LONG meter on the classroom wall on a poster board. Title the meter, PRAYER-O-METER. Add lines to the meter for every prayer and begin to fill in the lines as children say who they have prayed for or for the number of children who pray during class time in a prayer circle. Each week, the lines can be colored in as the children share who they have been praying for. This will encourage the children to pray for others and to see how many weeks it will take to have their PRAYER-O-METER reach the top!

### POPCORN PRAYERS:

Children can sit in a circle. When the teacher says to START POPPING, the children will jump (pop) up one at a time and shout out something to PRAY about. That child will sit down and then another child or teacher can POP up and continue to name prayers until all the children have had an opportunity to POP up with a PRAYER. Continue as time allows and then serve POPCORN to the children in the circle to remember their POPCORN PRAYING!

### SING A SONG:

WHISPER A PRAYER; MY GOD IS SO BIG

### SHARE A SNACK:

CANDY PRAYERS can be part of today's snack - using M&M's and the colors to stand for various types of prayers as listed above in the PRAYER PATH GAME. Children will enjoy being given a small ziplock bag for some popcorn and M&M's to take home as well.

Song: "Never Give Up" by Cindy Jordan

Words and Music

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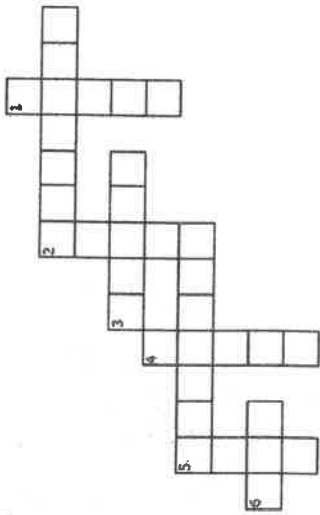
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Words and Music

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# Crossword Puzzle



## ACROSS

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

## DOWN

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

justice	night	pray	widow
faith	day	judge	parable



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# Children's Worship Bulletin

## Persistence in Prayer

Luke 18:1-8

## Word Search Puzzle

M U J D I A V U N J U S T Q R  
 Q H R R O P E C D W V A W W G  
 L O P C R F A S H Q J O C B S  
 L Y B E Z E U R X O D U Y W F  
 Y D A Y R S F B A I S A D R U  
 M B E Z E S G U W B R E A G X  
 H D W J V I X S P L E N T E  
 Q A I B S X I S I E F E C I W  
 Q P D S B H R K T O D Q K Z Y  
 L M O H C O M F E O N S A V  
 I U W V A I T W F X N Y V M F  
 S A Q B W H P H J U S T I C E  
 T C M M G V O L E H W L U W Q  
 E Y D I G M S A E R F V I F  
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SHOW  
WIDOW  
JUSTICE

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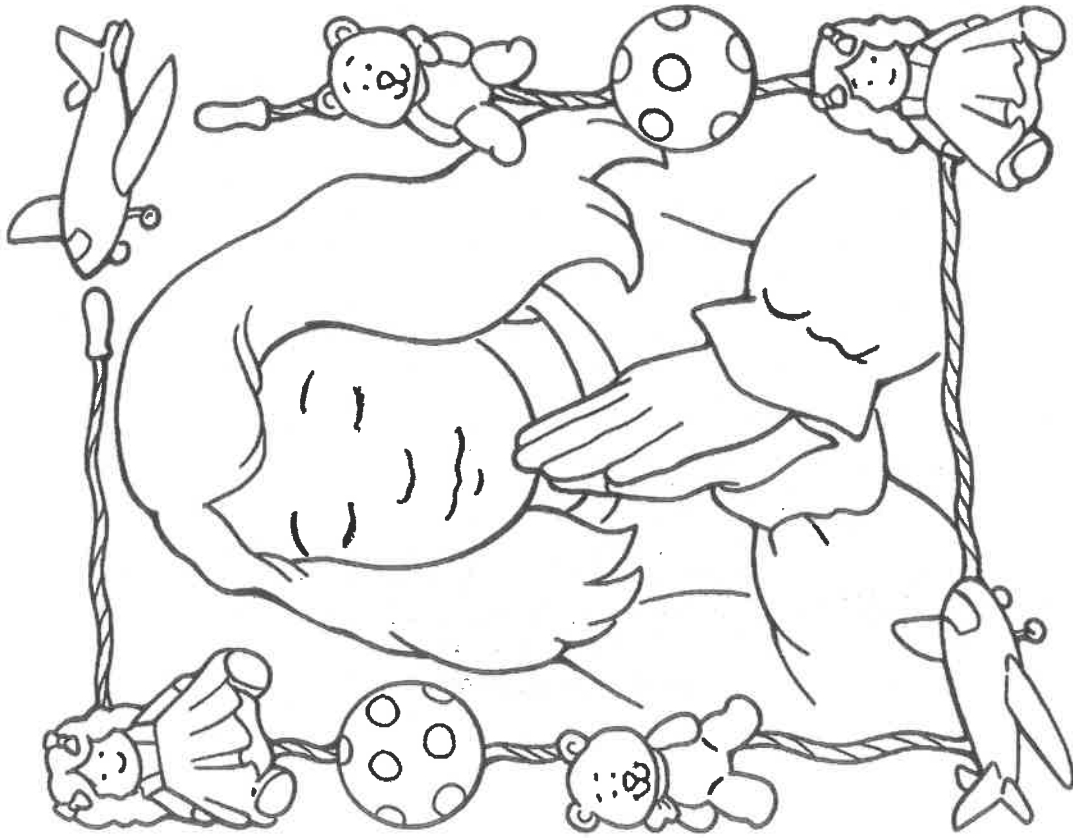
JESUS  
REFUSED  
NIGHT  
TOWN

CHOSEN  
DISCIPLES  
PARABLE  
BOTHER

DAY  
JUDGE  
PERSISTENT  
PRAY

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# Coloring Page



Keep on Praying

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# Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
M	S	D	Y	U	L	N	R	A	F	K	V	E	B	J	C	G	X	H	W	P	Z	O	T	Q	I

1. 21-9-8-9-14-6-13

2. 6-26-2-24-13-7

3. 5-7-15-5-2-24

4. 15-5-2-24-26-16-13

5. 8-13-10-5-2-13-3

6. 13-9-8-24-19

7. 20-26-3-23-20

8. 10-9-26-24-19

JUSTICE	PARABLE	FAITH	REFUSED
EARTH	WIDOW	UNJUST	LISTEN





Keep on praying and never give up.

Luke 18:1-8

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