

ALLEY SG – July 25th- 26th, 2026

Bible Story: The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up • Luke 18:1-8

Conversation Starter: What do you need to keep doing?

Monthly Memory Verse: *God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit.* • Romans 14:17 NIV

1. Bible Story Extension

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible,
"Castle of Parables" Activity Page (one set per kid on cardstock),
Markers, Glue sticks



What You Do:

- Encourage kids to decorate each picture.
- Ask kids to fold each of their papers in half along the line.
- Show kids how to connect the pieces of their castle. (*See our Pinterest Board for an example: bit.ly/46pW1VI*)
 - Glue the back of the picture of "The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up" to the back of the picture of "The Stories of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast."
 - Glue the back of the picture of "The Story of the Lost Sheep" to the back of the picture of "The Story of the Lost Son."
 - Glue the back of the picture of "The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl" to the back of the picture of "The Story of the Farmer."
 - Glue the back of the picture of "The Parable of the Bags of Gold" to the back of the picture of "The Story of the Servant Who Had No Mercy."
- Ask kids to find the picture showing "The Story of the Widow Who Would Not Give Up" from today's Bible Story.
- Ask for a volunteer to turn to Luke 18:1-8 and summarize this parable.
- Ask kids to turn their castle to find the picture showing "The Stories of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast."
- Ask for a volunteer to turn to Matthew 13:31-34 and summarize this parable.
- Ask kids to turn their castle to find the picture showing "The Story of the Lost Sheep."
- Ask for a volunteer to turn to Luke 15:1-7 and summarize this parable.
- Ask kids to turn their castle to find the picture showing "The Story of the Lost Son."
- Ask for a volunteer to turn to Luke 15:11-32 and summarize this parable.
- Ask kids to turn their castle to find the picture showing "The Stories of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl."
- Ask for a volunteer to turn to Matthew 13:44-46, and summarize this parable.
- Ask kids to turn their castle to find the picture showing "The Story of the Farmer."
- Ask for a volunteer to turn to Matthew 13:1-23 and summarize this parable.
- Ask kids to turn their castle to find the picture showing "The Parable of the Bags of Gold."
- Ask for a volunteer to turn to Matthew 25:14-30 (we told this story in the NIV) and summarize this parable.

- Ask kids to turn their castle to find the picture showing “The Story of the Servant Who Had No Mercy.”
- Ask for a volunteer to turn to Matthew 18:21-35 and summarize this parable.

What You Say:

“Great job making your castle with some of the stories Jesus told to help teach people about God’s kingdom. In the parable from today’s Bible Story, Jesus told His disciples a story to encourage them to always pray and never give up talking to God. Even the unfair judge finally helped the widow who kept asking. Jesus wanted us to know that God is so much more loving and good than that judge! He always listens and always chooses what is best for us. So keep praying and talking to God, and don’t give up! You will grow closer and closer to God the more you talk to Him.”

2. Persistent Prayers

Bible Story Review

What You Need: Bible, “My Persistent Prayer Calendar” Activity Page (one per kid), Coloring supplies

What You Do:

- Give each kid a “My Persistent Prayer Calendar” and coloring supplies.
- Read the simple prayer prompts for each day.
 - Monday: Pray for a friend.
 - Tuesday: Pray for your family.
 - Wednesday: Pray for your school.
 - Thursday: Say, “Thank You” to God.
 - Friday: Pray for someone who is sick.
- Let them color a picture for the day/days with what they want to pray this week.

What You Say:

“This little calendar can help us remember to be like the woman in our Bible Story: to keep asking and not give up! Talking to God over and over strengthens your relationship with Him. God wants to hear your heart because He is your friend.”

3. Discussion Questions

- Why do you think Jesus told this story specifically to teach about not giving up in prayer?
- Why do you think Jesus chose a widow—someone who was often overlooked and didn’t have much power—as the hero of this story?
- What does the widow’s persistence tell us about what she believed?
- The judge in the story wasn’t motivated by justice, but by being worn out. What motivates God to answer our prayers? (*His love, goodness, and justice*)
- **What do you need to keep doing?**

4. Memory Verse Tower

Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Bibles, Plastic cups (large stack per bin), ping pong balls (a few per bin)

What You Do:

- Depending on the age/ability of your group, you can either:
 - Give each child a Bible and look up the memory verse together.
 - Read the memory verse to the group.
 - *God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit. • Romans 14:17*
- Give the kids a stack of plastic cups.
- Challenge them to work together to build a tall tower or castle.
- Once their tower is built, give them a ping-pong ball.
- Say: "Your challenge is to balance this ping-pong ball on the very top cup of your tower! Then, carefully move the cup with the ping-pong ball down to collect all the cups without the cups falling or the ping-pong ball falling off."
- This will take steady hands and patience. If the ping-pong ball or cups fall, encourage them to restack the cups and try again. Say: "Don't give up!"
- While they work, repeat the Memory Verse: *"God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit"* (Romans 14:17 NIV).

AT THE 5- MINUTE CALL: PRAY

- Ask, "Does anyone have any prayer requests or things they want to thank God for from this week? (*Let the kids share their prayer requests and praises*)"
- "Dear God, thank You that You are not a grumpy judge, but a loving Father who always wants to hear from us. Please help us to be persistent and to keep talking to You every day. Help us to never give up. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."
- Remind the kids that when they leave, their parents should get a text message on their phones telling them what we learned this week. AND they will get a link to an activity they can do at home and bring back for a PRIZE!

PARENT PICK UP POINT: As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to keep praying and not give up!

