Too Busy to Pray

GOD'S WORD

"Pray without ceasing."

1 Thessalonians 5:17 (WEB)



THE STORY

LJ is so busy building his block castle that he eats before anyone prays and skips his bedtime prayers too. In the morning, Mom tells him God always loves him and loves to hear from him (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Dad shares how he was always in a hurry as a little boy until his grandpa taught him to pray first thing in the morning, and how even Jesus made time to pray (Mark 1:35). Big sister Jakayla helps LJ make a prayer jar full of names to pray for.

Grandma tells how Martha rushed around her house while her sister Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened. Jesus said Mary had chosen the good part (Luke 10:38–42).

TALK ABOUT IT TOGETHER

1. Why did LJ skip praying at dinner and at bedtime? How did he feel lying in the dark?
2. Dad's grandpa taught him to pray first thing in the morning. What did Jakayla help LJ make?
3. Martha was busy, but Mary sat with Jesus. When is a good time in your day to talk to God?

PRAY TOGETHER

God, thank You that You always love to hear from me. Even when I am busy, help me remember to talk to You first. Thank You for my family and for today. Amen.

TRY THIS WEEK

Make your own prayer jar together. Write or draw the names of people you love on paper slips, and each morning before play, pull one slip and pray for that person.

DRAW IT

Draw LJ with his prayer jar, or draw yourself talking to God.

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