

Kids Church – Persistent in Prayer 21.6.20

You will need some sheets of paper and pens for the activity at the end.

Everyone

Discuss:

- *Why did the woman in Jesus' story keep on going to the Judge? (people had wronged her)*

- *What sort of Judge was he?*
(bad Judge, he did nothing)

- *Why did the Judge do something to help her?*
(because she wouldn't leave him alone, he decided to act because then she'd go away and stop asking him)

- *God is not unjust. So why did Jesus tell this story?*

Read Luke 18:1 International Children's Bible (ICB)

18 Then Jesus used this story to teach his followers that they should always pray and never lose hope.

Read Colossians 1:3-6 and 9

- *How does Paul begin his letter? (thanking God **always**)*

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴We thank God because we have heard about the faith you have in Christ Jesus and the love you have for all of God's people. ⁵You have this faith and love because of your hope, and what you hope for is saved for you in heaven. You learned about this hope when you heard the true teaching, the Good News ⁶that was told to you. Everywhere in the world that Good News is bringing blessings and is growing. This has happened with you, too, since you heard the Good News and understood the truth about the grace of God.⁹Since the day we heard this about you, we have continued praying for you. We ask God that you will know fully what God wants. We pray that you will also have great wisdom and understanding in spiritual things.

Activity:

- From Colossians 1:3-6 write down all the things Paul thanks God for in the letter.

Application:

- *Are your prayers full of 'thank you prayers'?*
- *What do you thank God for?*

- *Do you remember to thank God all the time for everything?*
- *Do you remember to pray for others?*

Conclusion:

- *Becoming a Christian begins with saying thank you to God for sending Jesus to save us.*
- *Living as a Christian means we won't stop thanking God for all the good things he gives us.*

Pray together as a family

- Thank God that he is good and generous.
- Pray also for people you know. And thank God for bringing them into your lives

Extension for older kids

Activity: - Read Colossians 1:9-10,

Colossians 1:9-10 International Children's Bible (ICB)

⁹Since the day we heard this about you, we have continued praying for you. We ask God that you will know fully what God wants. We pray that you will also have great wisdom and understanding in spiritual things. ¹⁰Then you will live the kind of life that honours and pleases the Lord in every way. You will produce fruit in every good work and grow in the knowledge of God.

Read Colossians 4:2-4 ICB What the Christians Are to Do?

²Continue praying and keep alert. And when you pray, always thank God. ³Also pray for us. Pray that God will give us an opportunity to tell people his message. Pray that we can preach the secret truth that God has made known about Christ. I am in prison because I preach this truth. ⁴Pray that I can speak in a way that will make it clear as I should.

⁵Be wise in the way you act with people who are not believers. Use your time in the best way you can. ⁶When you talk, you should always be kind and wise. Then you will be able to answer everyone in the way you should.

Write all the things Paul asks God for in the letter in these verses.

Application:

- *What have you been asking God for?*
- *Is there anything on this list you've asked God for this term?*
- *What's one thing you'd like to ask God for from this list?*