

# THE WORLD'S GREATEST WIRELESS CONNECTION



## THEOLOGICAL QUESTION

What is prayer, and how do I do it?

## BIG IDEA

Prayer is key to the Christian life—anytime, anywhere we can connect with God, and He always listens to our hearts and hears our prayers.

## SCRIPTURE USED

### **Matthew 6:9-13**

*“Pray like this:*

*“Our Father in heaven,  
may your name be kept holy.  
May your Kingdom come soon.  
May your will be done on earth,  
as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the food we need,  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we have forgiven those who sin against us.  
And don't let us yield to temptation,  
but rescue us from the evil one.”*

### **1 John 1:8-10**

*If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.*

### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

*Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.*

## OPENER

### For the opener you will need:

- Access to movie clips from *Meet the Parents* and/or *Sister Act*
- Video project equipment

### Movie Clip (Choose one or do both, if you prefer)

1. *Meet The Parents* Clip: Greg's prayer. This clip is roughly two minute long. From the scene / chapter menu simply select "Scene 5: Dinner with the Folks." The clip starts at the beginning of this scene. Time markers are 24:00 – 26:15.
2. *Sister Act* Clip: Sister Mary Clarence's prayer. This one minute clip's time markers are 23:30-24:30.

**ASK** (These questions work for either clip. Feel free to ask more specific questions, as well.)

- **Do you think that Greg / Sister Mary Clarence is comfortable praying or prays a lot?**
- **Is there anything that you would say is positive about these prayers?**
- **At one time or another, all of us have probably found it difficult to pray, why do you think that is?**
- **What do they "borrow" from in their prayer?**
- **If these characters asked you honestly, how they were suppose to pray, or "What did I do wrong?" how would you lovingly explain a better way to pray?**

## LESSON

### EXPLAIN

There is a funny saying that goes like this:

**Prayer: The world's greatest wireless connection...**  
**Monthly price = \$0**  
**Value = Priceless!!**

It may be a little bit silly, but it is true that there is nothing more valuable, and nothing more phenomenal in its "wireless" power. However, just like Greg / Sister Mary Clarence, sometimes we can be confused about how to pray. We stumble around and struggle, wondering how exactly we're supposed to talk to God.