

Kids Church

July 26, 2026

2nd-3rd Grades



Theme This Week- “Never give up, never surrender!”

Prayer Time- Wow, God, thanks for the reminder that You just love it when we pray. That we can keep asking over and over again for the same thing and it does not bother You. Help us to grow our faith in how we talk to You. Help us to hear Your response when You share. And help us to trust that Your answer is the best answer.

Challenge- Impossible Shot

Special Story- Riding a dirt bike.

Memory Verse – “God’s kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit.”
Romans 14:17

Songs- Free, Goodness of God, Jesus Loves Me

Devotion- The Persistent Widow
Luke 18:1-8

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Small Group Time

Judge Statue

What You Need:

- ☐ Bible
- ☐ Chair

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Open your Bible to Luke 18:1-8, and show the kids where the Bible Story is.
- Review the Bible Story with the kids. Share the following points:
 - Jesus wanted to tell a story about how we should pray and never give up.
 - In His story, Jesus told about a widow who came over and over to an unfair judge and asked him to help her.
 - The judge didn't care about God or what other people thought, but he finally helped the widow because she came to him over and over for help.
 - Jesus told the story to teach us about God. Since an unfair, uncaring judge finally made things right, we can be absolutely sure that God, who loves us deeply, will help us when we ask.
- Ask for a volunteer to be the "Judge." Have them sit in the chair and make a very grumpy face. Explain that their job is to stay as still and as grumpy as a statue.
- Tell the rest of the kids they will be the "Widow."
- Have the "Widows" take turns walking up to the grumpy Judge and saying, "Please help me!"
- The first few times, the Judge should not move at all.
- Encourage the kids to keep going back. Say: "Don't give up! Go again!"
- Finally, after many kids have asked, tell the Judge to give a big sigh and finally nod their head "Yes."
- Celebrate that the persistence of the "Widows" worked. Switch roles, and play again if time allows.

What You Say:

"You were great at not giving up! The widow in our Bible Story kept asking and asking, and the grumpy judge finally helped her. Jesus told this story to teach us about prayer. Is God like the grumpy judge? (*No!*) No! God is a loving Father! He loves it when we

talk to Him. That's one of the ways we stay close to Him—we talk to Him about everything!

“God wants us to talk to Him and talk to Him and talk to Him about what we want and need. And He promises that He will do great kingdom things when we do! **[Bottom Line]** God's kingdom grows when you pray and don't give up.”

Take Time to Pray with your Kiddos!

Memory Verse Tower

What You Need:

- ☐ Bibles
- ☐ Plastic cups
- ☐ Ping-pong ball

What You Do:

During the Activity:

- Give every kid a Bible, and direct them to look up Romans 14:17.
- Demonstrate how to look up the Memory Verse
- Repeat the Memory Verse out loud together several times.
- Review any words that might be unfamiliar to the kids.
- Invite the kids to set their Bibles aside.
- Give the kids a stack of plastic cups.
- Challenge them to work together to build a tall tower or castle.
- Once their tower is built, give them a ping-pong ball.
- Say: “Your challenge is to balance this ping-pong ball on the very top cup of your tower! Then, carefully move the cup with the ping-pong ball down to collect all the cups without the cups falling or the ping-pong ball falling off.”
- This will take steady hands and patience. If the ping-pong ball or cups fall, encourage them to restack the cups and try again. Say: “Don't give up!”
- While they work, repeat the Memory Verse: *“God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17 NIV).*

What You Say:

“You did it! It wasn’t easy, but you didn’t give up. It’s like that when we pray. Sometimes we have to keep asking and keep trusting God. When we do, God gives us peace and joy, just like our Memory Verse says. He will grow the good things of His kingdom in our hearts as we stay close to Him. **[Bottom Line] God’s kingdom grows when you pray and don’t give up.**”

Discussion Questions

1. What is a widow? It is a woman who’s husband has passed away.
2. Why do you think Jesus told a story about a widow?
3. Why did the widow go to the judge? Someone was treating her badly.
4. Why did she think a judge could help her? That was his job.
5. Did the judge care about her problem? Not at all.
6. Did the judge want to help her? Nope
7. Why do you think the judge didn’t care?
8. What did the widow do when the judge shooed her away? She came back and asked for help again.
9. Did the judge change his mind? Not at first.
10. Why did the judge choose to help her? He was tired of her bothering him. She was persistent.
11. Do you think the judge finally started to care about her? Nope.
12. Do you think God is like the judge? Not at all.
13. Does God want us to keep asking Him for help even like a hundred times?

Does God love it when we pray even if it is the same prayer?