

## Asking and Receiving Parable Lesson

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Bible Reference: Luke 11:5-13

Lesson Objective: The children will learn that Jesus wants to bless them, if only they would ask.

Target Age: 1st grade - 5th grade

Items Needed:

Puzzle (can be any easy puzzle or even a cut up picture)

Welcome Activity:

Play Mother May I with the children. Have the children line up and allow them to ask to take a certain number of steps. The leader can answer either "Yes" or "No".

Bible Lesson Introduction:

"What did you have to do during the game we just played?"

"What did it feel like when the leader said, "No" to your question?"

"What did it feel like when the leader said, "Yes" to your question?"

Bible Lesson:

Read through Luke 11:5-13 in your Bible, explaining as you read to make sure the children are understanding.

You could use the Asking and Receiving: A Parable told by Jesus Skit to have the children involved in the telling of the story.

Jesus is speaking about asking and receiving. The first portion of the parable talks about a man needing materials from his friend. He asked, but the friend refused. But, he was persistent in his asking, and so, in order to get the man to stop, the friend complied.

The last portion of the parable relates the same concept to fathers and then finally to the Holy Spirit. Do fathers want to bring harm to their children? No.

Bible Lesson Understanding:

Just as fathers want to give their children the best, God wants to give His children, us, the best.

Bible Lesson Activity: Partner Puzzle

Put children in groups of 2. Give each pair a puzzle to put together. The trick is: one partner is blindfolded. The blindfolded partner is to put the puzzle together while the other partner holds the pieces and gives instructions. Another thing: the blindfolded person has to ask for another piece of the puzzle. For example, "May I please have another piece of the puzzle?" The other partner can only give them a piece if they've asked. They can only give help with where to put the piece if they're asked.

Bible Verse:

Luke 11:13 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

Bible Verse Activity: Hand Motions

"If you then" - point to someone else

"being evil" - frown

"know how to give good gifts" - hold out hands as if giving a gift

"to your children" - put your hand low as if patting a child on the head

"how much more" - shrug your shoulders

"will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit" - point to the ceiling

"to those who ask Him?" - praying hands

"Luke 11" - put one finger on each hand

"13" - put one finger on left hand and 3 fingers on right hand

Evaluation:

During the lesson activity, what was it like to be the person who had to ask for everything? It's hard to ask for help because we think that we can do it ourselves.. That's like us humans.

What was it like to be the person who had to wait to be asked in order to help? It was probably frustrating thinking, "Why don't they just ask?" That's like God.

God wants to be there for us and wants to help us. We only need to ask.



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Then He said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and says to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and from inside he answers and says, 'Do not bother me, the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed, I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For

everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened. Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish, he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy

Spirit to those who ask Him?"

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them, "Sup-pose  
one of you has a  
friend, and goes to  
him at mid-night  
and says to him,  
'Friend, lend me  
three loaves;

<sup>2</sup>For a friend of mine  
has come to me  
from a jour-ney,  
and I have noth-ing  
to set be-fore him;

and from in-side he<sup>3</sup>  
an-swers and says,  
'Do not both-er me;  
the door has  
al-read-y been shut  
and my child-ren  
and I are in bed; I  
can-not get up and  
give you an-y-thing.'

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I tell you, e-ven  
though he will not  
get up and give him  
an-y--thing be-cause  
he is his friend, yet  
be-cause of his  
per-sis-tence he will  
get up and give him  
as much as he  
needs.

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So I say to you,  
ask, and it will be  
giv-en to you; seek,  
and you will find;  
knock, and it will be  
o-pen-ed to you.

6 For ev-er-y-one  
who asks, re-ceive;  
and he who seeks,  
finds; and to him  
who knocks, it will be  
o-pened. Now

sup-pose one of you  
fa-thers is asked by  
his son for a fish; he  
will not give him a  
snake in-stead of a  
fish, will he?

If you then, be-ing  
e-vil, know how to  
give good gifts to  
your child-ren, how  
much more will your  
hea-ven-ly Fa-ther  
give the Ho-ly  
Spir-it to those  
who ask Him?"

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This skit was written directly from Luke 11:5-13. This is a two-part story. The first part, Jesus is telling about a friend asking for some help late at night. The second part is about what a father gives at his son's request. Jesus relates both of these to asking of the Holy Spirit.

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Characters:	Props (toys or pictures):
Jesus	fish
Crowd	snake
Friend #1	egg
Friend #2	scorpion
Father	
Son	

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Jesus (to crowd): Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight.

Friend #1 (through a door): Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him.

Friend #2: Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.

Jesus: I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

Jesus: So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

(act out as Jesus speaks)

(enter father and son) (father holds up fish and snake)

Jesus: Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he?

(father holds up egg and scorpion)

Jesus: Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he?



(exit Father and Son)

Jesus: If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?