



## Week of **May 14 - a**

### Scripture: Mt 7:7-11

**Main Idea:** Jesus explains that God is eager to give to us and bless us. He says we should ask Him for things we need. Since we who are imperfect know how to give good things to our children, how much more does our perfect Father in heaven know how to bless us.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Does God want to hear what we need when we pray to him?

**Grade school:** If you ask your parents for a skateboard for Christmas would you get a pair of socks? Probably not, because your parents try their best to bless you with what you need and try to give you what you want. Who is even better at giving you great gifts? (A: God)

**Teen:** What do you need to do to receive God's blessings? How do you find God's blessings? Does God want to give you blessings personally? What does God want us to seek above all else?

**Adult:** How do you interpret this scripture if God's answer to your prayer has ever been "no?" Have you ever had to tell your child no when they asked for something good? It's easy to say no to ice cream before dinner. What do you think when a hungry child asks for nutritious food and the parent has to say there is none?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

For God to give us many blessings and for us to have the wisdom to see the richness of spiritual blessings over material things.

#### May Memory Verse:

**Philippians 4:13 (ESV)**

**I can do all things through him who strengthens me.**



## Week of **May 14 - b**

### Scripture: Mt 7:12-14

**Main Idea:** Jesus teaches what many call the “golden rule” here. He says whatever we wish others would do to us, that is how we should treat them. Then he points out that most people are not living lives that lead to heaven. The path they are on is easy. But God’s way, while more difficult, is the narrow path that leads to eternal life.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Are we supposed to treat people the way they treat us, or the way we want to be treated?

**Grade school:** Do you pray for the people in your school that are mean to you? Or do you call them names too? Jesus wants us to treat them “back” the way we wish they treated us.

**Teen:** If someone treats you badly, is it then okay to treat them badly? Why not? What are some things that could lead to destruction? What are some things that could lead to eternal life? What things can help you stay on the narrow path?

**Adult:** Although we may break out the “Golden Rule” from the other scriptures about asking, seeking and knocking, it directly follows those and in most modern translations is part of the same paragraph. Why do you think Jesus followed the teaching about God giving us good gifts with an admonition about doing to others as you would like to be treated? What can we learn when we consider them together?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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#### PRAY:

For God to help us treat others like we want to be treated, and follow God, even when it is hard.

#### May Memory Verse:

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**I can do all things through him who strengthens me.**