



# THE LORD'S PRAYER

Illustrated by Tim Ladwig



## Reading and Activity Guide

### BEFORE READING

- + Have you heard of the Lord's Prayer before? Say it together! Do you know where this prayer comes from or why we say it? *Jesus taught it to his disciples! You may want to read it in Matthew 6:9-13 or Luke 11:1-4.* Have you ever thought about what the words mean?
- + You may want to take a moment to explain that different people say the Lord's Prayer differently, particularly the conclusion (Roman Catholics) or the words "debts" vs. "trespasses", etc., but we are all saying the same prayer Jesus taught us to pray in the New Testament.

### DURING READING

- + Pause the video on the page where the father and girl are working and ask children to describe what's happening in the illustrations.
- + Pause the video after the girl finds the medallion in the grass. What do you think she will do with it? What do you think she should do with it?
- + Why do you think the father refuses to accept the woman's money?

### AFTER READING

- + What ends up happening with the medallion?
- + What does each petition of the Lord's Prayer mean? [Luther's Small Catechism](#) can be helpful with this.
- + You may find this [interview with illustrator Tim Ladwig](#) very interesting!

### SPRINGBOARD ACTIVITIES:

**Activity #1: Create Your Own Illustrations!** - After discussing the meaning of each petition, invite children to draw their OWN illustrations! They can either try to tell a story like Tim Ladwig, or just draw pictures to show what's happening in each petition. (For example, someone helping a sick person feel better for "Thy Kingdom come".) [Click here](#) for a blank template. Or, you may simply want to print and color in illustrations, which you can [find here](#). (Scroll down to where it says, "Click here to print a copy of the cards.")

**Activity #2: Thy Kingdom Come** - In the story, we saw how a girl and her father helped bring a little glimpse of God's kingdom here on Earth. This woman's fence and yard would not be as beautiful without their help! Think about what Heaven will be like - a place with no dying, no sicknesses, no fighting - everything will be perfect and we will be with God! What are some ways YOU can help bring a little glimpse of God's kingdom to Earth? Maybe you notice someone you can help or befriend. Maybe you could be a peacemaker and help resolve a fight. Maybe someone is sad and needs comfort or encouragement. Keep your eyes peeled for ways you can help God's kingdom break through on Earth!

