

Lord, Teach Us To Pray

Main Ideas

- God always answers the prayer of the righteous.
- The prayers of ordinary Christians are answered.
- Prayer isn't learned naturally; we need to be taught how to pray.
- We need a heart that wants to learn to pray.
- Only God can give us the heart to pray.

Key Verse

Psalm 34:15—The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

Scripture

- 1 Kings 16:33
- 1 Kings 18:20-21, 26-29, 36-39
- Psalm 34:15
- James 5:17-18
- 1 Kings 19:1-4
- Luke 11:1

Curriculum Resources

- See Preparation
 - Heart (1A)
 - The LORD (1B)
- **Elijah (1C)**
- **Prophets 1-9 (1D-1L)**
- **Altar (1M)**
- **Jars 1-3 (1N-1P)**
- **Altar with Fire and Water (1Q)**
- **Lesson 1 Discussion (CH-1A,** for each family or small group, see Preparation)
- For Application/Prayer Time
 - Lesson 1 Prayer Cards 1-2 (CH-1B and CH-1C, see Preparation)
- For Scrapbook Activity
 - Lesson 1 Scrapbook Activity (CH-1D, for each student)
- A Note to Parents (for each student)
- Parent Page for Lesson 1 (for each student)
- Optional: Prayer Update for Small Group Leaders (for each student, if you're teaching this study to children only, rather than to an intergenerational group)
- Lord, Teach Us To Pray Family Devotional Guide (for each family)
- Lord, Teach Us To Pray Family Kit (optional for each family)

Other Supplies

- Bible (preferably the English Standard Version)
- Box (at least 9.5" x 11", see Preparation)
- Glue
- Larger box or tote bag (big enough to hold the Heart Box)
- 4 Spoons
- 2 Hard-boiled eggs
- Whiteboard and markers
- For Scrapbook Activity (for each student)
 - 4" x 6" photo album (or other option for a mini scrapbook)¹
 - Scissors
 - Glue
 - Markers
 - Optional: Glitter glue, small stickers, stamp markers, etc.

¹ These can be inexpensive albums purchased at a discount store. They should have at least 13 pages or 26 sides, plus a front and back cover. Handmade albums are an alternative, using cardboard for covers with two holes punched along the left edge of each page and cover, and bound together with ribbon, shoelaces, yarn, or paper fasteners. The cardboard covers can be covered with wallpaper, contact paper, or wrapping paper. You could also use an inexpensive journal and glue/tape the mini scrapbook pages on the journal pages. If you choose to make albums, bring the necessary materials to class for use during the Scrapbook Activity.

Supplies for Optional Activity

- Assortment of missionary prayer letters
- Paper and pen

Preparation

Study the Scripture passages carefully and prayerfully. Ask God to make them real in your own heart. Be open to what God may be teaching you in this lesson. Study the lesson well. Pray for the children and adults in your class.

Heart Box—Cut out the **Heart** visual and glue it to the top of the box. This will be referred to as the Heart Box throughout the study. (Note: You could also use a large heart-shaped candy box saved from Valentine’s Day.) Put **The LORD** visual into the Heart Box and hide it in a larger box or tote bag.

Discussion—You will want to provide a **Discussion** page for each family or small group to use during the discussion times throughout this study. If you have a large classroom and have the Classroom Kit for this study, you might also want to use the PDF provided in the folder of Visuals for E-Display in the Curriculum Resources (on the CD or as a download).

Prayer Cards—Print and cut out one set of **Lesson 1 Prayer Cards 1-2** for each family or small group. Or you may prefer to make your own prayer cards, checking the recent posts of the Global Prayer Digest at globalprayerdigest.org.

Notes

- You may want to encourage the class to memorize the Lord’s Prayer.
- This lesson deals with the concept that God answers prayer. Lesson 4 deals with the concept that God’s answer to prayer can be “Yes,” “No,” or “Wait.”

Introduction

4 Spoons, 2 hard-boiled eggs

(Ask four students to be in a contest and call them to the front of the class. Divide them into two teams and give each person a **spoon**. Give each team a **hard-boiled egg** and set them up to do a relay race, where one person in each team balances the egg on his spoon and carries the egg to his team member. Then he must transfer the egg to his team member’s spoon so that his team member can carry the egg to the end of the race.)

Large Group Lesson

This contest was just for fun, but the Bible tells us about a more important, serious contest.

(Ask the students to open their Bibles to 1 Kings 18:20-21 so they will be ready to read it in a moment or two.)

The contest you are going to read about took place when Ahab was king of Israel. He was an evil king. He built an altar to the false god Baal and worshiped Baal. The Bible says that,



“Ahab did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him” (1 Kings 16:33).²

God sent Elijah to tell Ahab that it would not rain in Israel for years. There would be years of drought. Then, after three and a half years, God sent Elijah back to Ahab.

The people of Israel did not follow the Lord with all their hearts. They followed Baal and other gods. Was this okay?

(Ask someone to read 1 Kings 18:20-21.)

1 Kings 18:20-21—So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. ²¹And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word.

- Elijah suggested a contest.
- Each “team” would cut a bull in pieces and lay it on a pile of wood. Then each team would pray to their God/god to send down fire to light the wood.
- One team would be Elijah; the other team would be the 450 prophets of Baal.

In our contest, each “team” was even—everyone had a spoon, and each team had an egg. But this contest of Elijah’s was not even—450 prophets against one Elijah.

(Display the **Elijah** and **Prophets 1-9** visuals, helping the class count the prophets by 50s using each of the nine Prophets visuals so that they can see that there are 450 prophets.)

Let’s see what happened.

(Ask someone to read 1 Kings 18:26.)

1 Kings 18:26—And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made.

(Read 1 Kings 18:27a.)

1 Kings 18:27a—And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying...

(Ask someone to read what Elijah said.)

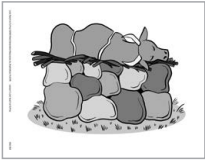
1 Kings 18:27b—“Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.”

(Read 1 Kings 18:28-29.)

1 Kings 18:28-29—And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. ²⁹And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

² You may need to define “provoke” as causing an emotional response—in this case, making God angry.

No one answered. No one paid attention. Baal did not answer the 450 prophets. Baal had no power to answer the prophets.



- Elijah then built an altar with 12 stones and dug a large trench around the altar. He put the wood and the bull on the altar.

(Display the **Altar** visual.)

- Then Elijah told the people to fill four jars with water...



(Display the **Jars 1** visual.)

- and pour the water on the altar.
- Then he told them to pour FOUR MORE jars of water on the altar.



(Display the **Jars 2** visual.)

- THEN he told them to pour FOUR MORE jars of water on the altar.

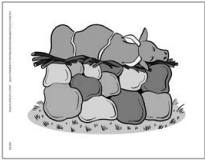
(Display the **Jars 3** visual, and help the class count to see that Elijah had them pour 12 jars of water on the altar.)



So now we have 450 prophets of Baal and dry wood on one side, and one Elijah with very wet wood on his altar on the other side.

(Display the **Altar** and **Jars 1-3** visuals again.)

And then Elijah prayed.



(Refer the class to **Discussion 1A**.)

Discussion 1A

Read Elijah's prayer in 1 Kings 18:36-37 and answer the questions.

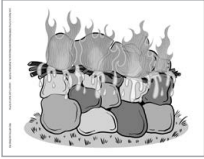
1 Kings 18:36-37—*And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. ³⁷Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back."*

Questions

- ❓ How did Elijah address God? What does this tell you about Elijah's understanding of God? [recognized that he was God's servant, that God is in control; remembered that God had a history of faithfulness to His people; remembered the promises that God had made to His people]
- ❓ What did Elijah ask of God? Who is the main focus of Elijah's prayer? [God and His glory]
- ❓ Who does Elijah pray for? [the people of Israel]

(Read 1 Kings 18:38-39.)

1 Kings 18:38—*Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.*



(Display the **Altar with Fire and Water** visual.)

1 Kings 18:39—And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God.”

When Elijah prayed, the Almighty God of the universe, the one true and all-powerful God who answers the prayers of His children entered the contest. Then the two sides really were uneven—the 450 prophets of Baal...

Whiteboard,
markers

(Write 450 on the **whiteboard**.)

and dry wood on one side...

(Write or “draw dry wood” on the **whiteboard**.)

and Elijah...

(Draw a stick figure, or write “Elijah” on the other side of the **whiteboard**.)

and wet wood...

(Write or draw “wet wood” on the **whiteboard**.)

and GOD...

(Write “GOD” in huge letters on the **whiteboard**.)

on the other side.

God answered the prayers of Elijah to “let it be known in Israel that He is God.” The God of Israel answers the prayers of His people. The God of Israel shows that He is glorious.

(Have a Sword Drill³ with the following verse. Then discuss the verse.)

Psalm 34:15—The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

Illustration

(Give the following examples of answers to prayer.)

Example 1

Two women prayed together for their unbelieving husbands one hour every day for seven years. But their husbands still were not saved. They were discouraged but decided to keep praying, and three years later both husbands were saved on the same day.⁴

(Read Psalm 34:15 again.)

Psalm 34:15—The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.

³ See the Sword Drill instructions in the Appendix.

⁴ D.L. Moody, *Prevailing Prayer* (Chicago, Ill.: Moody Press, 1885).

Example 2

A man living in England prayed faithfully for a mission agency in China. After he died, a list of 20 mission stations was found in his diary along with the note that God had enabled him to pray for revival in each of these places. It was discovered that God had sent revival to each of these places in the exact order in which the man had prayed for them.⁵

(Read Psalm 34:15 again.)

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Example 3

Silvia Tarniceriu was a 13-year-old girl living in Romania when it was a communist country. Her family was very poor, and she had to share a pair of shoes with her brother. Her teacher made fun of Silvia in school because her family believed in God.

One day, Silvia's pastor told the children in her church, "You need to know for yourself that God is real! Believing in God because your parents believe in God is not enough...You need to know Him personally...You children, and young people especially, are being continually told in school that God doesn't exist. But everyone can have a personal knowledge that God exists. It doesn't matter how young you are, you can have a deep heart knowledge that there is a God, and that He cares for you."

So Silvia prayed one night, "I don't know if this is a prayer or not. The pastor said I could talk to you as if you were [my father]. I have a problem. In school, my teacher says there is no God. She says no one ever saw You. She mocks me and the other children laugh at me. The pastor says that You exist. And I know my parents pray to You and they believe that You answer their prayers. But, God, You have never answered my prayers. And I need to know. Is there a God? Can You do miracles? Do You know everything like the pastor said? Do You? I need to know!"

Then Silvia asked God for a pair of shoes...and a sweater...and a coat... because she needed to know that God is real. A week went by and there was no answer to Silvia's prayer. But Silvia kept asking God to make Himself real to her.

One day Silvia's father came home with a brown cardboard box. Her father had picked it up in the post office but he didn't know who had sent it. When Silvia's father opened the box, right on the top inside the box was a pair of shoes! Girl shoes! New shoes! And they were just Silvia's size!

Then Silvia's father pulled out a soft, gray sweater! A girl's sweater! And it was just Silvia's size! The last thing in the box was...a long, warm, burgundy-colored coat! Guess whose size it was? It was Silvia's size! Silvia's mother said, "It's strange. It's almost as if someone took your measurements, Silvia. Who would know us and know what size clothes you need?"

Silvia started weeping. She knew that God is real. She wanted to thank God for the miracle God had sent to her. She had forgotten to tell God her size...but God knew her size. God is real and He answers prayer.⁶

⁵ Wesley L. Duewel, *Touch the World Through Prayer* (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Zondervan Publishing House, 1986).

⁶ Harvey Yoder, *God Knows My Size* (Berlin, Ohio: TGS International, 1999). (Note: This is the story of Silvia Tarniceriu.)

When you pray, do you see answers like this? Do these stories seem like the kind of answers to prayer that happen to other people—special people—not people like you? The man and the two women were very ordinary people who were faithful in their praying, and Silvia was just a little girl. While it is true that God was showing Himself to be God to Israel in a very special way when he sent fire from heaven, the Bible tells us something encouraging about Elijah.

(Refer the class to **Discussion 1B**.)

Discussion 1B

Read the following verses and answer the questions.

James 5:17-18—Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

Questions

- ? What do these verses tell us about Elijah? [He had a nature like ours. He prayed fervently.]

Read 1 Kings 19:1-4 to see what Elijah did right after the contest with the prophets of Baal.

1 Kings 19:1-4—Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, “It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers.”

Questions

- ? What does it mean that “Elijah was a man with a nature like ours”? [sinful—fearful, prone to worry, discouraged, doubting]
- ? How did this sinful man pray? What does fervently mean? [enthusiastically, passionately, eagerly, zealously]
- ? What did Elijah pray? Did God do what Elijah asked him to do?

- Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he saw a specific answer to his prayers.
- God has promised to answer the prayers of His people—including the prayers of ordinary Christians.
- God does not always answer every prayer in just the way we want...however, His answers are always right and good.
- We must learn to trust that God answers the prayers of His children in the very best way.



- But we must also learn HOW to pray. We don't just automatically know how to pray when we become a Christian. We must be taught how to pray.
- We are not unusual in this because even Jesus' disciples who walked and talked with Jesus had to be taught how to pray.

(Ask someone to read Luke 11:1.)

Luke 11:1—Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”

If Jesus' disciples needed to be taught how to pray, then we, too, need to learn how to pray. This study will help you learn how to pray, but you won't learn how to pray by just sitting in class and listening to the teacher.

You will need to have two things in order to learn how to pray.

Box or bag with Heart Box inside (with The LORD visual inside the Heart Box)

(Pull out the **Heart Box**.)

One thing you will need is a heart that wants to learn to pray. Learning to pray has to be important to you.

The second thing you will need is the Lord.

(Pull out **The LORD** visual.)

I cannot teach you to pray. I can teach you about prayer, but only God can give you a heart that wants to pray, and only God can teach you to pray. Let's ask Him to do that now.

(Close the class with prayer.)

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Application/Prayer Time

Have a prayer time, asking the Lord for a heart that wants to pray and that He would teach you to pray.

Pass out **Lesson 1 Prayer Cards 1-2** (or prayer cards you might have made yourself). Have the parents or small group leaders remind their groups of Elijah's prayer in 1 Kings 18:36-37:

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The parents or small group leaders should each have one person in their group read his prayer card to the group, and then pray that God would make Himself known as God among these people.

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Scrapbook Activity

Each student can decorate his own scrapbook cover (or make covers for his scrapbook). The students' scrapbooks should be kept in the classroom until the last lesson is completed. Have each student decorate and cut out the two pieces of the **Lesson 1 Scrapbook Activity**, putting one on the front cover of his scrapbook as indicated, and putting the other on the first right-hand page inside his scrapbook.

Encourage the students to work carefully on their pages so they can have a scrapbook that they will want to save and review. The small scrapbooks are intended to provide a curriculum review after the curriculum has been taught.

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Optional Activity

Read a missionary prayer letter to the class and pray for the needs of the missionary and the missionary's ministry. Write a letter of encouragement to the missionary.

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Send Home

- A Note to Parents (for each student/family)
- Parent Page for Lesson 1 (for each student/family)
- Lord, Teach Us To Pray Family Devotional Guide (for each family)



Lord, Teach Us To Pray

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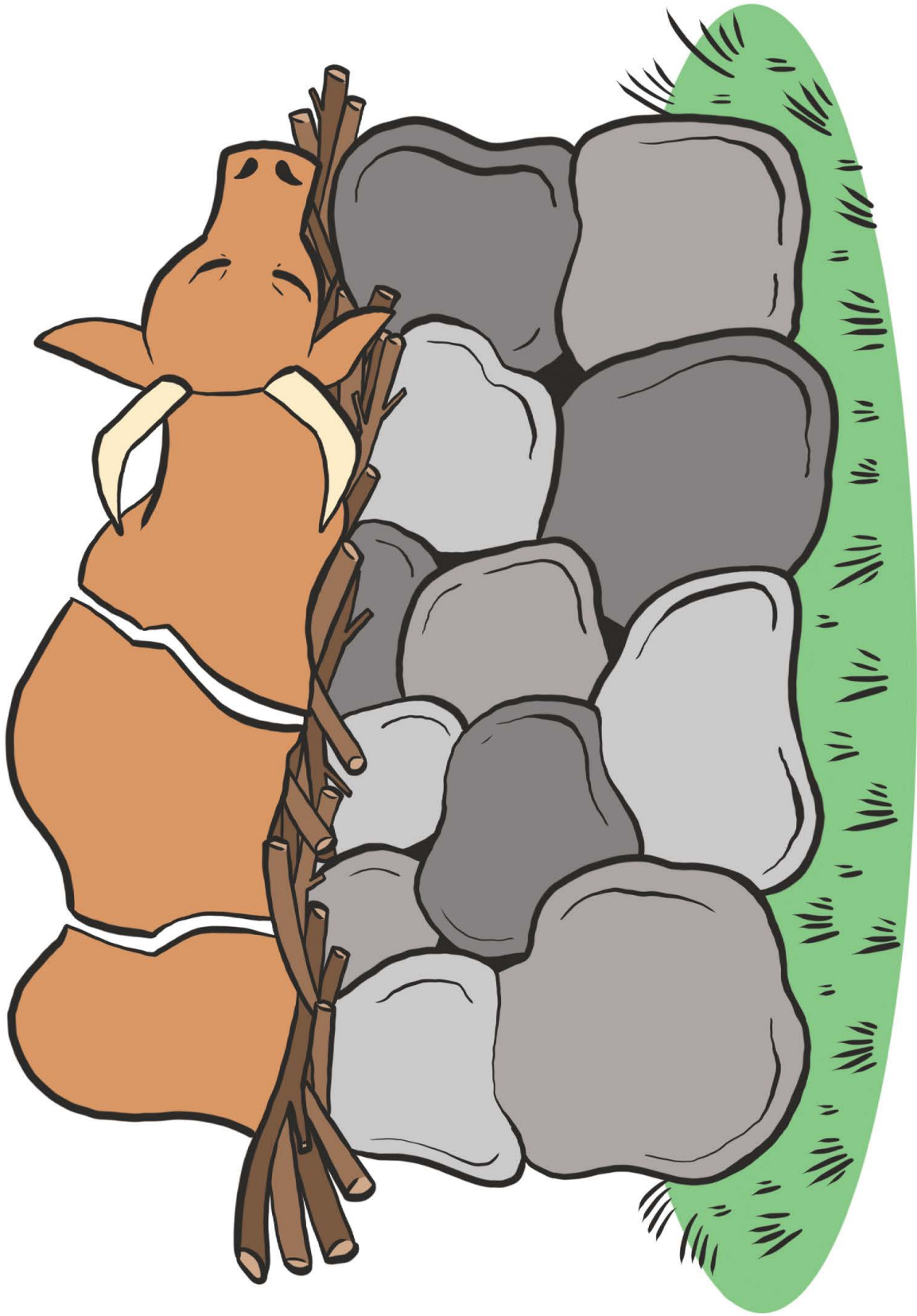


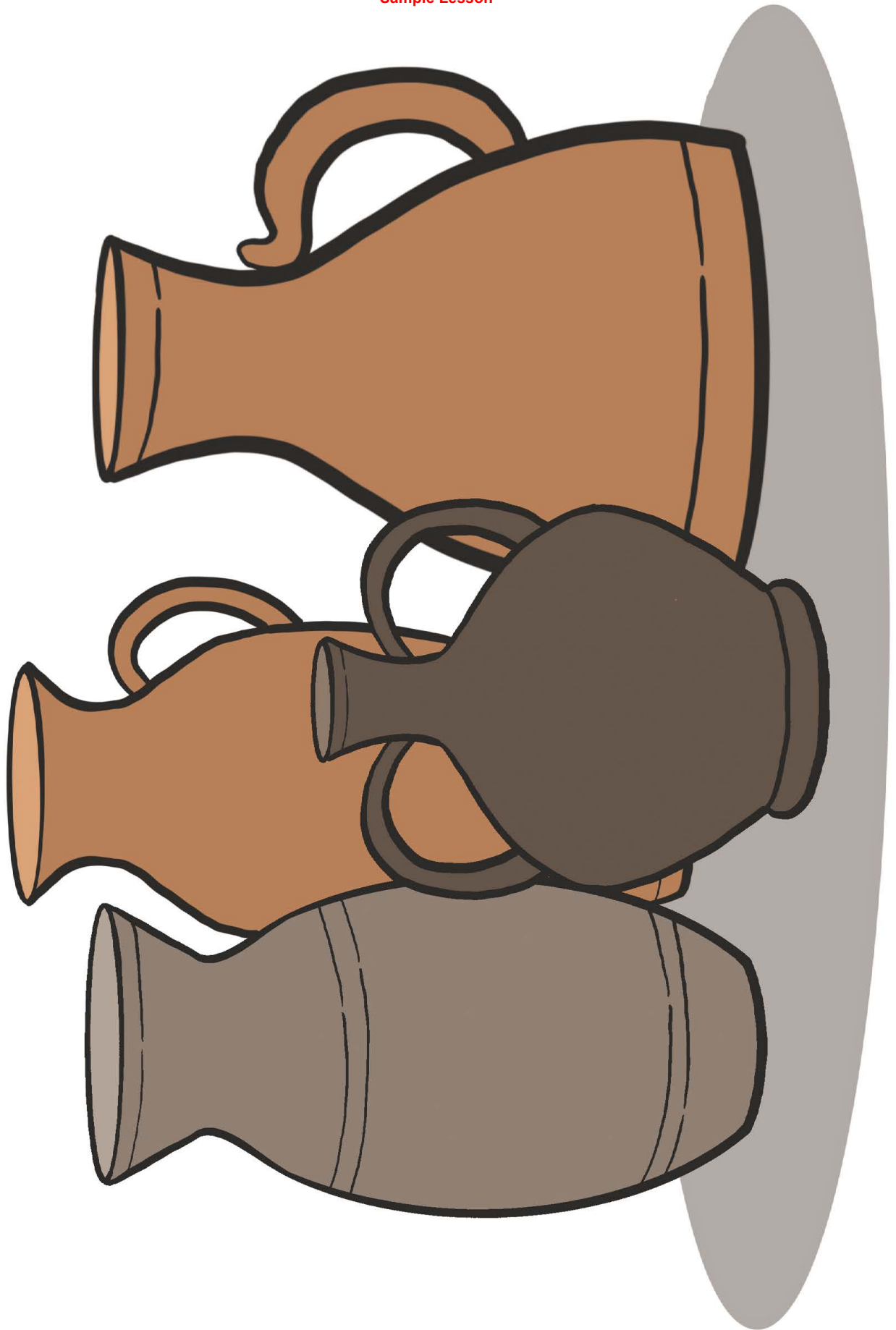


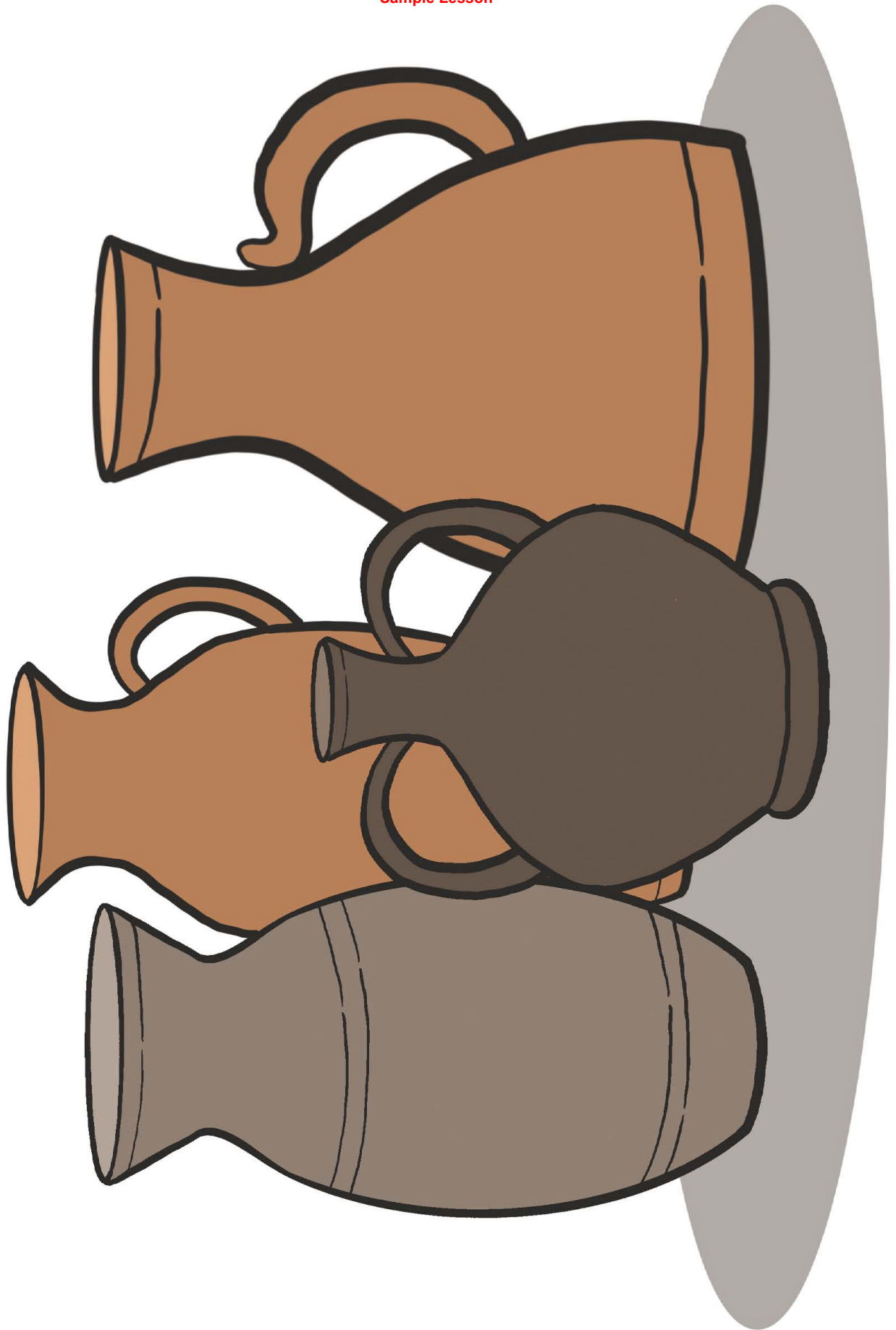


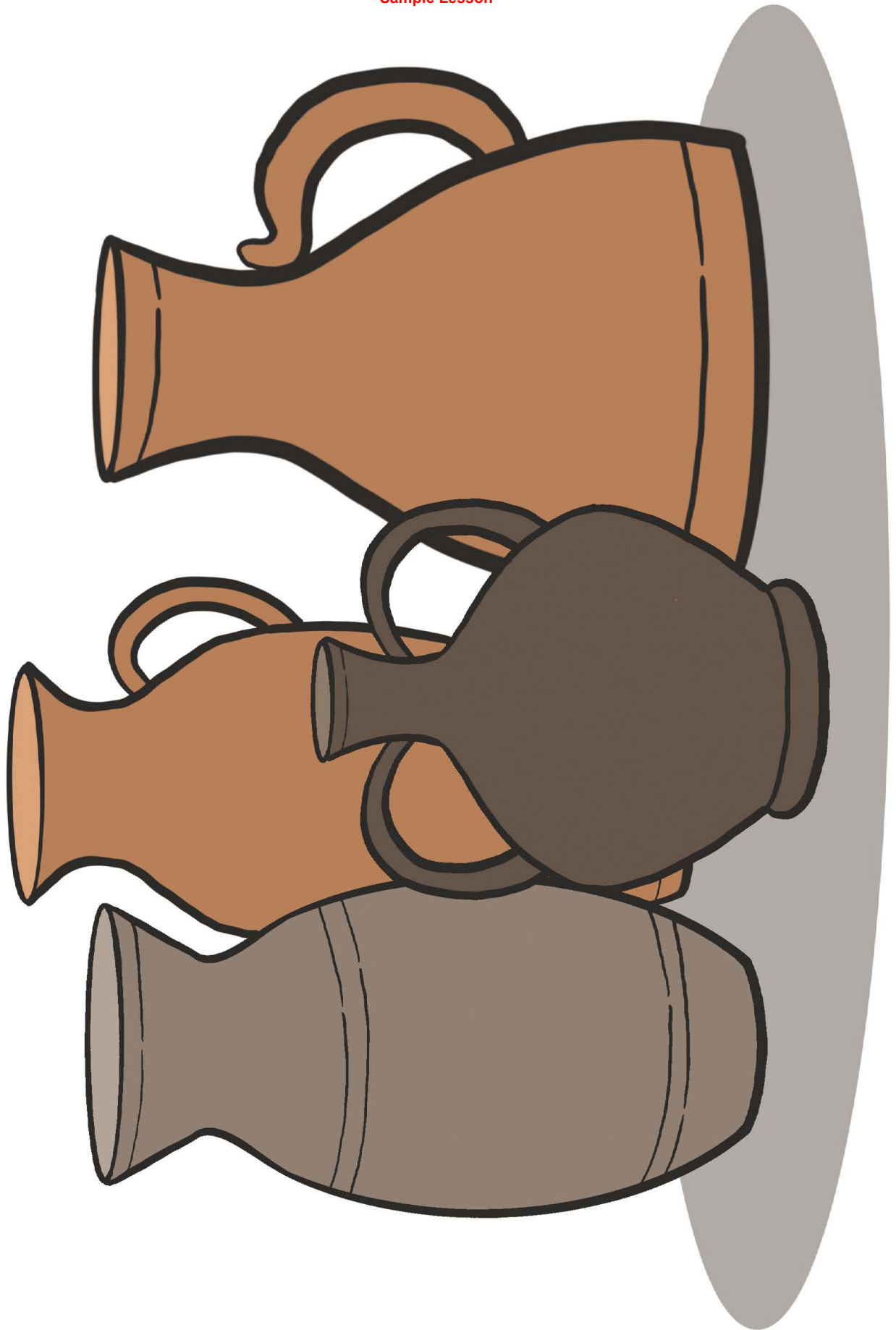


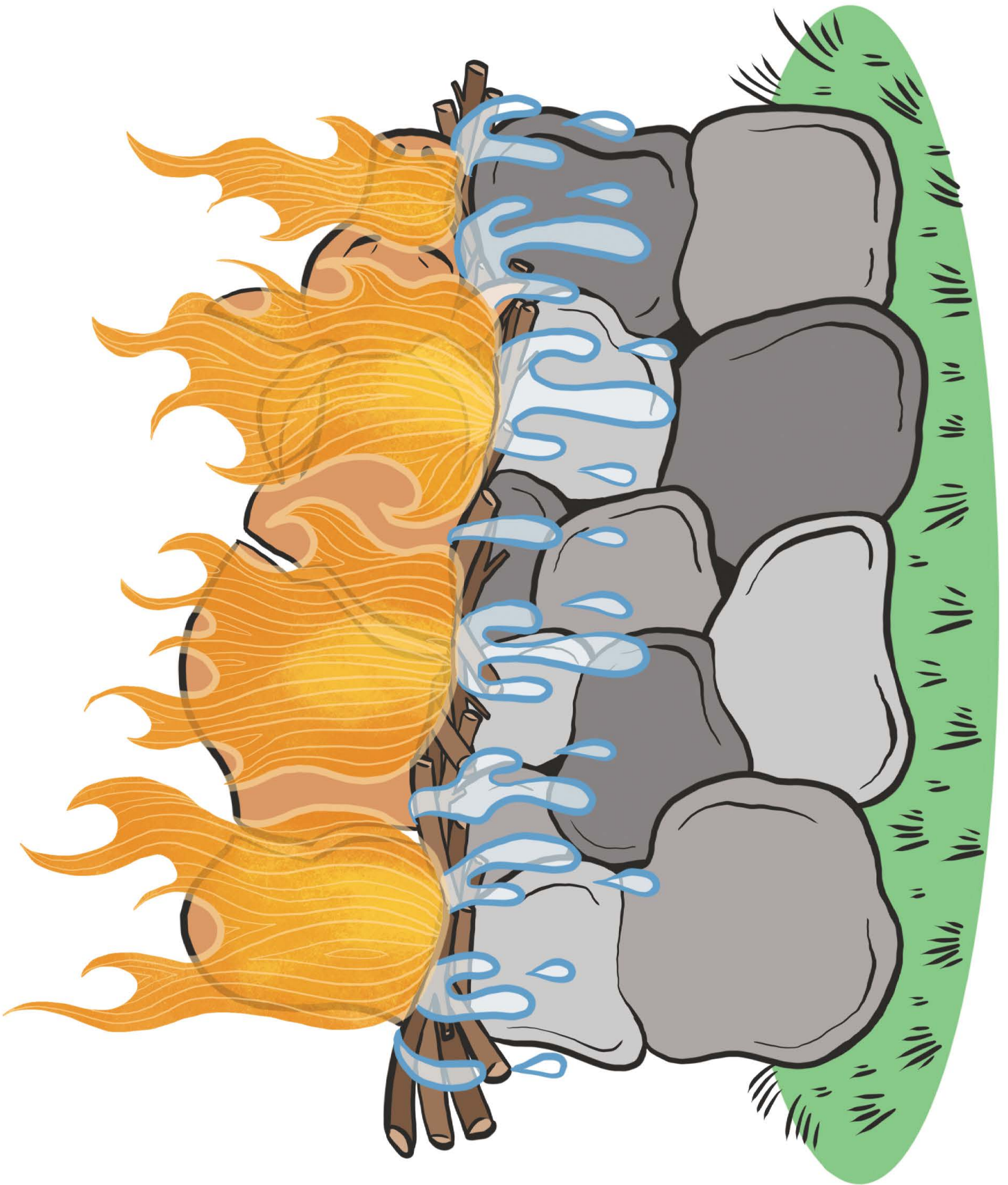












Lesson 1 Discussion

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[sinful—fearful, prone to worry, discouraged, doubting]
- **How did this sinful man pray? What does fervently mean?**
[enthusiastically, passionately, eagerly, zealously]
- **What did Elijah pray? Did God do what Elijah asked him to do?**

Navajos

The Navajo Indians are the largest group of Native Americans in the United States. They believe in good and bad spirits.

- Thank God for the Navajo Bible.
- Pray that the Navajos will accept God as the God for all peoples not just for the “white man.”
- Pray for more missionaries to the Navajo.

Kurds

There are 36 million Kurds. The Kurds live mainly in Turkey, Iran, Iraq, and Syria. They have been unwanted and cruelly treated. The Kurds have a well-known proverb, “The Kurds have no friends but the mountains.” The Kurds are Muslims.

- Pray for better treatment of the Kurds.
- Pray that Kurdish Christians will be bold in witnessing to other Kurds.
- Pray that the Kurds will find a friend in Jesus.

Uzbeks

Most Uzbeks are Muslims. So missionaries in Uzbekistan must be very careful about sharing the gospel.

- Pray for Trans World Radio as they develop Christian Uzbek programs.
- Pray for the safety and effectiveness of missionaries working in Uzbekistan.

Ethiopia

Ethiopia is one of the poorest countries in the world. Many of the people of Ethiopia don’t have jobs.

- Pray for the men studying in the Bible school in Addis Ababa.
- Pray for those translating the Bible into the different languages of Ethiopia.

Guinea

Most of the people of Guinea are Muslim. But some are animists who live in fear of the devil and evil spirits.

- Pray for more missionaries to go to Guinea.
- Pray for the conversion of the Malinké people.

Indonesia

Indonesia is a country made up of 17,508 islands! The more than 273 million people of Indonesia speak approximately 700 languages. Most of the people of Indonesia are Muslim.

- Pray for the Sea Tribe people of Indonesia.
- Pray that missionaries will be able to enter the Sea Tribe people with the gospel.
- Pray for Bible colleges, that train Indonesian evangelists, pastors, and missionaries.

Sikhs

Most of the 24 million Sikhs live in India. The Sikh religion was born from a rejection of both Hinduism and Islam. They don’t believe in idols. They believe in salvation by grace and good works.

- Pray for the bad relations between Sikhs, Muslims, and Hindus.
- Pray for missionaries to go to the Sikhs.

Romania

Romania was ruled by a Communist dictator for 24 years—until a revolution in 1989. During the Communist years, Christians were persecuted, imprisoned, and even killed for their faith. Now there is religious freedom in Romania.

- Pray for translation of Truth78 resources into Romanian.
- Pray for the pastors of the Romanian churches.

Nungs

The Nungs are a tribal people living in northern Vietnam. They are mainly farmers, growing rice and vegetables. The Nungs worship the spirits of their ancestors.

- Pray for the Bible to be translated into the language of the Nungs.
- Pray for the Nungs to come to know Jesus and to start churches to reach other Nungs.

Biao Miens

The Biao Mien people of China are rice farmers. They believe in eight main gods and many other lesser gods. They also worship dead heroes and spirits in nature.

- Pray for prayer warriors who will pray faithfully for the Biao Miens.
- Pray for ways for the gospel to influence the Biao Mien people.

Yakuts

The Yakuts live in one of the coldest places in the world. They live in a region of Siberia. Their religion is a mixture of shamanism, animism (belief that things in nature have a soul), and Orthodox Christian religion.

- Pray that the Yakuts accept Jesus as Savior.
- Pray for openings for the gospel.

Mauritania

Mauritania is an African country that is 99 percent Islamic. It is illegal to preach about Jesus or to evangelize in Mauritania.

- Pray for the faith of the few Christians in Mauritania.
- Pray for a way for the gospel to be heard in Mauritania.

Afghanistan

Afghanistan is a country of opposites—high mountains and desert, hot summers and very cold winters. It is also a country of little peace. It has been invaded many times and there has been fighting within the people groups of Afghanistan.

- Pray for peace in Afghanistan.
- Pray for openings for the gospel for Christian aid workers.

China

China is the most populated country in the world. Communists thought they could end all religion in China. But the Christian church has actually grown in China!

- Thank God for the growth of the church in China in spite of persecution.
- Pray for the Christians in China that they would be strong in their faith.

Colombia

Colombia used to be one of the poorest countries in South America. More recently, coffee, oil, gold, platinum, and emeralds have brought more wealth to some Colombians. But there is also much violence and drug trade in Colombia.

- Pray for street children in Colombia.
- Pray for the churches of Colombia.

Trinidad

Trinidad is populated by a mix of people whose ancestors were from Europe, Africa, India, the Middle East, China, and South America. There is a mix of religions as well—Christian, Hindu, and Muslim.

- Pray for strong Bible training in Trinidad.
- Pray that the believers in Trinidad will be bold in their witness of the gospel.

LORD, TEACH US TO PRAY



BY: _____

**The eyes
of the
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—Psalm 34:15

Cover—color, cut out, and place in the student scrapbook.

First right-hand page—color, cut out,
and place in the student scrapbook.



Lesson 1

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Question: Do you like contests?

The Bible tells us about an important one. Check the Lesson Summary of the Family Devotional Guide or ask your child about this contest.

God hears the prayers of His people and answers those prayers. He does not always answer every prayer in just the way we want. However, His answers are always good and right, and we must learn to trust that God's answers are the best.

However, we don't always know how to pray. Just as Jesus' disciples had to learn how to pray, we also must learn how to pray. We must learn to cry out to God and grow to know Him as the Hearer of Prayer.

Let us confess with shame how little we have believed this wondrous truth, in the sense of receiving it into the heart, and allowing it to possess and control our whole being. That we accept a truth is not enough; the living God, of whom the truth speaks must in its light be so revealed, that our whole life is spent in His presence, with the consciousness as clear as in a little child toward its earthly parent. I know for certain my Father hears me.
—Andrew Murray*

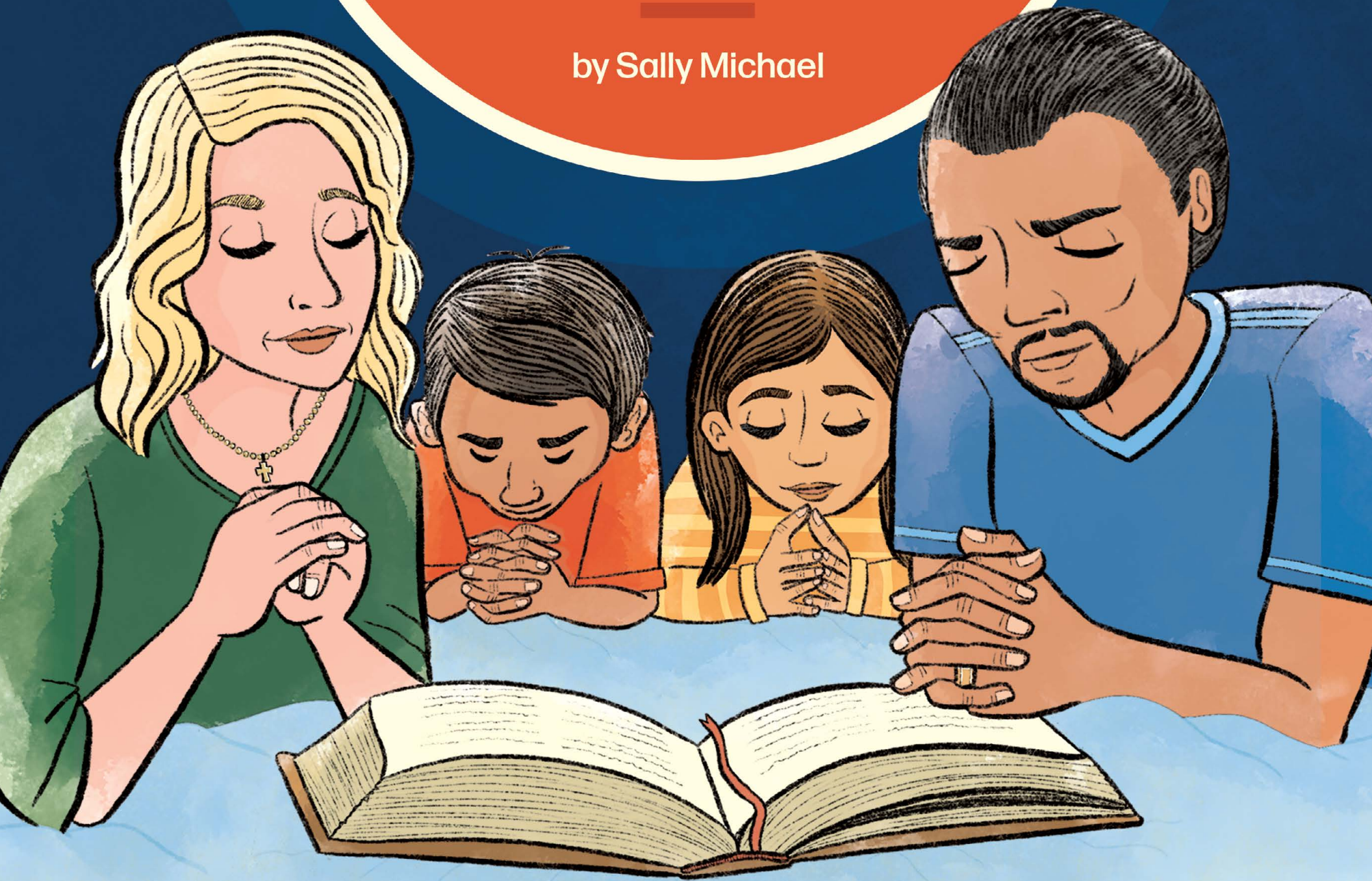
...He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry. As soon as he hears it, he answers you.
—Isaiah 30:19b

*From *Into His Presence: Daily Devotions for Prayer*. (Wheaton, Ill.: Crossway Books, 1997), 137.

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**I love the LORD, because he has heard my
voice and my pleas for mercy.**

Psalm 116:1

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Note: Be sure to save the last page for the back cover of your Classroom Scrapbook.

Note: The Classroom Scrapbook will be used in Lessons 2-13 of this curriculum. During these lessons, the teacher will add scrapbook pieces to the scrapbook pages to reinforce the main truths of the lessons. The scrapbook page and scrapbook pieces for Lesson 2 are included in this sample for your reference.

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A Pattern that Instructs the Heart

Lord, Teach Us To Pray Classroom Scrapbook and Pieces

The following scrapbook pieces are to be used along with the classroom scrapbook pages to create a large classroom scrapbook. This scrapbook will be put together page by page during 12 of the 13 lessons in this study.

Students will be asked to place scrapbook pieces on these large pages using Velcro® dots, and the large pages will be displayed on a bulletin board or wall for the class to use as a review tool as they progress through the curriculum. Toward the end of the last lesson, the teacher will take the scrapbook pages down from the wall or bulletin board and assemble them with the two cover pages to create a large scrapbook.

We recommend laminating both the scrapbook pieces and scrapbook pages for durability before attaching the Velcro dots.

