

Session 9

That's a good question!

Based on the book by J. John

If God hears our prayers why don't we get everything we ask for?

Big Game: Captains boat

Pretend we're all on a boat! The leader will shout a number of instructions and the children have to remember the actions. The instructions are:

Climb the rigging

Man overboard

Port (left)

Starboard (right)

Scrub the deck

Captain's coming

Memory Verse

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37: 3-5

Big Read (page 52)

The thing is that what we want and what is good for us are often two different things.

No one knows better than parents who often find themselves having to refuse to give their children what they want. For example if you went up to your father and said "Dad, for christmas can I please have a mega box of chocolates that I've seen in the supermarket?" its quite likely that Dad might say, "No!" because he'd be concerned that you might be, well, mega sick.

And if someone went up to their mother and said, "Mum, can I watch all twelve episodes of this series in one go?" I would imagine Mum is going to say, "No way!"

It's the same with our prayers: God loves us perfectly and he knows what will be good for us and what will be bad. So we have to trust him when he says no. There are lots of times we pray to God and, as we do, we remind ourselves that "God loves me and he knows best".

Big Questions

Have you ever asked God for something and it was answered?

Have you prayed for something that you have not seen the answer to yet?

If so, after hearing today's topic, has it made you think differently about your prayer request?

Big Watch

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZrdIXOk_QdQ

Big Activities







Big Prayer

Use this section to encourage the children to prayer for each other. Maybe they could choose something from their prayer jar?