LESSON 7

FOUR GREAT PRAYERS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

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Four Great Prayers in the Old Testament (Part 1)

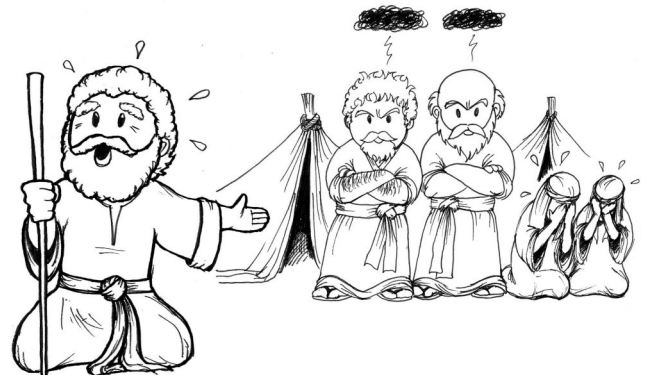Fill in the blanks as you go through the lesson.

1. Jacob's prayer for mercy from Esau (Gen 32:3-12)

When Jacob prayed to God, he told Him that he was not worthy of the least of all God's _____. He also asked God, "_____ me, I pray, from the hand of my brother Esau" because he was very afraid, and knew that only God could help him.

2. Moses' prayer in affliction (Num 11:4-25)

When the Israelites complained, Moses was very displeased with them and asked God, "Why have You _____ Your servant?" In response, God directed Moses to take seventy elders. He told Moses that He would place His _____—the same that was in Moses—upon them to empower them so that they could also share Moses' burdens.

3. Hannah's prayer for a son (1 Sam 1-2:11)

When Hannah prayed to the Lord, it was because she was feeling great _____. Her voice was heard by God, because later, after her desperate prayer, the Lord _____ her and gave her a son, just as she had requested.

4. Solomon's prayer for wisdom (1 Kgs 3:4-15)

When God asked Solomon what He should give to him, Solomon prayed for an _____ heart so that he could rule God's people. Solomon's humble request _____ the Lord so much that He not only gave Solomon understanding, He also gave him great wisdom so that many people from around the world came to meet Solomon and speak with him.

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Four Great Prayers in the Old Testament (Part 2)

The four prayers we learned about today were each a different type of prayer. In the boxes below, write down the biblical definition of the word listed in the first column, and then write what could have happened to each of the people if they had not prayed to God.

Type of Prayer	Biblical Definition	Bible Illustration	Possible Results Without Prayer
Mercy (Jacob)		For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. (Hosea 6:6)	
Affliction (Moses)		Many are the afflictions of the righteous, But the Lord delivers him out of them all. (Psalm 34:19)	
Prayer for a Special Need (Hannah)		When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple. (Jonah 2:7)	
Wisdom (Solomon)		If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. (James 1:5)	

PRAYER WORKS

Based on the four prayers in the Old Testament that we studied today, we learned that:

    1. We can pray in any and every circumstance.

    2. Prayer makes the impossible, possible.

Please answer the following questions.

1. How would each of their situations have turned out if they hadn't prayed to God?

    Jacob   _____

    Moses   _____

    Hannah   _____

    Solomon   _____

2. List three things you would like to pray for and explain why.

    a. _____

    b. _____

    c. _____

3. Describe a time when you or a loved one experienced the power of prayer.

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Testimonies of Answered Prayers

a. Before a brother started pursuing Christ, he stole his friend's car. After he came to believe, he was called before the judge to receive a punishment for his crime. While the brother was on his way to the court, he prayed to God and asked for mercy, as he had committed the thievery before he came to know Christ and while he was under negative influences. To his surprise, the judge decided to let him go with a warning never to commit a crime again.

If you were this brother, how would you have tried to fix this situation on your own? How would that have turned out?
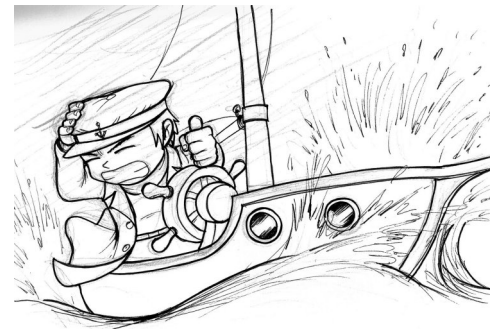
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b. A sister was in great distress because her three small children were very sick with fever. She was alone in a foreign land, it was late at night, and there was no one around to help her. The sister knelt down and started praying for her children. Suddenly, her eldest daughter woke up, her fever gone. The daughter knelt next to the sister, and they both prayed over the two younger children. In a matter of minutes, the fever had disappeared among all three.

When you are sick or in pain, what is the first thing you usually do? How effective is that compared to praying?

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c. A brother was making a dangerous journey to his new home. During this trip, he had to sail on a small boat, in the middle of a stormy ocean. As the waves, rain, and wind swept around him and threatened to capsize his boat, the brother prayed to God for deliverance. It was such a tiny vessel on violent waters that his chances for survival were slim to none. Hope was quickly disappearing. The brother commended himself to God, and promised to seek Him wholeheartedly if he was allowed to make it safely to land. The storm ceased, the waves calmed. Within days, he was safely ashore and on the way to his new home.

When things seem impossible to resolve, what feelings crowd around your heart and mind? What difference does prayer make in these situations?

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d. During her senior year of high school, a sister faced a very important decision. On the one hand, she could choose to go to a very well-known university with no church or fellow members nearby. On the other hand, she could attend a less famous one close to a church. The decision was very difficult because she had always pictured herself going to the more prestigious school, and her classmates kept telling her what a great opportunity it was. Her parents and fellow church brothers and sisters, though, recommended that she stay closer to church, as college years were often full of spiritual trials, and she may need support from fellow brothers and sisters. She prayed to God for the wisdom to make the best choice. In the end, her prayers directed her to choose the school near church, and it proved to be one of the best decisions she ever made.

When everyone around us seems to be giving us conflicting ideas, whom do we follow? How does God guide us through prayer when this happens?

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KEEPING UP WITH PRAYER

It is important to keep up a habit of praying in order to maintain our relationship with God. Reflect upon your prayer habits, and then complete the sentences below.

I think prayer is important because _____

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When I don't pray, I notice that _____

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It is difficult to keep up prayer every day because _____

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Some ways that I have seen other maintain a good habit of prayer are _____

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

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2. _____

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Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(1 John 5:14)**

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Four Great Prayers: For each of the following, explain what they prayed for and what God granted them in the end.

1. Jacob: _____

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2. Moses: _____

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3. Hannah: _____

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4. Solomon: _____

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Short Answer

5. If you could ask God for anything and know that He would grant your request, what would you pray for?

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