

Family Together Time

For families with children ages 3 to 6

Lesson 3

Elijah Helps a Widow's Son: 1 Kings 17:17-24

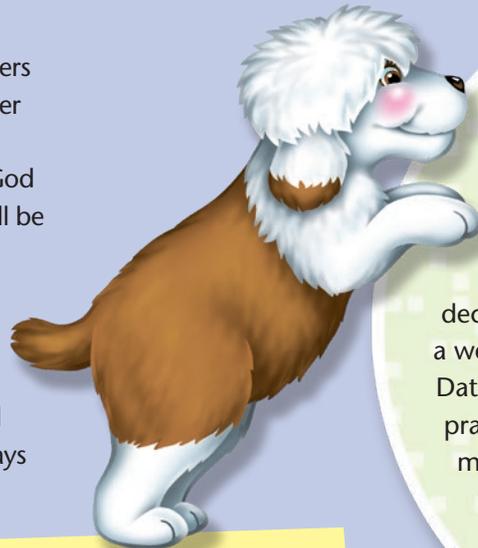
Family Talk

As children learn about God's great power—His power to

heal the sick or raise the dead—they may question why God doesn't seem to be answering their own family prayers for people they know.

Guide your child to understand God's answers to prayer. God sometimes answers *no* when He knows that is the best answer for us. He answers *yes* when our prayers request what is best for us. Sometimes God answers *wait* in order that His answer will be at the best time.

Teach your child that God wants the very best for us. Believing and trusting God for the very best in our lives requires practice and patience. God may answer *yes*, *no*, or *wait*. But He always answers!



Bible Memory FUN

Psalm 107:1

Find this verse in a family Bible. Recite the Bible words together during family prayer times.

This week, help your child remember:

God listens to our prayers.

Family Fun...

Family Prayer Journal. Start a family prayer journal. Find a notebook to decorate. Decide to journal once a day, once a week, or at a time that is best for your family. Date each entry. Take turns writing or drawing prayer entries in the journal. Pray together and mark how God listens to and answers your family's prayers. It's never too early to teach your children that our prayers go to God through Jesus. Add "In Jesus' name" to your prayers.

Daily Talks with God

Use these thoughts at mealtimes, bedtimes, or other times when you pray with your child this week.

I am thankful, God, that You listen when I pray.

Help me, God, to remember that I can pray to You anytime.

Wow! God listens to my prayers!

(Teach your child to pray, "In Jesus' name.")

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