

Title: The Story of the Late-Night Traveler

Theme: God wants to help you

Objects: Flannelgraph scene of sermon on the mount, a house (maybe 2), three people.

Scripture: Luke 11:5-13

Welcome back:

Bible:

Luke 11:5-13

Intro:

- Have you ever had someone over to your house before?
- Mom....favorite snack is a nacho dip...

Well, in our story today, Jesus is going to tell a story about someone who is preparing for a friend who came to visit them. Let's put on our listening ears and button/zip our lips so that way we can hear what this friend did!

Story:

1. Set scene – Jesus (Son of God and the Savior of the World) on a hillside telling stories to teach the people about what it means to follow God. He began to tell a story that taught the people that God always wants to help you, and this is how it went.
 - a. The friend the traveler visits
 - i. Looked inside fridge/cabinets...no food...
 - b. Goes to friend's house to ask.
 - c. "Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children are with me in bed. I can't get up and give you anything."
 - d. Persistence.
 - e. Okay, I will give you the three loaves of bread, but not because we are friends, but because you kept asking!
2. Jesus told the people to keep asking God for help, keep looking for Him, and keep trying to go where God is leading you for whoever asks will get; whoever looks finds; and whoever knocks, the door will be opened because God wants to help you.
3. Jesus then turns to the parents in the crowd. He says to them, "if your child asks for a fish, will you give them a snake instead?" What do you think? No!! Of course not!! Jesus then went on to ask "if your child asks for an egg, will you give them a scorpion?" Hmmm, has your parent ever given you a scorpion instead of eggs for breakfast?! No, that'd be silly! Jesus then ended his story by saying, "if you then, though you are not good, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven (that's God!) give the Holy Spirit, God's helper, to those who ask Him!"

Closing:

Boys and girls, God always wants to help you! And, our God is so big that He can help you with anything that you might need! From big things to little things, like helping you say sorry to someone, to helping you stop being mean, to finding your favorite toy that you've lost! We can talk to God about anything, and, like we learned from our story today, it's okay to keep asking for God's help because God wants to help us grow closer to Him!

Questions:

1. What is one thing that you can ask for God's help?
2. Can you only ask God one time for His help?
3. How do we ask for God's help?

Activity:

Remember in our story when Jesus told us that whoever knocks, the door will be opened because God wants to help you? Well, I want you help telling these knock knock jokes! Have you ever heard a knock knock joke before? If not, here's how it goes! I'll say knock knock, then you say Who's there. Then I'll say something, and you'll say something who, and then I'll finish the joke! Let's try one out!

1. (Point to yourself) **Knock, knock.** (Point to them) Who's there? (Point to yourself) Cows go. (Point to them) Cows go who? (Point to yourself) No silly, cows go MOO!
2. **Knock, knock.** Who's there? Canoe. Canoe who? Canoe come out and play with me?
3. **Knock, knock.** Who's there? Alpaca. Alpaca who? Alpaca the suitcase, you load the car!
4. **Knock, knock.** Who's there? You. You who? Yoo-hoo! Anybody home?

LOL, those were so funny! Thanks for helping me say my knock knock jokes! Now, my friends, don't forget that all we have to do is knock on God's door by praying to Him and He will help us! He can even help us when we are playing and doing crafts! Speaking of crafts, let's go see what we can create to help us remember our story!

Craft:

Memory Verse: