



**March 12 & 13, 2011:**

***God wants me to talk to Him all the time!***

## **Family Study Guide...**

based on what we learned this past weekend at GCC

### **Generate**

Discussion Starter before Day 1:

Do you have someone you talk to all the time? Is this someone you tell all your secrets and know loves you very much? How much do you talk with this person?

### **Core**

- DAY 1**      **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17.** What does this verse say? What does it mean to never stop praying? Do you think God is always listening? Can you trust Him with all your secrets? Pray together as a family and tell God you want to pray to Him all the time as your very best friend.
- DAY 2**      **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:18.** What does this verse tell us to do? Do you ever have bad things happen to you? Do you thank God for them? God tells us to thank Him in all situations. Why do you think we are supposed to thank Him all the time? Pray together to ask God to help you be thankful no matter what happens. When we believe in His Son Jesus, God is always with us, helping us – even through the bad stuff.
- DAY 3**      **Read Genesis 28:10-22.** Who is this story about? What did Jacob use as a pillow? What did Jacob see in His dream? What did Jacob do with the stone when he woke up? What can you use as a stone to help you remember to praise God all the time? Talk to God and tell Him you praise Him and want Him to show you where to go. Then pay attention and do what He wants you to do. Take your stone item with you!
- DAY 4**      **Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18.** After reviewing these verses from Day 1 and Day 2, discuss as a family how you have prayed and given thanks to God. If you haven't made any changes in your prayer time yet, commit to do it and tell your family your plan. Ask them for help in keeping you on task. Now pray together and ask God to help you talk to Him first – and all the time. Then start to think about others you could pray for.
- DAY 5**      **Read Hebrews 13:1-2.** What do these verses tell us to do? How can you show love to others but still make sure you are in a safe place? We hear about how strangers aren't always nice, but how could you pray for them? As a family, choose an area (i.e., neighborhood, family, school, etc.) and commit to pray for the people of that area together. Start by praying right now.

### **Challenge**

Pay attention to how often you talk to God and tell someone in your family when you do it. Then, work to pray even more often so that God truly becomes your best friend. Share how you feel as a family when all of you never stop praying.