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# PRAY AND RECEIVE

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## Skill

Pray and Receive is practicing unceasing communion with God and receiving special revelation and spiritual gifts from His loving hands.

## Design

Pray and Receive (praying person/flag) > The man praying on his knees is “praying without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17). He is waving a flag illustrating a celebration of joy in communion with God. Yahweh gives generously to His children (James 1:17). The **sketch** is a prayer warrior illustrating the constant communication and gifts exchange between the Heavenly Father and His faithful servants. Yahweh is pleased when His children cry out day and night.

## Story

Betrayal Garden Prayer (Luke 22:39-53)

This story demonstrates Pray and Receive as a kingdom skill because we clearly see Jesus communing with His Father through prayer, discerning His Father’s will, and receiving strength and boldness to endure condemnation, torture, and an agonizing death on the cross. Jesus speaks honestly to His Father that His desire is to bypass the cross if at all possible, but He surrenders to His Father’s will and completes His mission through the Holy Spirit’s power.

## Scriptures

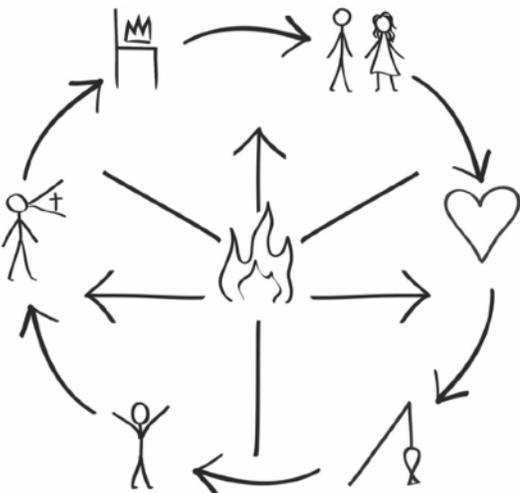
2 Chronicles 7:14 > When My people who are called by My name humble themselves, pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, forgive their sin, and heal their land.

Ephesians 6:18 > Pray at all times in the Holy Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert in this labor with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

## Lesson Summary

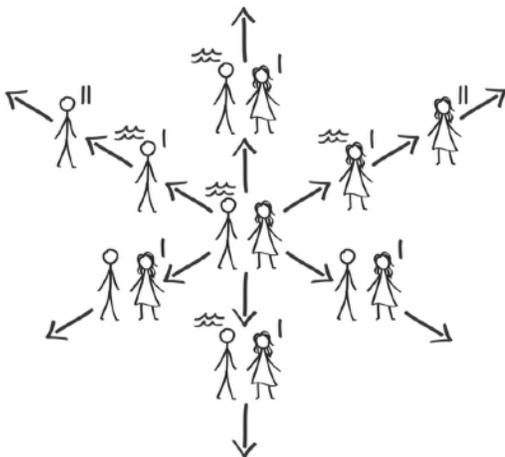
Pray and Receive requires devotion to and dependence upon God. Though Jesus was faithful to keep the night prayer watch in Gethsemane garden, the disciples disobeyed His instructions to “Pray that you may not enter into temptation” (Luke 22:40). Because these men did not depend completely on their Lord, they ran away in fear (Mark 14:50) and Peter denied knowing Jesus three times (Luke 22:54-62). Praying creates relationship momentum with God, and we learn more advanced kingdom skills like forgiving and praying for our enemies (Matthew 5:44). We pray because we love our Father, enjoy fellowship with Him, and know He cares about our needs (Matthew 6:5-8).

## Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

## Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?