



# Bible Object Lesson



**from Godly Pearls**

Making Jesus Christ known, one story at a time.



## A NOTE TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS:

Thank you for downloading this Bible Object Lesson.

This first page contains different sections to help you when planning for your class, for example, Home-school, Sunday School, Bible Study, Bible Club, Mission class, etc.

We suggest that you print pages 2 - 5 and distribute them to your students.



### TOPIC:

God answers prayers.



### OBJECT:

A knock on the door



- What to do:
1. Briefly go out of the room and knock on the door. Then, enter the room again.
  2. Ask a question: What do you do when you hear someone knock on the door?



Read the Bible References: The Bible references can be read by different children if possible. Or the teacher can read them.



### Goals of Lesson:

1. To explain what it means to knock on the door (to pray to God).
2. To encourage children to talk to God because He hears and answers when they talk to Him.



### Lesson Takeaway:

When we knock on the door of heaven in prayers, God is waiting to open the door to us. He is interested in answering our prayers. He is a good and loving Father.



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Object:

A knock on the door



Topic:  
GOD ANSWERS PRAYERS



Bible References:  
Matthew 7:7 – 8;  
Luke 18:1 – 8.



Notes

When someone visits your house and wants to enter the house, they knock on the door, use a doorbell, or even call the phone at your house to let you know that they have arrived. Let us focus on the door for now.

When someone knocks on your door, it is a way of telling you, “I am here” and “I would like to get in”. If no one answers the door the first time, they knock again. If they have an appointment, they know you are expecting them; so, they keep knocking until someone opens the door for them.

Let us quickly say that as a child, you should never open the door to your house to anyone, even if you know them. If you hear a knock on the door, make sure you get your parents to open the door.



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Now, in Matthew 7:7 – 8, the bible explains, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened” (Matthew 7:7-8). The words “ask”, “seek”, and “knock” all stand for the act of praying. Our focus is on “knock”.

Matthew 7:7 – 8 are the direct words of Jesus encouraging us to pray and to keep praying until we get the answer to our prayers. Jesus assures us that if we keep knocking, the door will be opened, meaning our prayers will be answered.

How often should you pray?

The bible records various times when people prayed throughout the day. Some people prayed in the morning, afternoon, or nighttime. “Evening and morning and at noon, I will pray, and cry aloud, and He shall hear my voice” (Psalm 55:17). In Daniel 6:10, we understand that Daniel prayed three times daily. In Acts 3:1, the bible talks about the hour of prayer.

In Luke 18:1, Jesus encourages us to pray and not to get tired of praying. This is especially useful when we think we have prayed, and we do not have an answer yet. Pray again, keep praying till you get an answer and do not be tired of praying (see 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

We need to also understand that prayer is not something we do only when we need something from God. Prayer should be a part of our lifestyle – how we live our lives. Through prayer, we can talk with God and have fellowship with Him. During prayer, we can receive guidance and direction for the steps to take in life or on the best decisions to make. In prayer, we can also worship God for how great and marvellous He is!



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What can hinder prayers from being answered?

When we pray to God, He hears and answers us. *“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know”* (Jeremiah 33:3).

But sometimes, He doesn't answer. Did God not hear our prayers?

The Bible explains that sin could make God silent when we call. *“Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear”* (Isaiah 59:1-2).

Other things that could make our prayers go unanswered include:

- Unbelief in the promises of God and His word (James 1:6 – 7)
- Unconfessed sins such as pride (2 Chronicles 7:14; Psalm 66:18)
- Unforgiveness (Mark 11:25-26)
- Praying with a selfish mind (James 4:3)
- Praying to make other people think we know how to pray, that is, to impress other people (Matthew 6:5-8); and more.

When we knock on the door of heaven in prayers, God is waiting to open the door to us. He is interested in answering our prayers. He is a good and loving Father. However, He is holy and wants a sinner to repent and turn away from their sins. In Revelation 3:20, Jesus said, *“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me”*.

Once we put these away – sin, unbelief, unforgiveness, etc. – we can boldly pray to God knowing that He hears us when we call on him.



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**Memorize:** Philippians 4:6 - Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.



**Questions:** i. How often should we pray?  
ii. Mention three things that can hinder your prayers from being answered.



**Reminder:** When we knock on the door of heaven in prayers, God is waiting to open the door to us. He is interested in answering our prayers. He is a good and loving Father.



**Say and repeat:** I will pray and not get tired of praying.



**Let us pray:** Dear God, thank you because you hear me when I call. Help me to always pray and not get tired even when the answer has not come. I ask for these in Jesus' name, amen!