

George Mueller: Prayer Warrior

Scripture: Psalm 62:8 *“Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart before Him; God is a refuge for us.”*

Lesson Focus: In the main sanctuary this weekend, Pastor Eric is going to be teaching the grown-ups about prayer. We are also going to teach the kids about prayer, but by looking at the life and legacy of a pastor and missionary, George Mueller. God did amazing things through this man who is remembered most for his ministry to orphans in 19th century England. But what made it possible was his radical trust and dependence upon God through prayer. One of his most famous quotes is, *“Be assured, if you walk with Him, look to Him, and expect help from Him, He will never fail you.”* He didn’t just say those words, but he lived them. In this video we will see how God answered his prayers in amazing ways. Our prayer is that kids will be encouraged to follow his example of “walking with God, looking to God, and expecting help from God” through prayer.

Teachers: Please inform parents as they are dropping off their kids that they will be watching a cartoon video that has some intense moments in it. While the video tastefully portrays a lot of the bad things that really happened, it could frighten overly sensitive kids. Our conviction though is that this video is entirely appropriate for 1st-5th graders. If parents have any concerns, they may want to keep their kids with them in the main sanctuary.

Please be encouraged to view the video yourself beforehand. You can find it here:

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/KidsSeries/377968?episode=1>

If you don’t have a Rightnow Media account, you can get one free through RMC [here](#).

Schedule:

- 1) Please bring kids into the main sanctuary as usual 10-15 minutes after service starts.
- 2) We will have normal worship and then introduce the video with some background information.
- 3) Sit down with the kids and watch the video with them (about 28 minutes).
- 4) We will dismiss the kids back to their rooms where we will provide follow-up small group activities.

Room Time Afterwards: We will have a coloring page, a maze, and a decoder puzzle available after the lesson. Also see discussion questions below for your reference.

- 1st-2nd graders: Feel at liberty to either lead a small group discussion afterward (using the discussion Q provided or your own Qs) or leverage the coloring page or puzzles.
- 3rd-5th graders: Please process and digest the video with the kids in the classroom. You can use the discussion Qs below or feel free to come up with your own Qs.

Discussion Qs

Dig Into the Story

- 1) What kind of work did Charlie and William have to do?
- 2) When George and Mary Mueller found out where Charlie was, how did they respond?
- 3) What was surprising about the way George planned to take care of the orphans?
- 4) Read **Psalm 62:8**, our memory verse. How did you see George and Mary doing this?
- 5) What were some of the ways that God answered the prayers of George and Mary Mueller?
- 6) In what ways did God provide for the orphans?
- 7) How did God use William in his life after he became a grown-up?

Go Deeper

- 1) George Mueller received miraculous gifts after praying for the things he needed to continue his work. Is there a difference between asking God for things you need and for things you want? Why or why not?
- 2) George Mueller said, “*Be assured, if you walk with Him, look to Him, and expect help from Him, He will never fail you.*” What do you think this means and how did you see George living by that statement?
- 3) Does George’s decision to pray to God for everything he needed seem too difficult for you? Why or why not?
- 4) Have a look at the Compassion child that we sponsor in your room. Many of these children are orphans and the connection they have with their local church is similar to the connection the orphans had with George Mueller. Spend some time praying for the Compassion child in your room.
- 5) **Teachers:** Share some experiences with your kids where you saw God move in amazing ways through prayer. Then ask the kids if they have ever seen examples of this themselves.
- 6) **Colossians 4:2** challenges us to pursue a vigilance or alertness in prayer. Why do you think we need to be reminded to be vigilant/alert in prayer? What are some practical ways toward making that happen?