

## 2 stories about prayer

Read **Luke 11:5-13**.

How is God similar or different to the man in bed (v.5-10)?

What sort of attitude should we have when we pray?

On earth we experience all kinds of fathers. Some are kind and caring. Some are harsh and abusive. Others are never at home. Our own experiences can affect the way we relate to God our Father.

What kind of father is God (v.11-13)? What is he like?

How would you answer a friend who said...

*"I don't think God hears me; he never answers my prayers."*

*"Jesus says we will receive what we ask for! Great, I am going to ask God for \$1 million!"*

**Pray** together as a group, focusing on the things Jesus teaches us to pray for.

# how to pray



## Luke's story of Jesus chapter 11:1-13



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What images come to your mind when you think about prayer?

Do you pray? When? What do you pray about?

### The story so far...

So far in Luke's account of Jesus, Jesus' teachings and miracles have amazed everyone. Many people love him, but others do not accept him or his teaching. Jesus is revealed as God's chosen king, but the path ahead for him (and his followers) will not be easy. Now King Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem, where he will eventually be killed.

In the previous chapter, Jesus teaches about how to love our neighbours and how to love God. We relate to God by listening to his Son (10:38-42), and also by talking to God (11:1-13).

### "The Lord's Prayer"

Read **Luke 11:1-4**.

Fill in the chart opposite.



What are Jesus' priorities in prayer?

How does your prayer life compare to Jesus' model?

	What does this mean?	What does this tell us about what God is like?	What kind of attitude does God want us to have?
<i>Father</i>			
<i>Hallowed be your name</i>			
<i>Your kingdom come</i>			
<i>Give us each day our daily bread</i>			
<i>Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us</i>			
<i>Lead us not into temptation</i>			