

Lesson 2: Don't Give Up When You Pray

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Game Activity

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Unscramble the Judges

Materials

- Judges' qualities cards (Student Page 21)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Paper

Directions

- 1 Turn to Student Page 21. Read through the left-hand column, telling the student for each phrase, "This is what God is like." Then read through the right-hand column, telling the student for each phrase, "This is what a bad judge is like."
- 2 With the student's help, cut out all the cards and mix them up.
- 3 Have the student divide the cards into two piles: those statements that describe the bad judge from the parable and those that describe God, the ultimate judge. See if he can remember, based on your read-through from the beginning of the activity.
- 4 Once the cards are sorted, the student should write the circled letters from each pile onto his paper. The letters from the bad judge cards will form the first word, and the letters from the God cards will form the second word, giving the completion of this sentence: In Jesus' time, the judges in Jerusalem were so bad that people gave them the nickname of *Dayyaney Gezeloth*, which means _____ - _____. *Answer: Robber-Judges*

Craft Project

Stained-glass Praying Hands

Materials

- Wax paper
- Crayon shavings (shave bits off crayons with a crayon sharpener, scissors, or knife)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Paper (colored or plain)
- Markers
- Clear tape
- Iron
- Paper towel

Directions

- 1 Tear off a sheet of wax paper. Fold it in half. This folded piece should be larger than the student's hand.
- 2 The student should trace his hand in pencil onto the wax paper. The fingers should be slightly spread apart.
- 3 Open the wax paper so it is unfolded. Arrange the crayon shavings on one side of the paper. You can also write "Always pray and don't give up" in marker on a slip of paper and place it over the shavings. Fold the top half of the wax paper down again.
- 4 Heat the iron on low. Place a paper towel over the wax paper and iron until the crayon shavings melt. Let cool.
- 5 Cut out the hand from the wax paper. You now have a stained-glass effect. Tape the praying hands to a window to let the light shine through.

Craft Project

Praying Hands Mobile

Materials (for each student)

- Wire coat hanger
- String or yarn
- Glue
- 3 pieces of colored construction paper
- Scissors
- Marker

Directions

- 1 Cut each piece of construction paper in half crosswise and lengthwise to make four equal rectangles.
- 2 With the marker, have the student trace his hand, fingers together, onto the construction paper. (If you have the time, you can have the student cut out the tracing. Keep in mind he will be doing this 12 times.)
- 3 The student should make a hand tracing for each of the remaining paper rectangles. He should alternate tracing his left and right hand.
- 4 Cut six pieces of string, three short (about 8") and three long (about 16").
- 5 Pick a "pair" of hands that, when placed back to back, look like praying hands. Apply some glue to the back of one hand and place the end of the string on the glue. Put the back of the other hand overtop to sandwich it in place. Repeat for the remaining pairs of hands.
- 6 Tie the ends of the string pieces to the clothes hanger to create your mobile. Pray with the student today, and tell him to hang his mobile in his room to remind him to talk to God.

Coloring Page



A Widow Begs a Judge to Help Her

Jesus told a story of an unkind judge who would not help a poor widow. Jesus said that God isn't like that judge; God will answer us when we pray.

Unscramble the Judges

People pray to him day and night. ⓐ	He may or may not listen to someone who comes to him. ⓑ
He is fair. ⓒ	He takes a long time to give justice. ⓓ
He listens right away. ⓔ	He doesn't respect God. ⓕ
He always listens to those who come to him. ⓖ	He is bothered by those who come to him. ⓗ
He gives justice quickly. ⓔ	He only gives justice to keep from being bothered. ⓓ
He wants people to come to him. ⓖ	He doesn't respect men. ⓔ

Bad Judge Letters

God Letters

In Jesus' time, the judges in Jerusalem were so *bad* that people gave them the nickname of *Dayyaney Gezeloth*, which means

_____ - _____.



Luke 18:1-8