

Pray and Don't Give Up

CiP Family Call – July 2024

	WELCOME Let's Get Together		Notes:
	PRAISE & WORSHIP Let's Sing and Dance	 Be Not Weary.mp3	
	INTRODUCTORY QUESTION Let's Talk	What are some of the things that you always like to do?	
	BIBLICAL STORY Let's Listen to God's Word	STORY: Luke 18:1-8 KEY VERSE: Luke 18:1b	<i>Sample script</i> 
	LISTENING PRAYER Let's Talk with God	What is God telling you about: Himself, yourself, others, and what to do?	What is something you want to keep praying for?
	JOURNALING Let's Write and Draw	 Ruth Fazal Listening Track.mp3	
	SHARING Let's Listen to Each Other		
	PRAYING Let's Pray for Each Other		
	WRAP UP		<i>Sample script</i> 
	LISTENING TO GOD ALL WEEK LONG		
	PRAISE & WORSHIP Let's Sing and Dance Again	 Be Not Weary.mp3	
	DISMISSAL & BLESSING	I bless you to pray and not give up.	



BIBLICAL STORY – Let’s Listen to God’s Word

BIBLICAL STORY: **Luke 18:1-8 (The Persistent Widow)**

KEY VERSE: **Luke 18:1b**

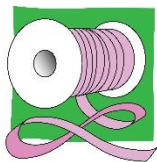
“...always pray and not give up.”

This lesson is about the parable of the persistent widow and how we should pray and not give up.

Last week, we talked about ways we can pray for others – for the lost, for the sick, for our enemies, and for others to be saved and to know God. Today, I’d like to begin by asking you a question... (Incorporate your family or group’s answers to the Introductory Question – for example,) just as there are things that we always want to do – Miriam said she likes swinging and tree climbing, and James says he likes to play soccer – in our story today, Jesus told His disciples a parable to teach them that they should always pray and not give up. (A parable is a story that is told to help us understand a truth.) The story begins in Luke 18:1-8...

Continue to the story from **Luke 18:1-8**:

- Once there was judge who did not care about God or other people. A widow kept coming to the judge and asking him to give her justice against her adversary (someone who was against her or hurting her).
- The judge would not help her for a long time. But finally, because she kept coming to him, he decided to help her so that she would not bother him anymore or eventually come and attack him for not being just.
- Jesus said, “Listen to what the unjust judge said. Won’t God give justice to His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Unlike the unrighteous judge, He will see that they get justice, and quickly.”
- Then Jesus asked a question: “When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?”



WRAP UP

Today, you shared some of the things that you always like to do. Likewise, Jesus told His disciples that they should always pray and never give up. A widow received help from an unjust judge because she kept asking; how much more will God, the righteous judge, give justice quickly to those who cry out to Him day and night?

Continue to summarize how God has spoken during the meeting by highlighting a couple of journal pages.

“Be Not Weary” Lyrics:

VERSE 1

Be not weary in well-doing
Be not weary in well-doing
Be not weary in well-doing
Be not weary in well-doing
You shall reap a harvest
You shall reap a harvest

REPEAT x2

Optional Activities:

- Act out the story of the widow and the judge.
- Print up stickers or pictures of praying hands. Have participants think about where they could put the praying hands to remind themselves to pray.