

Proper 24 – Year C

What's Happening in Sunday School?

The lessons for today are all about persistence and perseverance. In the Old Testament lesson, we see Jacob wrestling with an angel and refusing to give up until he receives a blessing, despite what must be the excruciating pain of a dislocated thigh. This is a very physical example of being persistent with God. We aren't sure where the "man" comes from but Jacob eventually realizes that he is wrestling with God and will not give up until he sees his request granted. Many times we find ourselves wrestling with God spiritually or emotionally and we must be persistent in petitioning God for resolution.

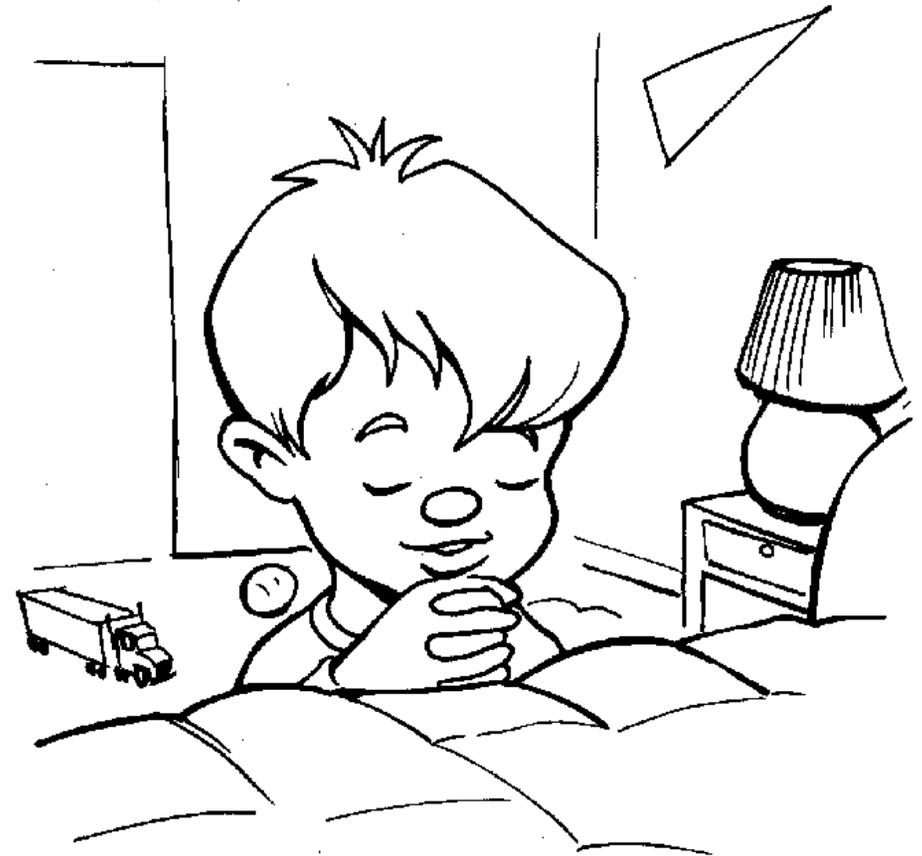
The psalm shows us the other side of the coin and describes God's persistence in watching over us and his faithfulness in keeping us safe. In the letter to Timothy, Paul ends with a warning that there will come a time when people will not put up with sound teaching and instructs him to remain persistent in the preaching of the truth despite hardship or opposition.

Finally in our Gospel lesson, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow. The point is that, with enough pleading, even a judge who cares not for God nor shows favoritism to any person will finally grant what is being requested. If this is true, then how much more will God, who cares for his people, grant our petitions that we bring before him with persistence. Our lesson today focuses on being persistent in prayer and how our prayer life is how we stay in communication with God.

Digging Deeper

Relate a story to your children where you can recall a specific prayer being answered, either as you asked or in a way that showed you God's bigger plan. Be persistent in prayer. Make time to pray with your family every evening this week.

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Luke 18:1 – “Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart”

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