

Children's Ministry

THIRD
FOURTH

March 14th || Matthew 7:7-12

Main Point: **We can ask God because He loves us!**

(Try to repeat the main point several times.)

Read Matthew 7:7-12 and ask:

1. What does Jesus say will happen to the person who asks?
2. Are our parents sinners?
3. Why do our parents give us good things?
4. So, Why would God give us better things?

Read James 4:1-3

1. What usually causes our fights and frustrations with other people?
2. When we lack something, what should we do?
3. Why do we sometimes not receive even after we've asked God?
4. What should be our motive when asking God?

Driving it

home...



“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.”—James 4:8

One of the greatest things we can know is that God will never hold back from us when we ask Him. Since it is Jesus' work on the cross that makes us right with God, He'll never withhold Himself from you until you perform a certain way. In fact, the Bible says that if you confess your sin, He forgives it. So, if you truly desire to grow closer to Christ and ask God to help you do it, He will not withhold Himself from you. But be prepared, the way He plans to grow you may be different than how you thought you would grow!

The Bible says we can ask of God because He loves us. And since He loves us, we know He will give good things to us. We can see this same example from our parents.

Fish & Stones

As the kids if they like “goldfish” crackers. (Hopefully, most do!) Then ask them if they would like some goldfish crackers. (Hopefully, they say “yes.”) Instead of the crackers, pass out rocks. (Have to watch that a kid doesn't try to eat them...probably the same kid that is always drinking the glue!) Ask the kids, “Would your parents do this?” Then pass out the goldfish.

Jesus says that even though our parents are sinners, they still give good things to us because they love us. Now imagine how much God loves us—He gave His only Son for us—and the fact that He never sins—so His gifts to us are perfect too! God may not always give us what we ask for, but that would only be because He loves us and perfectly knows we actually need something else for our good! He'll never hold back His goodness from us!

1. What kind of things do you pray for?
2. Do you ask God to grow you closer to Him?