

# Praying for God's Good Gifts

## CiP Family Call – May 25, 2024

	<b>WELCOME</b> Let's Get Together		<b>Notes:</b>
	<b>PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP</b> Let's Sing and Dance	 I Will Ask God.mp3	
	<b>INTRODUCTORY QUESTION</b> Let's Talk	What is something you have asked others to give you or do for you?	
	<b>BIBLICAL STORY</b> Let's Listen to God's Word	<b>STORY:</b> 1 Kings 3:3-15 and 4:29-34 <b>KEY VERSE:</b> Matthew 7:11b	<i>Sample script</i> 
	<b>LISTENING PRAYER</b> Let's Talk with God	What is God telling you about: Himself, yourself, others, and what to do?	What gift could you ask God for?
	<b>JOURNALING</b> Let's Write and Draw	 Ruth Fazal Listening Track.mp3	
	<b>SHARING</b> Let's Listen to Each Other		
	<b>PRAYING</b> Let's Pray for Each Other		
	<b>WRAP UP</b>		<i>Sample script</i> 
	<b>LISTENING TO GOD ALL WEEK LONG</b>		
	<b>PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP</b> Let's Sing and Dance Again	 I Will Ask God.mp3	
	<b>DISMISSAL &amp; BLESSING</b>	I bless you to ask for and receive God's good gifts.	



## BIBLICAL STORY – Let’s Listen to God’s Word

This lesson is about learning to pray according to God’s will and asking for the good gifts that God wants to give us.

**BIBLICAL STORY: 1 Kings 3:3-15 and 4:29-34**

**KEY VERSE: Luke 11:13b**

**“...how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”**

*Last time we met, we learned that God does not want us to cherish (hold on to) sin. He wants us to confess it and turn away from it. Confessing our sins is a good way to begin our prayer time with God. Today we are going to begin with this question... (ask the Introductory Question and incorporate your family or group’s answers into the story – for example,) Sarah shared that she asked to borrow a piece of paper from her friend, and her friend gave it to her. Tom said that he asked his Dad to take him to a ball game, and his dad did.*

*We are not the only ones to ask for things. In our story today, we will read in 1 Kings 3-4 about when Solomon asked for something, and God thought it was the best request ever...*

**Notes on 1 Kings 3:3-15 and 4:29-34:**

- In a dream, the Lord said to Solomon, “Ask for whatever you want Me to give you.”
- Solomon asked for a discerning heart to govern the people and distinguish between right and wrong.
- The Lord was pleased with Solomon’s request and said He would give him not only wisdom, but wealth and honor. Then Solomon woke up and realized it was a dream.
- The Lord gave Solomon wisdom and understanding. People from all nations came to listen to his wisdom.
- **Matthew 7:11b** says that God loves to give good gifts to those who ask Him. Just as Solomon asked God for wisdom, we can ask God for the Holy Spirit (**Luke 11:13**) and gifts that come through the Spirit, such as wisdom (**James 1:5**), strength (**Eph. 6:10-11**), joy (**Ps. 16:11, Phil.4:4**), knowledge of God (**Ps. 84:2, Phil. 1:9-10**), forgiveness (**Mt. 6:12**), love for God and neighbors (**Mt. 22:37-39, Rom. 5:5**), and to be like Jesus (**Rom. 8:29**).

**OPTIONAL:** Write the various gifts on index cards or small notes and place them all in a gift basket or gift bag. Each participant selects a gift, sharing what they know about it and when they might need it. They could also act it out and have the others guess what the gift is.



## WRAP UP

*King Solomon asked for wisdom, and God made him the wisest man on earth. Just as God gave Solomon wisdom when he asked for it, God also desires to give us good gifts when we ask for them. As Jesus said in **Luke 11:13**, “...how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*

Continue to summarize how God has spoken during the meeting by highlighting a couple of journal pages.

## **“I Will Ask God” Lyrics:**

### VERSE 1

When I need wisdom  
I will ask God who gives me good gifts  
(Repeat)

### CHORUS

If we know how to give good gifts,  
How much more will the Father give us  
All we need for life and godliness

### VERSE 2

When I need peace  
I will ask God who gives me good gifts  
(Repeat)

### VERSE 3

When I need joy  
I will ask God who gives me good gifts  
(Repeat)

### VERSE 4

When I need strength  
I will ask God who gives me good gifts  
(Repeat)

### VERSE 5

When I need the Holy Spirit,  
I will ask God who gives me good gifts  
(Repeat)

### ENDING

When I have wisdom,  
I will praise God who gives me good gifts  
When I have peace,  
I will praise God who gives me good gifts  
When I have joy,  
I will praise God who gives me good gifts  
When I have strength,  
I will praise God who gives me good gifts  
Because I have the Holy Spirit,  
I will praise God who gives me good gifts

## **Additional Scriptures:**

- **Matthew 6:11** – “Give us today our daily bread.”
- Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon (**2 Chronicles 9:1-12**)
- Two Prostitutes (**1 Kings 3:16-28**)
- Ask, Seek, Knock... “give the Holy Spirit.” (**Luke 11:5-13**)

## **Game Idea:**

Act out a birthday party with the group.

- Using poster paper, make a poster with the title “God’s Gifts.”
- Write God’s gifts such as forgiveness, patience, hope, joy, peace, etc. on individual sheets of note paper with the Bible verse for them.
- Wrap the papers in boxes.
- Give each participant one of the gift boxes.
- Select a participant to have a birthday. You may choose someone whose birthday is in the current month.
- The birthday person opens the gifts and puts the gift description paper on the poster that says, “God’s Gifts.”

Transition into the Biblical Story...