

# DRAW NEAR

And Never Be the Same!  
Deuteronomy 4:9-12; Exodus 19

Message: October 4, 2020

**Key thought:** Prayer is the most important thing that believers in Jesus Christ must do.

## Parent Helps:

- Open and close your time with your children in prayer. Consider singing a song together.
- Read Deuteronomy 4:10 and ask them to tell you what God asked the people to do. Read again if needed.
- God gives us His Word and prayer so that we may hear His voice, draw near to Him, and teach our children the things of God.
- Explain to your children that God desires His people to spend time with Him in prayer. Christians do this to obey God, know Him more and allow God to make us more like Himself.
- Share the example with your children that if they never spend time talking with you (as their parent), then they will never know how much you love them, they will not be very close to you, and they will not know how to live as they should live. Explain how the same is true with God.

## Discussion Questions:

1. What are kids supposed to do when a parent asks them to do something? What happens if kids don't listen to their parents?
2. How do we know what God wants us to do? (Prayer, reading the Bible, instructions from parents)
3. Why is it sometimes hard to obey our parents or to obey God?
4. When we obey God, what are some good things that happen?

## Additional Older Kids Questions:

1. What are some reasons that we might not want to pray?
2. Does it matter that we pray? Why or why not?
3. What are some reasons that people don't pray?

## Apply:

- Jesus wants us to be close to Him so that we can have joy in Jesus.
- As we pray more and more, God begins to change what we want to the things that He wants.
- God always wants us to pray to Him and never wants us to be afraid to pray.

## Activity:

- Spend time praying for each other, your neighbors, your church, your country, and your friends.
- Allow your children to lead the prayer or repeat simple phrases or prayers to practice praying aloud.

