

Illustrations



A.S.K.

Choose three volunteers. Give them three signs...
One that says: *A* on one side and *Ask* on the other;
Another that says: *S* on one side and *Seek* on the other;
A third sign that says, *K* on one side and *Knock* on the other.

Have them hold the signs with the letters so that they spell A.S.K.

Read and discuss Matthew 7:9-11—God loves you and likes to give you good things when you ask.

Then read Matthew 7:7-8—When you say, “Ask,” have the A-sign volunteer turn it around. When you say “Seek,” have the S-sign volunteer turn it around. When you say “Knock,” have the K-sign volunteer turn it around.

Tell the kids to say the word when you point to it—Ask, Seek, Ask, Knock...Knock...who's there? Just kidding.

Asking doesn't take long but seeking and knocking can take time. (This is a great place for a “seeking” game where a student or students seek to find something in the room. To find a “seeking” game, look under the threethirtyministries.org Topical Index.)

Explain that God always answers prayer—sometimes He says yes, sometimes no, and sometimes later. He always answers but sometimes you have to wait. Have you ever gone home from church and you could smell lunch cooking but your mom kept telling you that it wasn't ready? Sometimes you have to wait for what God is going to do or give you too.

