

## LESSON 5 SNAPSHOT

**BOTTOM LINE:**

We aren't annoying to God when we continually pray.

**OBJECTIVE:**

Kids will learn "God is pleased when I never give up praying!"

**KEY PASSAGE:**

Luke 18:1-8, Persistence in our Faith

**MEMORY VERSE:**

"My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:2-3

**SUMMARY:**

A persistent widow pesters an evil judge until he gives in to her request. He doesn't give in because he wants to do the right thing, but rather so that she will go away and leave him alone. Jesus says that this is how we should pray! God has the power to grant our request. If we really believe in God's power and authority, we will pray with consistency and passion.

**SIMPLE PRAYER:**

Dear God,

Help us never to give up on praying, because, unlike the judge in the story, you care and love to grant our requests.

In Jesus' name,  
Amen

## MEMORY VERSE

“My goal is that their hearts may be encouraged and strengthened. I want them to be joined together in love. Then their understanding will be rich and complete. They will know the mystery of God. That mystery is Christ. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in him.” Colossians 2:2-3 (NIRV)

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“I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God’s mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Colossians 2:2-3 (NLT)

“That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Colossians 2:2-3 (KJV)

### **LARGE GROUP:**

Put the verse on the big screen. Read it to the kids. Highlight the word “understanding” or “confidence” depending on the translation. Say, “We can have a confident understanding of God’s character. God’s word is full of it! It tells us that He is love, patient, perfect, good, powerful, and more. There is nothing impossible for God and He loves us so much!” Ask all the kids to close their eyes, bow their heads, and pray in their heads. Encourage them to thank God for the amazing things He has done and to ask Him for what they need. Say, “When we pray and ask God for things, we can be persistent and keep asking because there is a confidence and understanding that we have from reading God’s word. WE KNOW THAT HE IS GOOD AND THAT HE CAN DO ALL THINGS! So, keep praying!”

### **SMALL GROUP:**

Read the verse to the group. Say, “One way to join together in love and to be encouraged is to pray for one another.” Go around in a circle and have each kid share a prayer request. This could be about them, a family member, etc. Then pray for all the prayer requests.

## SKIT

### Okay, That's Funny!

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Two walking sticks

Two water bottles

#### CHARACTERS:

Scott

Bill

#### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

Wilderness expert – Scott

Wilderness expert – Bill

Begin with Scott and Bill standing center stage each holding onto a walking stick.

SCOTT: Welcome campers! I'm Scott.

BILL: And I'm Bill. And we are so glad you came back to another session of our wilderness class.

SCOTT: Today is the big hike.

BILL: The hike of a lifetime.

SCOTT: We will be hiking up a mountain.

BILL: And as we do, we will be teaching you lessons along the way.

SCOTT: But before we go, don't forget your walking stick.

BILL: Yes, these sticks are helpful if you're climbing a steep mountain. You can lean on your stick as you go up.

SCOTT: And they are even helpful for going down. You can brace yourself from falling.

BILL: You don't have to take a walking stick, but it's helpful.

SCOTT: One thing you definitely want are hiking shoes. They help your feet grip into the earth.

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BILL: And the last thing you are going to want to do is hike barefoot or with slippery shoes without traction.

SCOTT: Barefoot! Now that's funny!

BILL: I'm not kidding. I saw a guy try it the other day. The problem with bare feet is you can cut your foot on a stick or rock and then it will be difficult to hike with an injury.

SCOTT: That is for sure. Now let's get started. Everyone stand up and start walking in place.

BILL: Yes, come along with us.

(Scott and Bill walk in place and use their walking sticks moving them forward and backward to look like they are hiking.)

SCOTT: This is starting to get steep!

BILL: I'm beginning to sweat!

SCOTT: Oh, we forgot to mention, always take water with you on a hike.

BILL: Yes, water!

SCOTT: Now as we climb higher and higher, we can't quit. It's okay to take a rest though.

BILL: Yes, let's rest.

(Bill and Scott stop walking and take a few sips of water.)

SCOTT: Alright, away we go again.

BILL: Yep!

(Bill and Scott start walking in place again and take higher steps like they are really climbing high.)

SCOTT: It may get tiring.

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BILL: It may get long.

SCOTT: But don't quit.

BILL: Because when you reach the top, it will all be worth it!

(Bill and Scott stop and point out like they are taking in the amazing view.)

SCOTT: We made it!

BILL: Great job everyone! It was worth the effort. Look at this amazing view.

SCOTT: The thing about climbing a mountain is it's hard work but it's worth it when you get to the top. I hope you all come to our class again next week. It is going to be booming with thunder and lightning!

BILL: Yikes. Sounds like a blast! See you all then! End Scene.

## OBJECT LESSON

### ITEMS NEEDED:

Jigsaw Puzzle Box

Raise your hand if you like puzzles. They are very satisfying when you finish one, but OH they can be a lot of work. Ever tried a 1,000-piece puzzle, or one with even more? They can take a long time. But with each piece that you place into the puzzle, you are one step closer to finishing. When you start a puzzle, you know that if you keep working at it, you will eventually finish it.

Just like climbing a mountain takes a lot of work and completing a puzzle takes a lot of work, so can prayer. What do I mean by this? Well, we all know that praying is how we talk and listen to God. We take time out of our day to have a relationship with Him. Prayer is a wonderful thing and it connects us to God. But what about a prayer request? It's one thing to talk to God and thank Him for His blessings. But what about asking questions and making requests of God? How much effort does this take?

Much like this puzzle, prayer takes persistence. When we have an important request, we should take time every day to ask for it. It also takes priority. This means that we are making sure we are taking time to pray. It takes faith. We need to trust that God has a plan and that He knows what the best timing is. As we pray, it can take a long time to receive what we are asking for, but we shouldn't give up. And prayer takes a softened heart. This means that sometimes what we are asking for is not good for us, and God will realign our desires with His. Overtime we may stop praying for something because we realize that God has a better plan for us. Sometimes we will see that our prayer request is in line with God's word and will continue to pray for it every day. No matter what, don't give up praying. Because when God does answer a prayer it is worth all of the effort!

## LARGE GROUP GAME

### **Annoy Your Way to Victory!**

#### **ITEMS NEEDED:**

Large stretchy rubber bands, cardboard box lids, erasers, and small plastic containers with lids.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Split kids into two large groups. Give each kid a piece of cardboard and a stretchy rubber band. Tell them that they need to work as a group to create as much noise as possible with these three items. They can't use their voices or make any noises with their mouths. It can only be made with the items you've given them as well as their hands and feet.

Once the challenge has begun, give kids time to think about how their team can create the most noise. Then when you say to go, judge which side of the room's team is creating the loudest noise. Play a couple of rounds. Next, collect the items and change them up by giving everyone new items, an eraser, and a small container with a lid.

#### **VARIATIONS:**

To make this even more challenging, add a twist that kids can't even talk to one another but they have to use gestures to share their ideas.

#### **WHAT'S THE POINT?**

The only way to claim victory in this game is to be the most annoyingly loud! Okay, that's funny! Sometimes when we are persistent it comes off as annoying. But God is never annoyed with our persistent prayers.

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### **KEY PASSAGE:**

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### **INTRO:**

Being loud can be annoying. The game today is all about annoying our way to victory by being the loudest! Okay, that's funny! We don't usually get rewarded for being the most annoying, do we? But today we are going to read another funny thing that Jesus said. It is a funny story about the most annoying woman ever. And wouldn't you know it, she was rewarded for her persistence! It might seem funny to us, but we will see that there is wisdom in the persistence of our faith in God!

How many of you enjoy annoying your sibling? Raise your hand if you have ever felt annoyed by someone else? Humans can get impatient with one another easily. We get annoyed when someone is bothering us over and over again. Especially if we have already asked them to stop 9 times! But God is different. He does not get annoyed with us. So as much as we are used to other people getting bothered by us, it's nice to know that God loves us and has unending patience! Let's read about this annoying situation and find out what happened.

### **READ LUKE 18:1-8**

### **MAIN POINT:**

This woman had a request. She REALLY REALLY REALLY wanted it. She wanted it so bad that she didn't stop asking until she received it. If someone did that to me I would probably be REALLY REALLY REALLY annoyed too. But this woman had good cause to ask for help. She wanted justice. She wanted things to be made right. It doesn't say exactly what happened but we can guess that maybe someone stole from her and she needed her money back.

The thing about this judge in the story is that he did not care about the woman. He did not care about getting her justice. He tried to deny her what she needed but since she kept asking and bothering him, he finally gave in. He also realized that people might hear how he was unjust and punish him. He did not want it to get out that he was not a good judge. So to save his own skin, he gave the woman what she asked for.

The difference between this judge and God is that God is a good judge. He does care about us. He wants what is best for us and will bring justice and mercy. This means that when we pray to God for help, we can go to Him confidently by faith because we know

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His character. He is a good God.

And if the bad judge ended up giving the woman what she wanted because she was persistent, how much more will God give us what we need when we never stop asking? We can go to God with passion and consistency and we will never annoy Him. He welcomes us and is happy we are praying to Him.

### **DRIVE IT HOME:**

**WE AREN'T ANNOYING TO GOD WHEN WE CONTINUALLY PRAY!** No, it's the exact opposite. God is pleased with us when we have faith in Him and trust that we can go to Him with our problems and that He will help us. We never need to feel ashamed to ask God for help. He loves us so much and He has the perfect timing as to when to answer our prayers. We might not understand why we don't get an answer right away, but we can trust that God has a perfect plan. Let's say this together so that we remember it well. **"GOD IS PLEASED WHEN I NEVER GIVE UP PRAYING!" GOD IS PLEASED WHEN I NEVER GIVE UP PRAYING!**

You might feel like you're being annoying, but go ahead and **ANNOY YOUR WAY TO VICTORY**, because, unlike the earthly judge, God is just. He cares about the oppressed, the poor, and those in need. He loves us and will provide good things for us. **GOD IS PLEASED WHEN WE NEVER GIVE UP PRAYING** for what we need. Keep on praying every day!

### **CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:**

Dear God,

Help us never to give up on praying, because, unlike the judge in the story, you care and love to grant our requests.

In Jesus' name,  
Amen

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION K-2ND

### **ICEBREAKER:**

What's more annoying? When someone chews gum with their mouth open or when someone sings a song over and over again.

### **MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:**

Colossians 2:2-3

Read the verse to the group. Say, "One way to join together in love and to be encouraged is to pray for one another." Go around in a circle and have each kid share a prayer request. This could be about them, a family member, etc. Then pray for all the prayer requests.

### **SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:**

Challenge the kids to sing "The Song That Never Ends" for 2 minutes straight.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENDt94yhi44&ab\\_channel=ABCKids-Topic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENDt94yhi44&ab_channel=ABCKids-Topic)

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Read Luke 18:1-8

What did the widow persistently do?

What is the difference between the judge and God?

Can we annoy God by asking for something over and over again?

### **SIMPLE PRAYER:**

Dear God,

Thank you for always listening to our prayers and for answering them in the way that is best!

In Jesus' name,  
Amen

## SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION 3RD-5TH

### **ICEBREAKER:**

What's more annoying? When someone chews gum with their mouth open or when someone sings a song over and over again.

### **MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:**

Colossians 2:2-3

Read the verse to the group. Say, "One way to join together in love and to be encouraged is to pray for one another." Go around in a circle and have each kid share a prayer request. This could be about them, a family member, etc. Then pray for all the prayer requests.

### **SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:**

Challenge the kids to sing "The Song that Never Ends" for 3 minutes straight.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENDt94yhi44&ab\\_channel=ABCKids-Topic](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ENDt94yhi44&ab_channel=ABCKids-Topic)  
Say, "Okay, that was funny!"

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Read Luke 18:1-8

What did the widow persistently do?

What is the difference between the judge and God?

Why is it good to be persistent in our prayers?

Can we annoy God by asking for something over and over again?

### **SIMPLE PRAYER:**

Dear God,

Thank you for always listening to our prayers and for answering them in the way that is best!

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## POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

Jesus told a parable about a widow who gave up when the judge would not help her.  
FALSE

When we are persistent and faithful in praying, we will see that God is listening to our prayers.  
TRUE

God knows what is best and has the best timing for answering prayer.  
TRUE

Whenever we need something, we shouldn't always bother God with it.  
FALSE

God is pleased when we never give up praying!  
TRUE

# MAKE IT STICK

OKAY, THAT'S FUNNY LESSON 5

5 SIMPLE WAYS  
YOU CAN MAKE  
THIS LESSON STICK  
WITH YOUR KIDS

## THIS WEEK'S LESSON

5 Simple Ways to Make This Week's Lesson Stick



### IN THE CAR:

Can we annoy God by praying too much? No! God wants us to keep praying. He will answer prayer in His timing and we can have faith that He knows best. The widow didn't stop asking for justice and we shouldn't stop asking for what we and others need. Luke 18:1-8, Persistence in our Faith



### HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kid if they have prayed for something for a long time.  
Ask your kid when they last prayed for something they or someone they know needed.



### AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

How do we know that God cares about us?

Why is persistence and faith important in prayer?

Who do you know that needs prayer today?



### AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge." Colossians 2:2-3



### PARENT TIME:

When we have faith even the size of a mustard seed, we can pray and God can move mountains! Beginning a regular habit of praying with your family on a daily basis will help your kids to see the power of prayer. A great time to pray together is around the dinner table or before bedtime. Him! He is our Father. Jesus wants us to love like children.

## TAKE HOME

**Supplies:** cardboard, bowls, scissors, markers, hole punchers, paint, paint brushes, wooden rods, glue, string, and beads.

Follow the instructions on this video to learn how to make noise makers:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcSX5SClxRY&ab\\_channel=HappyCrafty](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xcSX5SClxRY&ab_channel=HappyCrafty)

Cut 2 circle shapes out of cardboard by using a bowl and tracing them to make the shape. Hole punch holes around the outside of the circle shape without getting too close to the edge. Paint the cardboard any color the kids choose on one side of each circle shape only. While it dries, begin cutting the string about 8 inches long and making as many pieces of string as you have holes. Put glue on the inside of the cardboard (the side without paint), place the rod inside, and put the other circle on top with the painted side facing out. Be sure to use plenty of glue so it holds together. If you would prefer, an adult volunteer can do this part with hot glue to be sure it holds well. Put a bead on each string, put the string through the hole, and tie it together to make a loop. Let it dry. Spin the rod back and forth and the beads will hit the cardboard and create a beautiful noise maker.

Say, “We learned that making noise might be annoying to other people, but it isn’t to God. We can pray and ask God for what we need. Our voice will not annoy Him, even if we ask over and over again. We can also make a joyful noise with these noisemakers/instruments and worship the Lord. He will be pleased! God loves hearing His children!”