

SOUTHVILLE WARRIORS

YOU AGAIN? ASKING FOR BREAD AT MIDNIGHT

05.07.20 Session Aim:

To help the children to understand that if they have a need they can go to God and ask for help and keep on asking; to keep praying and don't give up.

Bible Verses to CHECK OUT!

Luke 11:3-8; Luke 18:1-8

WARM UP:

Discuss with the children how they feel if they are continually asked to do something? How do you think the person who is asking feels like? Or how do the children feel if they continually have to ask in order to get what they want? Does it always work – do they end up getting what they want?

Can you think of a time when you have continually asked a friend or grown up for something that you want?

- **WHAT'S THE POINT?** To think about how we feel asking for things or being asked about things continually?

VIDEO STORY:

Check out the YouTube video - A Friend at Midnight

Watch the clip below about the persistent neighbour who asks his friend for bread in the middle of the night

Once you have watched the clip read Luke 11: 5-8 and discuss the following questions.

- What do you think about the question the boy asked, "What's the point of prayer when God knows already what we want?"
- What sort of things do you ask God for?
- Do you pray the same prayer and ask for the same thing or do you usually just ask the once?
- What do you think to the old man's reply, "As long as you want it enough to keep asking"
- Have you ever wanted something so much that you have asked and asked or maybe you are still asking now?

- **WHAT'S THE POINT?** To persist in prayer

ACTIVITY GAME:

- **YOU WILL NEED:** *Potatoes and spoons*

If possible, you could do this as a family activity and race against each other. Create a course just as an egg and spoon race. Each person must hold the handle of the spoon with one hand and put the other hand behind their back.

If you wish, put obstacles in the way to make it harder. If they drop the potato, they should pick it up and keep going.

- **WHAT'S THE POINT? :** To keep going and not give up!

ACTIVITY CRAFT:

- **YOU WILL NEED:** Print out picture of the door (on attached pdf), glue, pencil crayons, paper, scissors

Print out a copy of the door for each child. Cut around 3 edges of the door - top, bottom and one side (side with the handle on) inside the surround so that you can open the door. Stick onto a piece of A4 and then draw pictures of people or items of prayer in the doorway. Close the door on top of the pictures.

- **WHAT'S THE POINT? :** This can be a visual reminder of things to continually pray about.

PRAYER:

- Think about times when you ask for things and be aware of how many times you ask for them. Do you always expect to get what you want?
- Reflect upon what has been discussed today and think about how God is our Heavenly Father who wants us to ask for things maybe not just once but many times. Do we want something so much that we are prepared to keep asking God for it.
- Think about the needs of someone you know, a relative or a friend and try and remember to pray for them regularly.

- **WHAT'S THE POINT?** To reflect on what they have learnt today.

SONG:

- Check out the YouTube song - MOTIONS (The Lord's Prayer) Saddleback Kids