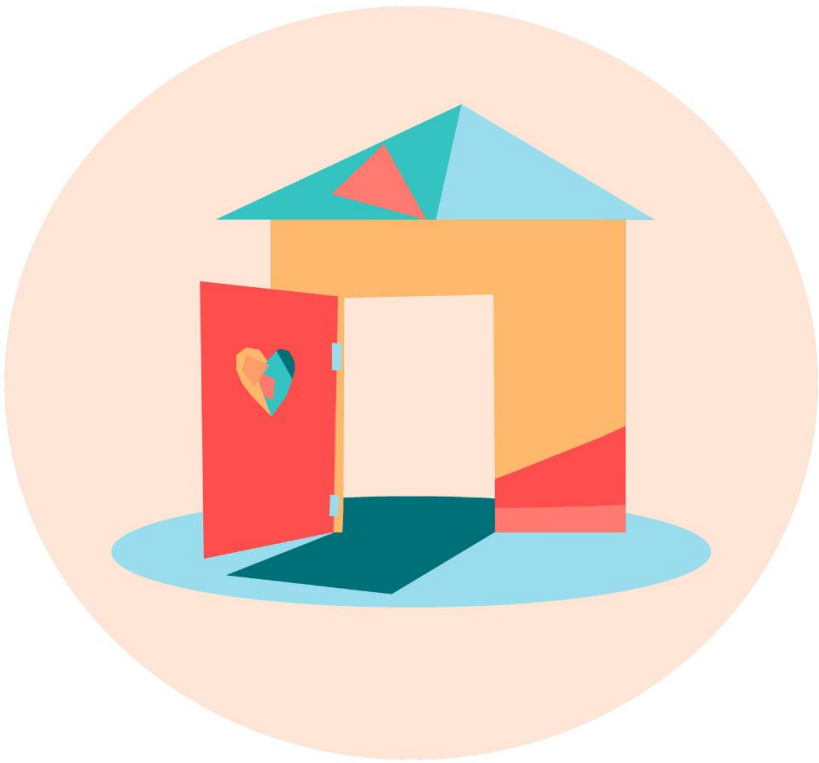


Encounter with
ABBA
Guide Book



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Introduction

Luke 11:1-13

We were created to be friends with God. When we are with Him, it's like finding ourselves at home. Only there can we truly breathe freely, deeply. Prayer is the best way to develop our friendship with God. Learning to pray will take us on the adventure of a lifetime. Prayer is not boring! It would be boring if prayer were just talk, talk, talk. But prayer is not just talking – it is also listening to God. Prayer is like having a heart-to-heart conversation with your best friend.

If you wanted to learn to play soccer, who would you want to be your teacher? Wouldn't you look for the best soccer player? That's exactly what Jesus' disciples did. They were His closest friends. They had grown up in a country where there was lots of prayer. Their parents prayed every day – getting up in the morning, going to bed at night. They even had a celebration every Friday afternoon, and at this celebration the fathers prayed blessings over their children. They got together to pray in a place called the "synagogue" every Saturday. In spite of all this, they had never seen anybody pray like Jesus prayed. Jesus was special; He was different. And on top of that, they began to see that His prayers were always answered – all of them! If He asked for someone to be healed, that person was healed immediately. He wasn't afraid of anything; He could be in the middle of a storm and sleep like a baby. Jesus was always praying!

What did the disciples ask Jesus?

Lord, teach us to pray!

God created us to be able to talk with Him, but also to be able to listen to Him. This is what makes life such a great adventure. Jesus heard what His disciples asked, and He taught them to pray. We can learn to pray using the same model that Jesus gave His disciples. The prayer that Jesus taught His disciples is known as "the Lord's Prayer."

*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 debtors,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.*

Amen

Matthew 6:9-13

Jesus did not tell us to repeat the Lord's Prayer exactly as He said it. He wants us to learn from this prayer, so I am inviting you to be creative – to think about a house where each room is an important part of prayer. Let's explore this house and have a great adventure learning to pray together!

My house will be called a house of prayer

The only way to go into Jesus' house is through prayer – remember that prayer is a great adventure.

A pastor that I look up to taught me that the door of the house of prayer is small because you have to go in on your knees.



Room 1

OUR FATHER

*Yet to all who did receive him,
to those who believed in his name,
He gave the right to become children of God*

John 1:12

When we believe that Jesus is the Son of God and we receive Him into our lives, we become sons – sons of God! Wow! If you have never received Him, now is the time! Only those who are children of God can truly begin this grand prayer adventure.

I'm going to tell you the story of Jesus. It all started when God made this incredible world for Adam, Eve, and all their descendants to enjoy. But the most amazing thing was that they could actually be friends with their Creator. They could talk with Him and ask Him anything. He walked with them in the beautiful Garden of Eden. There was just one rule that they had to obey: don't eat the fruit from the tree called "The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil."

Unfortunately, they did not obey, and this is how great sadness came into their lives. They hid from their Creator; they lied and felt ashamed of being naked. Later they covered themselves with clothes made from fig leaves. Our God, the Creator, was the first to sacrifice an animal. He gave Adam and Eve the animal's skin so that they could make clothes and cover their embarrassment. God told them that from that day forward they would need to sacrifice lambs as a way to ask for forgiveness for the bad things they did. It was like that for Adam and Eve, for their children and their children's children – every time they sinned, they had to kill an animal.



But our Good Creator told us that He would provide the perfect sacrifice to solve Adam and Eve’s disobedience once and for all. After many years, God sent His only Son and offered Him as a sacrifice so that anyone who believes in Him would never have to sacrifice another animal. Those who believe in Jesus can be forgiven for all the bad things they have ever done or ever will do. This is why the son of God gave His life on a cross. That was the final sacrifice, the solution for the disobedience that leads all of us to do bad things.

Have you ever done anything bad? Of course! We have all done bad things. So, go to Jesus – go to the cross, and thank Jesus for His incredible sacrifice.

Activity 1

I invite you to accept Jesus’ sacrifice for you on the cross, to ask for His forgiveness.

Dear Jesus,

*The Word (Jesus) came to live in this world,
but his people did not accept him.
But everyone who did accept him
and believed in him
became children of God.
from John 1:11-12*

Now that we have accepted Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, does that mean that we are children of God? Yes! We are His children! We can call God what Jesus called Him when Jesus taught us the Lord's Prayer – we can call Him Father. Let's do that all together – “Our Father!”

In the country where Jesus was born, they spoke Hebrew. In Hebrew the word for “father” is ABBA. Now we are going to say “Father” in the actual language that Jesus spoke. ABBA! One more time with our arms lifted up to heaven – ABBA!

In the House of Prayer, Room 1 is called ABBA. ABBA means “Father.” It's a tender word that children use for their dads. Abba can mean not just “father” but also “dad” or “daddy.”

If you could visit a Jewish family, you would see how the children call their fathers ABBA. It is the most tender way to say “father.” Jesus taught us that we can call God, the Creator of everything that exists, “daddy.”

When we are able to see God as ABBA, we can talk with Him in complete trust. We can tell Him our secrets, our joys and our sadness. He waits for us every day in His house, and when we start to pray, it's like we take off running towards “daddy” – running until we fall into daddy's arms. Or it's like sitting on His lap, telling Him everything and listening to the words of love that He wants to tell us. It is so good to have a perfect Father – a Father who will never leave us, who will never abandon us, never make a mistake. He wants us to receive His love every day.



*“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”
So we say with confidence,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
What can mere mortals do to me?”*

Hebrews 13:5-6

Activity 2

Now we are going to pray with our parents, or with the person who brought us to the College of Prayer. We are going to call God “ABBA” and tell Him only words of love. Let’s listen carefully to hear His voice!

Write words of love on or around the balloons.

Examples: I love you, I adore you, I bless you, I give you a hug, I respect you, I cherish you, etc.



Activity 3

After Activity 2, draw a picture of you and ABBA, or write down something that you would like to say to Him. If you hear God say something to you, draw that or write it down. At the end of our session we are going to put all of our drawings/papers on the wall together.

Room 2

HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME

What does “hallowed be your name” mean? It means entering the doors of God’s house with thankfulness, with worship.

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
His love endures forever.”*

1 Chronicles 16:34

My son Juan Diego is an excellent musician, and I watch him practice and practice with his band – rehearsing every detail. Week after week they spend lots of time practicing for just one concert. And it shows. Their music is a work of art. Juan Diego puts himself completely into the work that he does on the stage. So you can see why I am so happy when I see that at the end of the concert, the audience is clapping and clapping and asking for an encore!

Our ABBA is the artist, the creator, the inventor of music – the notes, the chords, the melody, the inventor of art. The heavens were drawn by His paintbrush – also the ocean, the stars, the lakes, the mountains. And we are the audience. The least we can do is clap until our hands hurt and ask God for an encore. This is worship.

Worship is intentionally valuing everything that ABBA has done, including what Jesus did for us on the cross – the greatest sacrifice. It is good to enter God’s presence through worship. Jesus taught us to enter through the door called “Hallowed Be Your Name.”



God is our Father, our ABBA, and we can clap for Him with all our hearts. Can we clap with words? Sure! How? By saying good words about God. He is our Father and has shown us through the Bible that He has many names. Let's remember Who He is – the names He has given in the Bible will help us remember.

In the Old Testament: Righteous, Holy, Peace that never leaves, Healer, Provider, the Banner, the Shepherd

In the New Testament: the Door, the Good Shepherd, the Bread of Life, the Way, the Morning Star

What words come to your mind when you think about Jesus?

What if we were to use the alphabet?

For example:

- A. Amazing, all-powerful
- B . Beautiful, the Bread of Life
- C. Creator, Caring, Counselor
- D. ...
- E



One of my favorite names for God is “The Calm One” (patient, not in a hurry, free of anxiety). I like thinking about the fact that He is always there to listen to me, comfort me, and teach me. He is never in a hurry; He always listens carefully and patiently.

Some of the names of God:

EL, EL ELOHIM: Powerful, Strong

JEHOVAH-RAPHA: The LORD who Heals

JEHOVAH-SHALOM: The LORD is our Peace

JEHOVAH-SAMA: The LORD is there

EL ROI: The God that sees me

EL OLAM: The Eternal God

These names show us God's personality. We can think about these names every day. Is there a specific name that would relate to the needs or problems that you are dealing with right now?

Write on the following lines some amazing things that you have seen.

For example:

- Sunrise
- Sunset
- Rain
- A change in the way my brother acts
- Wind
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Room 3

YOUR KINGDOM COME

What does “your kingdom come” mean? It means that since God doesn’t want to do what I want to do, I don’t want to do it either. Saying “Your kingdom come” is saying that God is the King, that He is the One in charge of our lives.

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking,
but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 14:17

The enemy tells us that we can solve things better all by ourselves, but this isn’t true. ABBA knows better than we do because His wisdom has no limits. He is ABBA, and He is the King.



When you pray, you are saying “You are the King.” The kingdom is not here yet, but it can be seen in our lives and in our churches. We are part of the kingdom, children of the King, and He wants us to live as if the Kingdom were already here. One day He will fully reign, and we will be in a perfect place where there will be no more injustice or pain. But, in the meantime, we should pray every day that we would see more and more of His kingdom in us.

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Matthew 6:33

As children of the King, we should long for our Father's Kingdom to advance in the earth; the only way for this to happen is through prayer. If we work for His kingdom, He has promised we will have everything we need.

Can you imagine ABBA giving orders to the angels in heaven and the angels thinking they know more than God? For example, "Gabriel, go tell Mary that she is going to have a baby." And Gabriel says, "No way God, that isn't the best plan." Impossible!

In heaven, everything that ABBA says is done, because everyone knows His plans are perfect. As children of the King, we should long for His will to be accomplished here on earth and to ask for that.

Prayer doesn't change God, it changes us because we learn to be happy with His decisions. When we ask for His kingdom to advance, He begins to move. The kingdom of ABBA is perfect. There is no injustice. There is no bullying because everyone is friends. There are no fights between families or countries. There is no terrorism. There are no swear words. There is nothing dirty on the internet to see. There are no hurricanes or earthquakes.

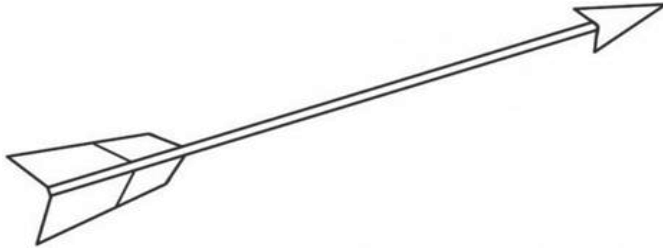
So how do you see the kingdom?



The kingdom is everything we've ever dreamed of. Our king, according to His plan, has allowed the earth to be under the influence of the enemy for a time, but ABBA's kingdom is much more powerful and majestic. Even though we can't see His kingdom completely, we see it sometimes in ourselves when we are happy or when we do things out of love and justice. Inside of ourselves, we can

see glimpses of His amazing kingdom. We can also see it in the church or even outside the church, when we take the kingdom to the streets, helping those who need it. We see the kingdom when we play and have a good time. We see it when we obey our parents and respect those in authority.

One day my husband had a dream that he was fighting a great battle in heaven. The good angels were fighting against the demons, and he saw that prayers were like arrows that were being handed to the good angels so that they could continue in the battle. Every prayer became an arrow.



This dream helped me to understand that we need to pray so that the kingdom of heaven can advance and also so that the kingdom of darkness will be pushed back. We can't see it fully right now, but one day we will. If ABBA's will were done on earth as it is in heaven, the bad and ugly things in this world wouldn't happen. That is why today we are going to pray for His kingdom to come and His will to be done.

Now we are going to go into a room to pray. It's not a time to talk to others, but only to pray. Who would like to go into this room? Let's take our shoes off and go through the room, looking at the different stations. When you see a station that you think is a good place to pray for the kingdom of heaven to come, stop there and pray. There will be helpers praying at each station and you can join them.

Remember that we can advance the kingdom while we pray.

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking,
but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit*

Romans 14:17

Praying without the power of the Holy Spirit is like trying to travel to Europe in a little boat, rowing as hard as you can against the current. Praying in the Holy Spirit is like sailing in a huge ship with giant sails. The wind pushes the ship and helps it get into the port.

The church has a birthday too – did you know? Two thousand years ago, on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came, and that day the church was born. In order for the Kingdom to advance, we need the Holy Spirit.

ABBA sent us Jesus as the sacrifice that we needed in order for our sins to be forgiven; He sent us the Holy Spirit in order to give us the power to advance His kingdom. The first time the Holy Spirit came, it was like there were flames over the heads of Jesus’ friends, the ones who were meeting together, praying just like Jesus had said to do. After the Holy Spirit came, they prayed differently; the kingdom had broken through and began to advance.

Today we are going to ask the Holy Spirit to fill us with His power so that we can advance His kingdom. Just like Jesus’ friends, our prayers will also be totally different!

*In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.
We do not know what we ought to pray for,
but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.
And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit,
because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people
in accordance with the will of God.*

Romans 8:26-27

Room 3 Prayer Stations:

Prayer Wall

On a paper-covered wall, write what you want to ask God for. You could pray for something you are worried about or for people that need ABBA right now.

Your Church – 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

This is one of the places where we can see more of the Kingdom. Let’s pray that the Kingdom will grow more and more in our church, and that this will bring love to our neighborhood.

Corner of Health

We will pray for the sick. Write names of people who are sick on the cards of health.

Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress.

Psalms 107:19

Family Corner

ABBA's enemy wants families to fight with each other and be divided. We are going to make the evil one back off.

You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours.

*Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots around your table.*

Yes, this will be the blessing for the man who fears the LORD.

Psalm 128:2-4

World Map on the floor

Find a country and kneel over that country; then ask God's Kingdom to come over that country.

*Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.*

Psalm 2:8

For Pastors

It's very important to pray for our pastors because they help us know our God more, and since this bothers the enemy a lot, he will want to hurt pastoral families, in order to destroy not only the pastor and his family, but our church.

*I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of
wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*

Ephesians 1:17

For Peace

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions,
prayers, intercession and thanksgiving
be made for all people—
for kings and all those in authority,
that we may live peaceful and quiet lives
in all godliness and holiness.*

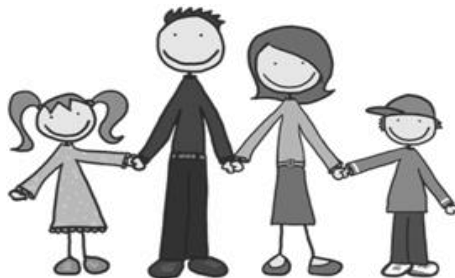
I Timothy 2:1-2

For the Animals

*The righteous care for the needs of their animals,
but the kindest acts of the wicked are cruel*

Proverbs 12:10

It is sad that many people do not know how to respect ABBA's creation and are doing much damage to the animals; destroying the beautiful habitats in which animals live. Because animals can't speak, they need your help to pray for their situation. There are mistreated dogs and cats in houses or even abandoned, lions and zebras are enclosed and are sad in zoos, elephants and tigers are humiliated and made to suffer in circuses, bulls and dolphins are killed because of tradition just for fun. There is a lot to pray for in regards to animals! Are you ready to help them?



A Word for Parents

Dear parents,

It is our prayer that the prayer rooms motivate your children to pray, to live in God's presence. It is in His presence that they will grow secure and will find their identity and destiny.

I want to share something important from the Lord's prayer, something that was revealed to me in the fourth room where we say to the Lord, "your kingdom come," and "your will be done." For many years I thought that His will was for me to sacrifice myself for His kingdom, but, without realizing it, I was actually sacrificing my family. I didn't understand that when I got married the first priority, after God, was my spouse, then my kids, and after that came my calling to public ministry. "Your will be done" has a lot to do with putting priorities in order. God is a loving Father who doesn't ask that the ministry be more important than your spouse or children.

The College of Prayer helped me put these things in order in my life, and thank God that I could be reconciled to my children, and they could be reconciled with me. I was the one to take the first step as I began to understand the verses in Malachi 4:5-6.

"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the Lord comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

Parents will be reconciled with the children; children with the parents. (this is SureFire Prayer's foundational teaching – perhaps there should be some credit here) I think that it is the parents who should go first and break the wall, since they are the ones who have built the wall in abandoning their children, in spite of loving them so much. The lordship of Christ began to be seen in my house when according to His will, everything was put in correct order.

When we submit to Christ the kingdom of God begins to show up in our homes, and this light shines to our churches and our society. Everything begins with the family.

THE TRANSFER OF OUR FAITH

Because of the strict observance of their traditions, Jewish families were able to persevere in their faith, and were able to hand down their legacy to the next generation, even though they didn't have their own land for hundreds of years. Many of these traditions were inspired by God's word, especially the commandments.

For us, as much as for them, the law was given for our peace and happiness, and is still valid. Jesus didn't come to erase the law but to give the law its true significance, and one commandment among all the big ones like do not kill, or do not steal, is to guard a day of rest. Without being legalistic, we need to understand that guarding the day of rest is still a valid command, and we've found the true meaning of this commandment in Jesus. We must understand that our rest is in Him, and for this reason He continues to ask us to separate a day that is only for Him.

I have discovered that the Jewish people have found an excellent way to guard this day of rest: prioritizing God first, then your spouse, children, ministry or work. They have a celebration every Friday to begin their day of rest. It takes place at 6 pm on Fridays and continues until 6 pm on Saturday. The day of rest is basically a day where all other non-essential activities are cut out in order to concentrate on God and our family. The father blesses his wife, and then together they bless their children. Every Friday the family comes together to worship, laugh, play, and rest. The family prioritizes and prepares carefully for this gathering every week, not just on special holidays like Christmas or Easter or Thanksgiving.

After their day of rest, they do fun activities together. In this manual we want to give you some ideas so you can start to create a family environment every week. A special Sabbath meal together as a family is a good way to transfer your faith while you share joy and some of your favorite foods together. Go through God's word and read whole chapters of the Psalms together.

Something else that impacted me when I visited Jerusalem was seeing children and young people who were proud of their faith. Some of them chose to use the kippah, which serves as a head covering, as a symbol of the Lord's protection. Jerusalem is full of a new generation who are proud of their faith, while in the west every day there are more young people leaving theirs.

Having a day of rest each week is biblical; and rest, in turn, is given to the family. I encourage you to be intentional to set aside and prepare a special day each week; turn off your cell phones and enjoy the Lord, and enjoy your family. This practice can save your family, and can even save our society which is in desperate need of family examples to follow. I want to finish this section by giving you an example of a Jewish Sabbath. May the Lord give you creativity!

A SIMPLE PLAN FOR THE SABBATH

In the afternoon (could be Friday or whatever day you prefer):

- A set time to start
- A special meal with several courses
- An activity during the meal to maintain everyone's interest
- A discussion of a spiritual theme
- Opportunity for everyone to share how their week went
- A story for the children
- Giving thanks for the food and the time together

The next day:

- Begin the day with worship. This could be the day you go to church.
- Have an early, light lunch
- Play board games or have open air activities. For example, go for a walk, ride bikes, go to the park, play a sport, etc.
- Have dinner.
- Finish the Sabbath.

On Sunday morning, before going to church, it is important that you keep focused and dedicate your whole being, body, mind, soul, and spirit, to an encounter with the Almighty. Go to church with a prepared mind. As Christians, there are things we can do in order to prepare ourselves. If it is possible and you know the theme of the teaching, prepare by going through the Scripture that will be preached.

Sunday should be for us like the Sabbath day was for the Jewish people; a satisfying and rejuvenating day. Enjoy a meal together as a family, interacting with everyone present. If you do not have a time of worship built in to your week, I encourage you to try to add that to your day of rest. Do your best to keep the family united and centered in the love of ABBA. After the meal, I encourage you to have some quality free time.

Room 4

GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD AND FORGIVE US

Every day ABBA comes to us with two gifts. I imagine Him bringing two full shopping bags; in one bag is everything we need for our body; the other is everything we need for our soul.



Let's open the first bag!

What things do we need in order for our body to live?

Food, water, clothes, a winter coat, a place to protect us from the heat and cold, rest, etc .

Every day our ABBA brings to us what we need, shows us what we should do, and teaches us to trust in Him. He is like a river. In order for the water to reach our houses, he uses a pipeline. Sometimes the water arrives through one pipeline and other times it arrives through another pipeline, but either way it will arrive at your house. Sometimes God will use your parents' jobs and sometimes He will use a gift, but you will have everything you need.

He also teaches us to ask Him for the things we need every day, because He doesn't want us to worry about the things we will need the next day. We only have strength for each day, and we should trust that we will receive what we need.



We are going to do an exercise to relax ourselves when we are worried about something we don't have, or when we think that in the future we are going to lack something. We are going to say this altogether: **REST IN THE LORD!**

First take a deep breath and hold it for a few seconds. Now let it out and together let's say: **NO STRESS IN ME!** Let's do this 5 more times. I encourage you to do this at home every day, It's an excellent exercise to help us not to worry about anything.

Now we are going to open the second bag!

What does our soul need in order to be joyful and in peace?

Simply, our soul needs to be forgiven. Yes, there is something called sin. Do you know what sin is? Sin is everything we do or think that makes God sad.

But who can discern their own errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from willful sins;

may they not rule over me.

Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

Psalms 19:12-13

In Psalms 19 we find that there are sins that become addictions. They are sins that tie us up. There are also sins that we can't see very well and are hidden from us. We can ask ABBA to help us identify them so we can repent from them.

Let me give you some examples; lying, disobeying, stealing, watching things we know are bad, insulting others, hating, self-hatred, looking down on others because of their physical condition or the color of their skin, bullying others, etc.

ABBA wants us to have peace and joy. Let's take that deep breath again and let's say: "God wants us to have peace." Sin robs us of peace and joy, and so ABBA offers us this bag everyday and invites us to get rid of our sins and repent of them. To repent means to turn our back on these sins.

This is how we can live a holy life, which is different than a perfect life, but yes, it is turning our back on sin. Holiness, peace, and joy go hand in hand; they are ours when we give our sins to ABBA. ABBA gave them to Jesus for him to take and throw in the bottom of the sea, where He will remember them no more. It all starts when we turn our back on sin. That is to say, we don't want sin any more in our lives. And we can do this every day.

If we sin again the next day and do something that we know is wrong, ABBA again offers us the bag that Jesus can throw into the bottom of the sea. He wants us to live a holy life because He wants us to be happy and to live in peace.

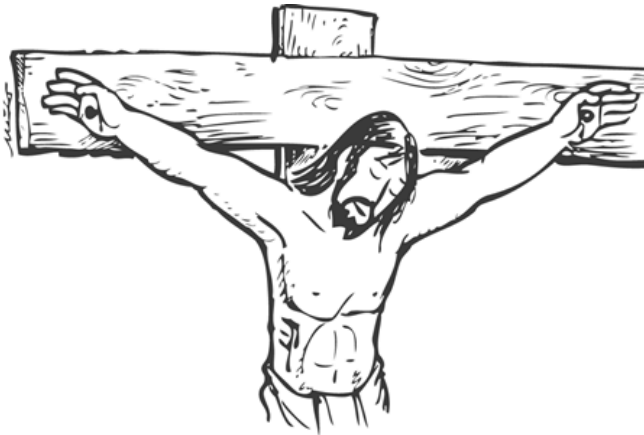
So this room should remind us of the two bags. Every day when we pray, let us remember our loving ABBA offering us what we need to live joyfully.

(Exercise: We are going to practice this now. We are going to give out paper where we have written some sins that might be tying us up, and we will draw a cross over each one of them. Then we will put the papers in a bag and take them to ABBA.)

Room 5

FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE HURT US

ABBA sent us His son to give us the best possible example of forgiveness. And they beat Him – 39 lashes with the whip (the most the law allowed in that day); they mangled His body, made fun of Him, spit on Him, nailed Him to a cross, and even so He said:



“Father, forgive them, because they don’t know what they are doing.”

(I have here a glass of water with some poison in it. When we don’t forgive, it’s like we are drinking a little of this poisoned water every day. If we were to do that, what would happen to us? We would die! ABBA’s great enemy wants us to be alive but dead. It makes him happen when we slowly but surely poison ourselves.)

Jesus told a story that can help us understand how important it is to forgive people who have hurt our hearts, whether it was just a little thing that hurt us or an awful, terrible thing.

Let’s read the story from Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

“Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle



accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

“At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

“But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

“His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

“But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

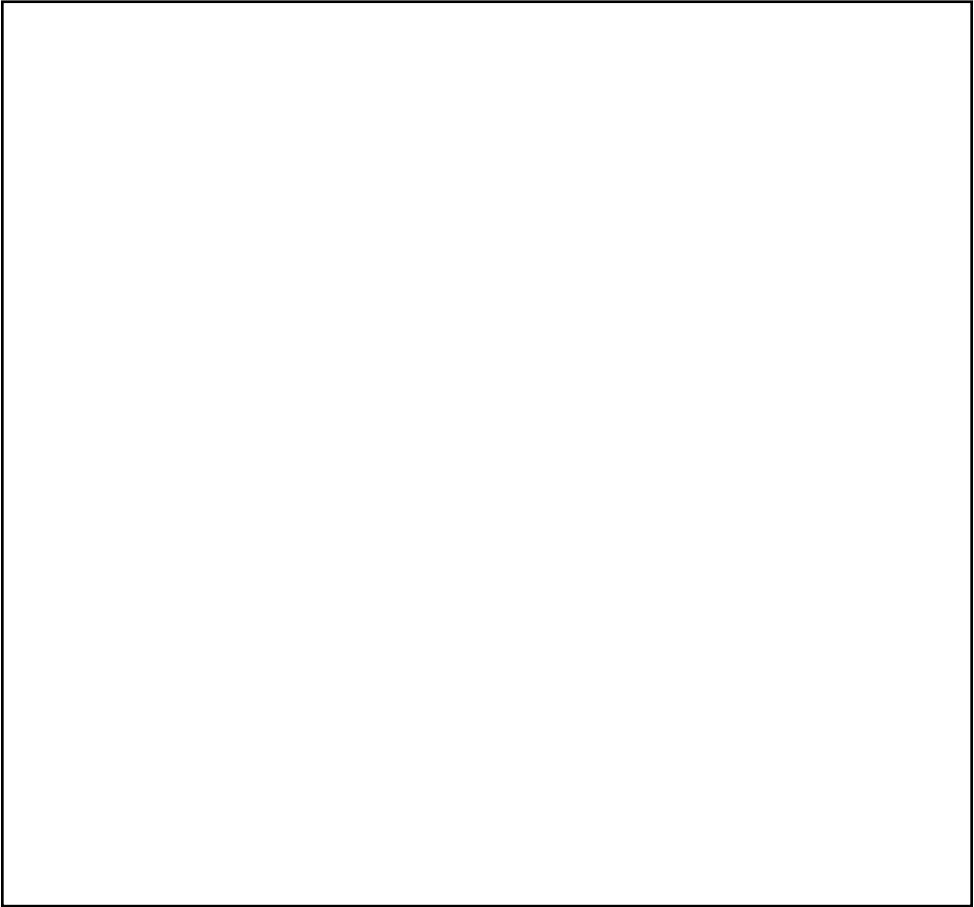
“Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.

Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’

In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

“This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Now we are going to tell the story in our own words. Write the story in words or pictures on this sheet of paper.

A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for students to write or draw their own version of the story.

When we don't forgive, barriers grow – walls of bitterness, resentment, and pain. These walls keep us from communicating with ABBA – this is exactly the Enemy's plan! He wants there to be walls that both keep us from praying and also hinder our prayers.

Jesus told us that it is what comes out of our hearts that makes us dirty. People who are filled with bitterness because they cannot forgive end up getting everything around them dirty because of the dirtiness of their own hearts. The bitterness in their hearts not only becomes a hindrance that keeps them from talking to ABBA and listening to Him, but it also hurts the people around them.

Sometimes it is hard to forgive because we have been hurt so badly. We can ask ABBA to help us. He will give us supernatural strength to be able do it. When we forgive those who have hurt us, the barriers that had grown up between us and God disappear.

Remember, God asks us to forgive because He has forgiven us.

Forgiveness heals our pain, just like getting rid of a nasty infection. When something hurts our hearts, we feel hurt and often feel hate. Being healed of our pain gives us new, spiritual eyes that help us look differently at the people who have hurt us.

Pray for the person who hurt you and ask ABBA to help you forgive him or her!

ABBA loves to forgive us. And He loves it when we forgive others. By forgiving others we show that we want to share with other people the incredible forgiveness that Jesus has given us.

We are going to think about the people we know. How is our relationship with each of them? If someone comes to your mind that you have not been able to forgive, write his or her name down on the piece of paper that we are going to give you. We want to help you by praying for you, asking that you would be able to forgive that person.

*If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven;
if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.*

John 20:23

Room 6

LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL

The word “temptation” means “test” or “trial.” In temptation we are under pressure. When we are put to the test, what is inside us will come out. It could be good, or it could be bad.

We can pray the prayer of Room 6 this way: “When I am under pressure I don’t want to go to the dark side. Help me ABBA!” Our battle is against anything bad or evil. Sometimes the evil comes from our own hearts – sin, fear, or the lies that God’s enemy is always throwing at us.

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy;
I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

John 10:10

Can you tell me about a movie, TV show, or video game where you have seen a battle between good and evil? This battle is going on every day, even in places that we cannot see, and the battle is real. Abba has given us, in His word, weapons that we can use to fight evil. Would you like to learn how we can fight an actual battle against evil?

The author of violence, terrorism, death, lies, and hate is named Satan. His army is well-organized and well-prepared, but we are not afraid of him or his army because with Jesus we are stronger than they are! We are going to learn to pray so that we won’t believe his lies and be afraid.

For the parents:

*Have you not put a hedge around him and his household
and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, s
o that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land.*

Job 1:10

*But this is what the Lord says:
“Yes, captives will be taken from warriors,
and plunder retrieved from the fierce;
I will contend with those who contend with you,
and your children I will save*

-Isaiah 49:25

Now we are going to repeat Luke 10:19

*“I have given you authority to trample on snakes
and scorpions and to overcome all the power
of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”*

How does the enemy try to destroy ABBA and His children? Through lies.

The three main lies that the enemy use are:

- 1 . Nobody cares about you
2. You aren't worth anything
- 3 . You are all alone

Where do we find God's truth?

Proverbs 3:3: Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.

Proverbs 6:21 Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck.

We need to respond to Satan's lies with the Word of God, just like Jesus did when the enemy tempted Him in the desert, remember?

When you feel like something or someone in your mind is saying to you, “You're all alone. Nobody wants to be your friend because you aren't worth anything,” you have to respond with the truth!

Dynamic on Spiritual Warfare

Objective of the dynamics: Prepare children and adolescents so that:

- 1 . We can reject the attack by Satan to the family and the society. The Bible says that this world is influenced by the evil one. 1 John 5: 19
- 2 . They can use the Bible as a spiritual weapon against the attacks of the enemy. Our Lord Jesus Christ defeated the devil by using the Scriptures. Matthew 4: 1-11

Memory verse: “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take all the armor of God, that you may be able to withstand the evil day, and having finished everything, stand firm.” Ephesians 6: 12-13



Materials:

1. Making paper balls. You can use sheets of newspapers or old magazines. Wrap the leaves to make a ball. Hold the ball with masking tape. On the tape write a lie of Satan; for example: you are not worth anything or you are weak, or nobody loves you, or you have no future. Each lie must be written in a single ball.
2. Making cardboard shields. Using cardboard and ribbons make shields.
3. Making of swords. Using cardboard, make swords. For each ball give them a biblical verse against. For example, for the ball that says you're worthless, teach them 1 Peter 2: 9

Activity: Ask one of the leaders to throw a ball to one of the children who has the shield and the sword, saying aloud the lie written on it. The child will reject the ball using his shield while saying: **I DO NOT RECEIVE IT**. Then he will recite the biblical verse against that lie, raising his sword.

Before children participate, do the activity among their leaders, as an example of what you want to do. You can do the activity with several children at the same time as long as there is a leader for each child.

At the end, tell them that in real practice there may be circumstances in which they cannot say out loud the truth of the Word of God. But then, they can say it in their minds and hearts. This could happen in cases of abusing adults. And it is done in silence to protect against physical aggression. If a child understands that he is mistreated, he should report it to the authorities.

A Word for Parents, Part 2

If your children don't learn to walk in prayer early on in life, they will go falling through life. Let's teach our kids to pray! Prayer is learned by praying; let's let them do it! Let us also pray for them, especially for their battles. We can learn to pray for our children.

I would like to share a few words with you that were life-changing for me. We need to learn to pray for our kids and take authority over the lies that battle against them because the enemy is bent on destroying our heritage. The Lord longs to give us a heritage that honors His name (Malachi 2).

Pray through the rooms of the Lord's Prayer every day for your children, and while you are praying in Room 6, write down the Bible passages that help you do battle for your children. We need to invade the darkness and latch onto what is ours!

Here are a few verses that you could write down in a notebook or on a whiteboard so that you can faithfully pray them over and over again. The way you think will change and your faith will grow as you pray for your children. You can personalize these verses, putting in your child's name. Pray and take up the sword and the shield of faith!

Proverbs 3:5	Isaiah 54:13
Isaiah 8:18	Psalms 37:4
Psalms 127:3, 5	Romans 4:20
Genesis 17:7	Matthew 18:14
Psalms 103:17	Psalms 126:5-6
Joel 2:25	Deuteronomy 7:13
Luke 10:18-19	Psalms 138:8
Psalms 68:35	Psalms 57:2
Isaiah 49:25	Isaiah 59:21
Isaiah 60:4	Jeremiah 31:16

Room 7

BECAUSE YOURS IS THE KINGDOM, THE POWER, AND THE GLORY

ABBA, I belong to you! Every morning we should remember that we belong to Him. There is something inside us that makes us long to be kings – the ones who are in charge, the ones who can do whatever they want. We want to be praised for what we do, but we can't let that desire grow in us; we need to repent and say out loud every day:

“Your kingdom, not my kingdom.

Your power, not mine.

Every bit of applause is only for you! For your glory!”

Conclusion

Going through the Father's house is an everyday adventure. Let's go there every day! Let's practice prayer because prayer is learned by praying. We can sit in His lap, talk and listen to ABBA and receive His love, telling him beautiful things while we worship Him, giving Him praise in our hearts for His amazing wonders. We can go through all the rooms of the house until we recognize that He is the owner of our lives. We can ask for His kingdom to come to our life, our family, and our city. We want to see His kingdom come!

We can see how God gives us gifts. He provides everything we need, from food to forgiveness. How wonderful it is not to have to carry our worries or guilt from our sins! He gives us everything we need and carries for us everything we are worried about, including our sins.

Prayer is also forgiving the people who have hurt us and also being able to get rid of the enemy by protecting ourselves with the shield of faith as well as attacking the enemy with the word of God. In this way we will destroy all the lies that steal our peace and joy. Finally, we can tell ABBA with all our hearts that everything belongs to Him. I hope you will be able to practice going through ABBA's house every day for the rest of your life. And remember that prayer is an awesome adventure. We can't wait to see you in the next ABBA school of prayer.

The kingdom is yours!

