

FAMILY PAGE



This week, Jesus tells the story of the poor widow who pesters the judge until he lets her in. Children are natural at being persistent.

With a little guidance, this persistence can be an asset where prayer is concerned. Here is a little project that may help.

1 Supply each member of the family with a little book.

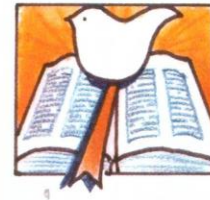
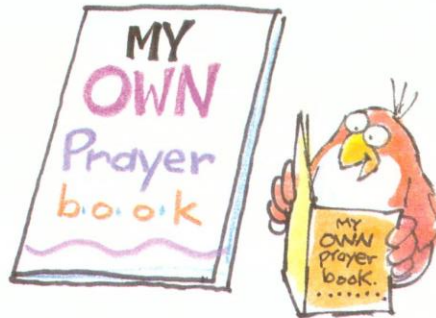
You can use small notebooks or make your books by folding several blank sheets of paper in half.

2 On the cover of each book, write the words, MY OWN PRAYER BOOK.

3 Give each child a quiet time and a place of his or her own for uninterrupted prayer. Explain to the children that this is their time to tell God how they feel about the things that happened to them and to their family and friends. If they are worried about a test or a sick friend, if they are afraid of something they have to do, if they are angry and want to get over it, if they did something wrong and are sorry, God wants to hear about it. If they are happy and excited, God wants to share that joy with them.

4 Older children can write their thoughts, requests, and experiences in their own journals. Supply younger children with magazines, scissors, paste, and crayons so they can illustrate their prayers in their own way.

5 When the prayer journals are filled, have the children put them in a safe place where they can look at them from time-to-time to remind themselves how much God has done for them.



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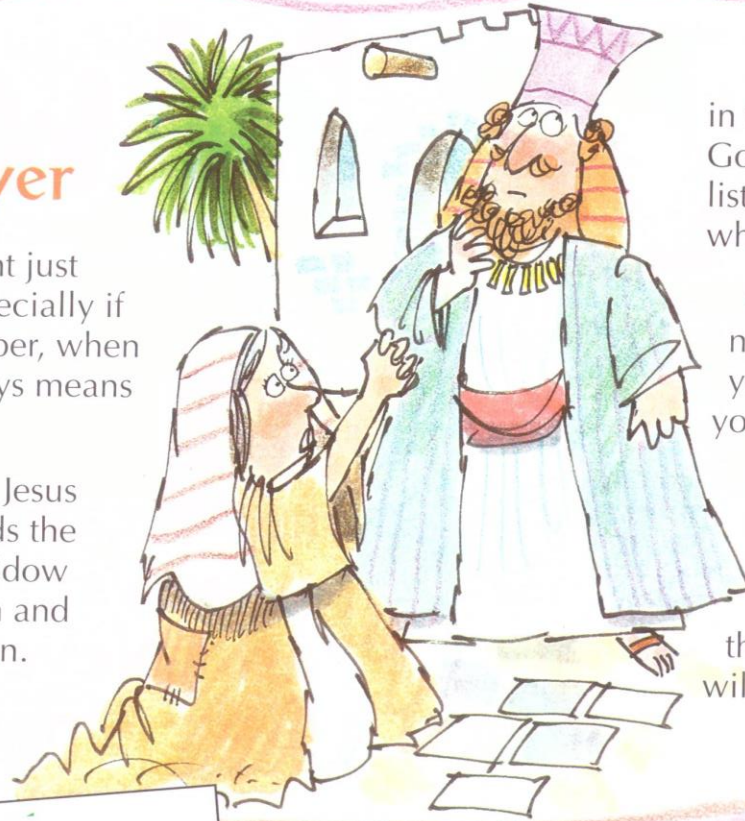
Pray
Always
and Never
Give Up



Pester God With Prayer

Pestering for what you want just might upset your parents, especially if they already said no. Remember, when it comes to parents, NO always means no! Parents know best.

But in today's gospel story, Jesus tells about a widow who needs the help of a mean judge. That widow just keeps pestering that mean and selfish judge until he lets her in.



Now if a selfish old judge will give in to pestering, how much more will God, who is so kind and loving, listen to your prayers and give you what you need?

God *wants* you to pester when you need God's help. And God will hear your prayers, and come to be with you.

Don't be a pest at home, and don't be a pest at school, but when it comes to prayer, go ahead and be a pest! Because the more you pray, the closer you will be to God.

Steppingstones to God

Sometimes there just doesn't seem to be enough time to pray. On these stones are some instant prayers that you can say at any time and in any place. Write your own prayers on the two blank stones.

