# FAMILY DEVOTION!

# "The Praying Mantis"

## "P-R-A-Y, Lift Your Eyes Up To The Sky & Pray!"



"Keep on praying." - 1 Thessalonians 5:17

This week, we start a brand new series called, "Bugs". In this series, we will learn some big lessons from different bugs. In this lesson, we are encouraged to talk to God daily. He is our best friend. God wants the best for all of us. We can share with Him all the things on our minds and hearts.

### Read:

Luke 18:9-14

#### Ask:

- Who are the two people in the story?
- What kind of prayer did the Pharisee pray? What about the tax collector?
- Which prayer do you think was most pleasing to God?

#### Say:

Life is full of choices. It's so easy to rely on our own minds and power to make those hard decisions. God has provided a way for each of us to plug into His power and wisdom through prayer.

Too often, we choose the advice of friends, family, internet, books, television, etc., before we ever go to the source of all wisdom - God. Prayer changes things. We must remember that prayer should be our first option, not our last.

#### Ask/Discuss:

- Where do you usually go to for advice when facing a tough situation?

- How do you think we can make prayer a priority?

#### Pray:

Lead your child in the "PRAY" method of prayer. Walk them them through Praise, Repentance, Asking For Others, and then Yourself. Remind them that prayer is an essential part of our lives. It is how we stay close to God Remind them, "When you see a praying mantis, let it remind you of the importance of prayer."