

Matins for Children & Families

Week of Oct 10 - Oct. 16, 2016



The Liturgy Letter

Opening Words

Let us remember
that we are in the Holy presence of God.

Light a prayer candle.

Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth shall proclaim Your praise.

Psalm 51:15

Psalm of the Week (different Psalm + musical refrain each week)

**Children sing the refrain and an adult reads the Psalm text in between*

Psalm 121 (NIV)

**Optional --- Talk about how this Psalm teaches us that God is dependable*

I lift up my eyes to the hills
Where does my help come from?
My help come from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth
My help come from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth

**Click the text above for [audio](#)*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- 2 My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills
Where does my help come from?
My help come from the Lord,
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My help come from the Lord,
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- 3 He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- 4 indeed, he who watches over Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep.
5 The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
6 the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

I lift up my eyes to the hills
Where does my help come from?
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7 The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
8 the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.

Glory to the Father,
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now
And will be for ever.
Amen.

**Optional --- Make the sign of the cross while saying the “Glory be”*

Examen/Confession

Lord, forgive us for the things we do that hurt you and other people.
Because you always love us, help us to love each other.

Bless the Lord who forgives all of our sins
His love endures forever.

**Optional --- Adults and children appropriately share ways they have hurt God and other people that week. Ask forgiveness if fitting.*

Gospel Reading

Luke 18:1-8 The Parable of the Persistent Widow (NIV) [Photo Reenactment](#)

“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. 2 He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. 3 And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

4 “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, 5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

6 And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. 7 And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Day 1 - Read, then imagine and have kids act it out.

Day 2 - How does this parable connect to the OT or whole biblical narrative? What does it teach us? What other Bible stories do you know that teach us about being persistent? When we pray, we must be persistent and not give up.

Day 3 - Talk about a piece of art associated with the passage ([The Persistent Widow](#), [Persistence is the Key](#), [Suprised by Persistence](#)).

Your Word is a light unto our feet
And a lamp unto our path.

Profession of Faith

(Nicene Creed, Apostles’ Creed, [Heidelberg Confession Q&A #1](#))

**One line is added to the creed/confession each week; each text is memorized over the course of many weeks.*

**Q. What is your only comfort
in life and in death?**

A. That I am not my own,
but belong—
body and soul,
in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. [Week One](#)

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,
and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil.
He also watches over me in such a way
that not a hair can fall from my head
without the will of my Father in heaven;
in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. [Week Two](#)

Because I belong to him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him. [Week Three](#)

Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray:

Day 1 - Adult offers a short prayer of dedication.

Day 2 - Adult provides prompts (ie. Pray for family, friends, city, those who are sad), kids can offer a word or sentence of prayer after each prompt.
ie. Let us pray for: family, friends, people in trouble, other countries...

Day 3 - A child or children pray.

The Lord's Prayer

**Holding hands in a circle or individual hands open and outstretched in the [sign of the orans](#)*

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Optional --- Doxology, Hymn, or Weekly Psalm Refrain

ie. [God is So Good](#), [Doxology \(Old 100th\)](#), [Jesus, the Light of the World](#)

Further Resources and Ideas for [Worshipping with Children Using the RCL](#)



Prayers Before a Meal

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest
And to our lives these gifts be blessed.
Amen.

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the food before us,
the friends beside us,
and the love between us.
Amen.

Vertical Habits for Children:

Cultivating Faithful Speech and Relationship Towards God and People



Relational Words / Worship Words ([More Resources...](#))

I Love You / Praise
I'm Sorry / Confession
Why? / Lament
I'm Listening / Illumination
Help / Supplication or Petition
Thank you / Thanksgiving
Here I Stand / Creed
What Can I Do? / Service
Bless You / Blessing