

# Parent Guide

## Week of August 23



### Memory Verse:

Ask and you will  
receive, and your  
joy will be  
complete.

**John 16:24b**

**Bible Time:** Do you like to talk? Well, prayer is like talking to God. It's telling Him what's going on, asking for help, thanking and praising him and seeking forgiveness. Have you ever wondered why prayer is important? Today's lesson teaches us the importance of prayer. Open your Bible to the book of John, chapter 16 and read verses 23-27. "When that day comes, you will no longer ask me for anything. What I'm about to tell you is true. My Father will give you anything you ask for in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask, and you will receive what you ask for. Then your joy will be complete."

Prayer is important because it is a way , to talk with God and to get His direction for our lives. God is so good and will help us when we are happy, sad, sick or even when we're in trouble. God will give us wisdom, strength and understanding if we **only** ask Him. In fact God is willing to give us many good things as long as we ask for them in obedience to His Will. When we pray our relationship with God grows.

Prayer is also about **listening** to God. Sometimes we talk too much about what we want and forget to listen to what God is telling us. Open your Bible to Jeremiah 29:11-13. It says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

**Rhyme Time:** Here is a fun finger rhyme for you and your child!

God is always ready to hear (cup hands to your ears)  
Words we speak that are sincere. (Put hand over your heart.)  
He will listen to every prayer (fold hands as in prayer)  
Any time and anywhere. (Spread arms to indicate large area.)  
God pays attention to every word (cup hand to ear again);  
Nothing we say will go unheard. (Shake head from side to side.)  
So talk to God both night and day (cup hands around mouth)  
And close beside him you will stay. (Wrap arms around self as if in a hug.)



**Praise Wall:** Create a space in your home where over a course of time you can collect praises from your kids. Write or draw something that you are thankful for and post it to your wall. Be reminded of His goodness and **PRAISE HIM!**

**Extras:** Check out our Facebook pages (Capital Kids SLC Families or Capital Kids Park City Families) and our Youtube Channel: Capital Church Kids for more videos, songs, and resources!

**Pray:** Thank you  
God that you hear  
my prayers. Help  
me to listen well  
and spend time  
with YOU! Amen.

