Bible Story: David's Prayer (Psalm 86:1-17)

Today's Takeaway: I need God no matter what!

Series Verse: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance." (James 1:2-3 NIV)

Weekly Verse: "God blesses those who are poor and realize their need for him, for the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs." (Matthew 5:3 NLT)

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean to be blessed? (We are loved and protected by Jesus)
- 2. Are you blessed only on happy days?

 (No, we are blessed all the time because we serve a God who is awesome all the time.)
- 3. Who do we need no matter what? (We need God no matter what and He is with us no matter what!)

Activity Ideas:

1. Thanks and Needs Around Our Home

What You Need:

No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Walk, hop, spin, tip toe, crawl, etc. to different rooms in your house and / or outside in your yard.
- In each room, look around and have everyone in your family say one thing that they are thankful for in that room.
- o Then ask if they see any needs in that room...anything that your family should ask God for.
- Continue to different rooms/ places in and around your house changing up how your travel to each area to keep things fun...hop, tip toe, dance, etc.
- Once you finish the activity, pray together as a family...feel free to use some of the things you mentioned during the game in your prayers.

^{**(}Activity Idea #2 is on the following page)**

2. Thanks and Needs Trash Can Basketball

What You Need:

- Two trashcans or other bins
- 2 small pieces of paper and a writing utensil
- Two pieces of paper to make into paper balls

What You Do:

- Set the two trashcans side by side.
- Using the two small pieces of paper, label one trashcan "Thanks" and the other "Needs."
- Have your child stand 2 to 5 feet from the trashcans.
- o Give him the paper balls, and have him try to shoot one in each can.
- o Anytime he gets one in the "Thanks" can, have him tell God something that he is thankful for, and then give him a point.
- Anytime he gets one in the "Needs" can, have him ask God for something he or someone else needs, and then give him a point.
- Allow other family members to take their turn including yourself and keep adding your scores as you play.
- o Play until your family reaches a certain score together...maybe 20 points.
- Once you finish playing, pray together as a family...feel free to use some of the things you
 mentioned during the game in your prayers.