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God

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Lesson Twelve

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**Scriptures:** Genesis 24:10-15; Nehemiah 6:9; Isaiah 6:1-8;

**Lesson Goal:** To encourage the learner to depend on God for guidance and strength in service.

**Memory Verse:** “God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1

Everyone needs help. If you think that you don't need help, you are already a failure.\* There is a great story in Genesis. It tells of the chief servant of Abraham who was sent to find a bride for Isaac. When he arrived among the relatives of Abraham in the town of Nahor, he prayed for God's guidance. This servant had the most important task in his life before him. He needed help. He went to the right place. He prayed, in part, “O Lord, give me success today...” (Genesis 24:12)

God did help. He gave that chief servant wisdom and ability to create a way for a beautiful young woman to do that which confirmed her as the right choice. Rebecca was the right choice for Isaac.

God gives us talents and aptitudes which can become skills and abilities. We can choose to use those talents and aptitudes any way we want to use them. However, they are best used when we give them to God and request His assistance in and blessing on the use of them.

Remember Samuel? While Samuel was still a child, God called to him personally and told him about the future. Samuel continued to minister in the Temple, and when the current high priest, Eli, died, Samuel took over that task. I Samuel 3:19 tells us, “The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and He let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel...recognized that Samuel was attested as a prophet of the Lord.” God had blessed Samuel with talents. Samuel accepted the responsibility of those talents and depended on God to utilize them. He depended on God for ability.

Remember Moses? When God finally got Moses' attention, he was a sheep herder far away from Egypt. He was a runaway. God talked to Moses out of a burning bush and told him to go back to Egypt and rescue God's people, Israel. Moses had a lot of excuses as to why he was a bad choice for the job. However, God had a different idea. He assured Moses that not only could he do it, but that God would help him all the way. Moses had great abilities as a thinker and planner. He had faith. He ultimately was given ability to organize and use those who were leaders of the people. God took the humble shepherd, who thought that he couldn't speak well enough, and made him the hero of the Jewish nation.

### Pray, Always:

To God  
Through Jesus  
By God's Holy Spirit

In Thanksgiving  
With Joy  
For Others

For Forgiveness  
For Salvation  
To Confess

For Necessities  
For Ability

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Remember John? He was the youngest of the disciples. He referred to himself as the “one whom Jesus loved,” never by name. He obviously had skills that Jesus saw as good for the Kingdom. That young man grew up to be a strong disciple, strong preacher, strong defendant of the faith and a writer. He lived to a very old age and wrote the fourth gospel and three letters in the New Testament. He is sometimes referred to as the apostle of love. If you want to read some of his insightful words on love, read I John. His letters give strong evidence that God blessed his talents and gave him ability to be a strong encourager to many.

What is your talent? What aptitudes Do you have for blessing your world? It is the wise person who finds those talents and dedicates them to God. Our salvation is not nearly so much about insuring that Heaven is our home as it is about our blessing others here on earth with the Good News that Jesus lived, died, rose again and is now with the Father. When we convince others of that, they too become God’s children and they become His servants in this world.

The fact that God has blessed you with talents should motivate you to develop those talents and to ask God for ability to use those talents for Kingdom service. Praying for that ability is something God wants and welcomes. He is waiting today for you to allow Him to increase the effectiveness of your talents.

Our memory verse today tells us that God is not only a refuge, a safe place, but He is our strength. Strength is something given to something already in existence. God is ready to be your strength at all times. He wants you to be the most effective Christian that you can be.

\*Underlined sentences in the Teacher’s Guide appear in the Student Worksheet with blanks to be filled in by the student during the lesson. Words in the Student Worksheet may not appear exactly as printed in the Teacher’s Guide.

## Pray, like Jesus:

When Jesus was preaching the Sermon on the Mount, He said, “This, then is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’” Matthew 6:9-13

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## *Student Worksheet*

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- >If you think that you don't need \_\_\_\_\_, you are already a \_\_\_\_\_.
- >God gives us \_\_\_\_\_ and aptitudes which can become skills and \_\_\_\_\_.
- >Our aptitudes and talents are best used when we \_\_\_\_\_ them to God and request His assistance in and blessing on the \_\_\_\_\_ of them.
- >Samuel \_\_\_\_\_ the responsibility of his God-given talents and \_\_\_\_\_ on God to utilize them.
- >Moses had a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ as to why he was a bad \_\_\_\_\_ for the job. However, God had a different \_\_\_\_\_.
- >God took the humble \_\_\_\_\_, who thought that he couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ well enough, and made him the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Jewish nation.
- >Our salvation is not nearly so much about insuring that \_\_\_\_\_ is our home as it is about our blessing others here on earth with the Good News that Jesus lived, died, rose again and is now with the \_\_\_\_\_.
- >The fact that God has blessed you with \_\_\_\_\_ should motivate you to \_\_\_\_\_ those talents and to ask God for \_\_\_\_\_ to use those talents for Kingdom \_\_\_\_\_.
- >God is waiting today for you to \_\_\_\_\_ Him to increase the effectiveness of your \_\_\_\_\_.
- >Our memory verse tells us that God is not only a \_\_\_\_\_, a safe place, but He is our \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **How to begin a Personal Relationship with God:**

First, believe that there is a God.

Second, believe that Jesus, God's Son, was sent to earth to die so that you can have a relationship with God.

Third, ask God to forgive your sins in Jesus' name. Jesus' death on the cross paid the price of every sin you commit.

Fourth, ask Jesus to be your Savior and the Lord of your life.

Fifth, believe that He has answered your prayer and be ready to live for him all the rest of your life.