

PRAYER

- Thank God for every blessing that you have received from Him. Ask Him to mold in you a grateful heart at all times, no matter what circumstance you face.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit will reveal His faithfulness to you as you read your Bible regularly. Pray that you will know more about His goodness, ability, and desire to give you what is best for you. Pray that you will come to trust Him more.

- Come as a group and lift up your prayer concerns. Believe that God will faithfully answer your requests.



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OVERFLOW

*God is a Good
Father*

Week 1

NOTES

CONNECT

- What is one quality you appreciate most about your father?
- Tell of a time when your need was completely met. How did you feel while you were waiting for an answer? How did you respond when you finally overcame?
- What is your usual response when you are faced with a problem or need? Why do you have that tendency?

WORD

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

⁹“Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

Matthew 7:9-11

The way we relate to our fathers depends on our experiences with them growing up. If we grew up having a stingy and ill-tempered father, we tend to hesitate asking for help from him. But if we grew up with a generous and approachable father, we are more confident and honest to come to him. The Bible says that God is our Father, and it is fitting to relate to Him as such. This lesson shows how God is a good Father.

- **God gives good gifts.**

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Matthew 7:11

It is only natural for earthly fathers to want what is best for their beloved children, although we know well that they are not perfect and have limitations. However, our Heavenly Father who is limitless assures us time and again that He is a giver of good gifts (Psalm 84:11, James 1:17). What could be the reason why God is good to us? How does this affect your confidence in Him?

- **God heeds our prayers for provision.**

⁷“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened.”

Matthew 7:7,8

The Bible says that we can come to God for anything we need. It assures us further that God knows our needs even before we ask (Matthew 6:7).

If that is so, why do we still need to pray to God for our needs (James 4:2, Philippians 4:6)? What do we show when we come to God whenever we have a need or concern?

- **God faithfully provides.**

And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:19

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

We have heard of countless stories where God provided for His children no matter how big or small the need. More than that, God has made a way to meet our greatest need—salvation from sin through Jesus. Knowing that our Heavenly Father has gone lengths to provide for us, how does this help you trust Him more?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- When facing a need, where do you tend to go for help first? What have you learned from this lesson that can help you develop the habit of running to God?
- How convinced are you that God is more than willing to provide for your needs?
- What other Bible verses talk about God’s provision? Among these, what speaks to your situation the most? Why?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- In what ways can you trust God more (Romans 10:17)? How can you help others run to God for their needs, too?
- What are your needs right now? Ask a trusted friend to pray with you and ask God to make a way for you in your situation.
- In believing Jesus’ finished work on the cross, we become God’s children freely relate to Him as our Father. Have you received God’s gift of salvation through Jesus? Ask your group leader to help you with this.