## FAMILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE



## **Lesson 3: When He Doesn't Answer**

<u>Family Icebreaker</u>: When have you asked for something and didn't get it? Think big and small.

Question 1: God hears our prayers. Why might prayers go unanswered? Think of some good or positive reasons why God may not give you what you ask for.

Question 2: How is praying more like sharing with a friend and less like making an order? Discuss how conversations with friends are often "unanswerable."

Question 3: There are types of prayer—asking for his providence to change your situation, asking for his presence to change your ability to endure the situation, and praying for a paradigm-shift to change your perception of the situation. How can the last one be valuable?

Family activity: Thank God for unanswered prayers.