

**CPR—Children's Prayer Revival
Service 2**

**Kids Power Up With Prayer
Moses Intercedes for His Sister**

Scripture Text: Numbers 12
Memory Verse: "God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you" (I Samuel 12:23).
Lesson Objective: To teach the children to intercede for others.
Power Line: God answers prayer.

Schedule:

- I. Power of Worship** (30-40 minutes)
 - A. Welcome to KPUR (5-6 minutes)
Melody's Music Show (8-10 minutes)
 - B. Prayer Hour (8-10 minutes)
WAP Commercial (1-2 minutes)
Talk of the Church (3-4 minutes)
 - C. Money Market Report (4-5 minutes)
Ask Pete (5-6 minutes)
- II. Power of the Word** (25-30 minutes)
 - A. Quiz Kids (8-10 minutes)
An Inspirational Moment (2-3 minutes)
 - B. Kids Power Up (10-12 minutes)
Invitation and Prayer (5-? minutes)

Supplies:

- Brown and white construction paper
- Several black markers
- Trash can
- White and black bulletin board paper or posterboard
- Masking tape
- white chalk
- 6 balloons
- Copies of WAP commercial, Money Market Report, and Talk of the Church
- Index cards
- 3 pieces of cardstock, yarn, hole punch
- White bed sheet
- A sandwich bag of cornstarch

Preparation

On the work table near the door place sheets of white and brown construction paper, scissors, and black markers. (If time is limited, cut out enough handprints so each child has two.) Place a trash can under the table for scraps.

Cut a large black cloud and a large white one from bulletin board paper or posterboard. Label the black cloud "sin" and the white cloud "God." Mount these about 8'-10' apart on a front wall at the children's eye level. Practice with the children who are going to help you so you can get the distance between the clouds right. (The text assumes that the helpers are girls, but they could be boys.)

Pray that a spirit of prayer will fall on the children during this service and that it will remain on them, transforming these children into intercessors.

For the Quiz Kids, print the memory verse on a whiteboard: "_____ that I should _____ against the LORD in ceasing to _____ for you" (_____ 12:____). Place the board beside the table where

the quiz kids will be seated and turn it so the audience cannot see the words. Blow up six balloons and attach them to the whiteboard.

Several segments of this program are designed to let the children help with the broadcast. Make copies of the WAP commercial, Money Market Report, and Talk of the Church. Practice with the chosen "broadcasters." Encourage the child doing the commercial to add zing to it by clapping, singing, or whatever his creativity inspires him to do.

Write these questions on index cards and give them to children to call in on the talk show. "Do intercessory prayers have to be long?" "What's the difference in an intercessory prayer and just prayer?" "My friend needs Jesus. I've prayed for her, but she's still lost. How many times should I pray for her?" "Does it do any good to pray for people whom I don't even know, like children in another country?" From cardstock make name tags for Moses, Miriam, and Aaron. Punch holes in the top and add yarn for hangers, so these can hang around the children's necks.

For the Kids Power Up segment (Illustrated Sermon) arrange for two helpers to be ready to hold a white sheet in front of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to represent the cloud of God's presence. While the children are hidden behind the sheet, Miriam spreads cornstarch on her face, hands, and arms. Arrange for a man with a microphone with an echo effect to speak for the voice of God from behind the screen. He should be hidden from the audience.

POWER of Worship

Welcome to KPUR (5-6 minutes)

As the children enter, the members of the Kids Prayer Up Radio staff greet them. Each child is directed to the work table where he traces his hands on construction paper and cuts them out. (Or if you have precut handprints, give each child two.) On one hand he writes the name of a friend or relative that he wants to be saved. On the other hand he writes "God." He keeps these under his chair.

Before KPUR signs on the air, introduce the staff to the children. Leave room for the staff to be creative in their responses. Explain the radio format that the service will follow. Welcome visitors by name if possible.

MIKE: *(taps the microphone)* **This is KPUR, Kids Power Up Radio, signing on. Welcome, boys and girls, to the most exciting radio station in the world . . . or is that "in the church"? Anyway, we are thrilled that you tuned in. Our first program of the day is Melody's Music Show. And here is the host, or is it hostess? . . . Melody the Keyboard.**

Melody's Music Show (8-10 minutes)

Melody plays a few bars to introduce the program.

As the music director, Melody plans this part of the service. It could be a mix of congregational songs led by a praise team, special songs by various children, instrumentals by the children, or even stick drama or signing. Some suggested praise choruses are:

"*Hey, Now*" by Amy Grant and Wes King (© 1993 Locally Owned Music, Inc., Administered by The Loving Company) This is an excellent song to go along with this lesson.

"*Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*" by Ken Medema (© 1973 Hope Publishing Company)

MIKE: **Melody's Music Show was brought to you by our sponsor, the General Sunday School Division. The Sunday School Division is reaching out to children around the world to bring them to Jesus. Their slogan is *(calls dramatically)* Save the Balloon . . . No! No, I mean Save Our Children.**

We are having this children's prayer revival because we want you to be saved. If you have repented of your sins, clap your hands. Response. If you have been baptized in Jesus' name, clap your hands. Response. If you have received the gift of gab, clap your hands . . . Oh, no! I mean if you have received the Holy Ghost, clap your hands. Response. If you want to repent, be baptized, or receive the Holy Ghost, clap your hands. Response. If you like to clap your hands, clap! Response.

MELODY: **Thanks for helping me, kids. See you next time around.**

Melody plays the sign-off theme music.

Prayer Hour (8-10 minutes)

(The program director leads this segment.) As Melody softly plays a worship chorus, welcome the listeners to the Prayer Hour program, "where we plug into the power of God through prayer."

Truth Conductor

The subject of today's Prayer Hour is intercessory prayer. Stand between the black and white clouds. Between God and sin is a big gap. Many people who are trapped in sin want to reach God, but they can't seem to touch Him. Move over to the sin cloud and show that you cannot reach God from this point, no matter how **much you** stretch. God wants us to be involved in the process of people being saved, so His plan is for us to help people touch Him.

Involve the children in this discussion. Has your mother ever let you help her make cookies? Did she know how to make cookies by herself? Did she need you to help or did she want you to help? Did you enjoy making cookies with your mother? When the cookies were baked, how did you feel? How did your mother feel?

God does not have to have our help to reach our lost friends and family, but He wants us to be involved in the process. He knows how good it will make us feel and how good it will make our friends feel to know that we care. And it makes God feel good, too.

Ask two children to help you. Let's pretend that (*Girl A—use her name*) is lost. Ask her to stand by the sin cloud and stretch as far toward God as she can. Because she is trapped in sin, she cannot reach God. *Girl A* wants to come to God, but no matter how far she stretches, she cannot touch God. (*Girl B—use her name*) is saved. Ask her to stand by the God cloud. She can touch God, but she does not want to touch sin. She stays away from it. But guess what? She can touch her friend. Girls reach out to join hands. *Girl B* is the link that connects her friend to God, and the Spirit of God can flow through her to touch her friend. That is what it means to be an *intercessor*.

An intercessor is the link between the lost and God. How can you become an intercessor? First, pray. Then be a good friend, a Christian friend, so your friend will trust you and let you hold her hand and lead her to God.

On the handprints you made (or received) as you entered, you wrote your name and the name of a friend that you want to be saved. Take those hands out from under your chairs. Now stand and link the handprints so you and your friend are holding hands. Lift those hands to God, and let's pray for our friends. Lead the children in an intercessory prayer.

WAP Commercial (1-2 minutes)

The child chosen to do this commercial comes to the microphone, as Melody plays in the background.

**Are you feeling grouchy and sour?
Then cheer up—it's Kids Power Hour!
Power of worship; power of the Word.
Coolest stories you've ever heard.
Lots of fun; lots of joy.
Excitement for every girl and boy.
If Kids Power Hour hasn't come your way,
Order from Pentecostal Publishing House today!**

Talk of the Church (3-4 minutes)

Melody gives the musical lead-in.

MIKE: **It's the Chalk of the Thurch . . . I mean Talk of the Church with me, Mike the Microphone, your reporter. Today's story is how God gave Pam DeFronze a great miracle. And here to tell us all about it is Sister DeFronze. Hmmm! She sure looks like (*name of child*), doesn't she? Use your imaginations, kids. (*Starts to call girl by name*) . . . Oops! I mean Sister DeFronze, tell us what happened.**

GIRL: **I was at the general conference when Missionary Jonathan Strickland and his wife Maria pledged to give \$10,000 to foreign missions.**

MIKE: **Ten thousand tollars, I mean dollars? Wow! That's more money than (*name of program director*) earned last week. That's a lot of money for a missionary.**

GIRL: That's a lot of money for anyone to give! When I saw Brother Strickland, I knew he was the man I wanted to see because my daughter had just married a young man from Greece who was not in the church. I wanted Brother Strickland to meet him.

MIKE: So what did you do?

GIRL: I jumped up and went to talk to Brother Strickland. While I was talking to him, the Lord told me to help him with his offering.

MIKE: So you're rich and just wrote him a check?

GIRL: Oh, no. I'm not rich. I had no idea where I was going to get so much money. I had to borrow it on a credit card and planned to pay it back in monthly payments.

MIKE: Was that going to be hard?

GIRL: It would have been, but listen to what happened.

MIKE: I'm listening. I hope these kids are, too.

GIRL: A couple of months later my boss told me that I was getting a pay cut because the company was trying to save money.

MIKE: *(shocked)* A cay put? I mean a pay cut! Did you say they put your cay . . . I mean cut your pay?

GIRL: Yes.

MIKE: But that's not supposed to happen! When you give to God, you are supposed to be blessed, not have your *(pronounces slowly so his tongue won't get tangled)* pay . . . cut.

GIRL: Just listen to what happened next.

MIKE: I'm listening.

GIRL: In two days I got a new job making more money than I had ever made before!

MIKE: Hallelujah!

GIRL: In six months I made as much money as I had made the whole year before!

MIKE: Wow!

GIRL: And that's not the best part. My daughter started coming back to church, and soon my Greek son-in-law received the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues.

MIKE: Wow! Wow! Wouble dow . . . I mean double wow!

GIRL: I paid my debt off completely! Do I think God can give back more than one can give? I sure do!

MIKE: Thank you, Sister DeFronze, for that wonderful report. Looks like God combined your intercessory prayers and your sacrificial giving to give you a miracle! No wonder it's the *(slowly)* Talk of the Church! This is Mike the Microphone signing off until next time.

Remember God answers prayer.

This and other miracles are posted at the UPCI Foreign Missions Web site

<http://www.mymiraclestory.com/>

Melody plays the sign-off theme music.

Money Market Report (3-4 minutes)

Melody plays a march song for the theme music. While the child chosen to receive the offering takes the microphone, someone places the offering plates on a table in front of the sanctuary.

CHILD: **Welcome to the Money Market Report. This is *(name)*, your financial advisor. Have you ever heard the saying, "Money talks"? Your money says a lot about you. It tells—**

MIKE: *(interrupts)* Hey, wait a minute. *(pulls out a dollar and holds it up to his ear; puts finger of lips)* Shhh, kids. Be quiet. *(listens to the dollar puzzled)* Mr. Financial Advisor, I hate to tell you this, but my money is not talking.

CHILD: **Money doesn't talk with words, Mr. Mike. It talks with actions.**

MIKE: *(scratches his head)* Huh?

CHILD: **What you do with your money tells everyone a lot about you. It says where your heart is.**

MIKE: **My heart? It's right here in my best . . . I mean my chest.**

CHILD: **What you do with your money tells everyone what you love. If you spend your money for candy, it says that you love junk food. If you spend your money for video games, it sends the message that you love video games. If you give your money in the offering, that tells God and others that you love Him.**

MIKE: **Ooohhh, like when that Sister DeFronze and Missionary Strickland and his wife gave that offering for missions, it said that they love souls and want to see people saved?**

CHILD: **You got the message, Mike.**

MIKE: *(waves the dollar bill)* **Yeah, but I didn't get it from this dollar bill. I got it from you.**

CHILD: **Wherever. The important thing is that you got it. And, kids, that is the money market secret of the day—money talks. Until next time this is *(name)*, KPUR's financial advisor, signing off. The program director gives instructions on how the children are to march to give.**

Melody leads them in a marching chorus.

Ask Pete (5-6 minutes)

Melody provides the lead-in music.

PETE: **Welcome to Ask Pete, the most dynamic talk show on radio. I am your host, Pete the Pulpit. Over the years hundreds, yea thousands, of sermons have been preached over me. I have a vast amount of knowledge stored in my wooden brain. Now is your chance to Ask Pete anything you want to. Oops! Maybe I should say you can ask me anything you want to ask about the subject of the day—intercessory prayer.**

Pete tells about a time when God answered someone's intercessory prayer (preferably someone that the children know). Then he opens the lines for callers to call in with questions. He concludes by reminding the children that **God answers prayer** and thanking the listeners for their calls.

Power of the Word

Quiz Kids (8-10 minutes)

MIKE: **And now, boys and girls, KPUR is pleased to bring to you the quiz program that tops all quiz programs. It's Save the Balloons! And here is our quiz master, Ben the Bible. Let's hear it for Ben! *(applause)***

Melody plays sign-in theme music as Ben comes to the microphone.

Ben chooses four school age children to be the quiz kids and another one to be the balloon popper. They take their places on the platform. Play as before. Here are the clues.

The one who created the heavens and the earth. **(God)**

The first part of this word is the number that comes after three, and the last part is what people do when they want to buy something at an auction. **(forbid)**

To transgress against God's law. **(sin)**

This is another word for what it is called when we talk to God. **(pray)**

This Old Testament book is named after a man whom God called to be a prophet when he was just a little boy. **(Samuel)**

This number is two dozen minus the number of gods that we serve. **(23)**

Answers: "God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you" (I Samuel 12:23).

Help the children find this verse in their Bibles and read it together. This is what Samuel told the Israelites when they had rejected him as their judge. He did not hold a grudge against them and say, "Well, since you don't like me, I certainly won't pray for you." No! Instead he said, *(ask the children to read the verse with you)*. Even though the people had rejected him, he continued to pray for them. Even when someone mistreats us, we should say, *(everyone quotes the verse)*.

Ben makes a big deal of announcing how many balloons the quiz kids have saved and encourages the audience to hoop and holler. Give the quiz kids a round of applause.

MIKE: **And now let's hear it for our host, Ben the Bible.**

KIDS: *(applause and cheer)*

MIKE: **Thank you for tuning in to Save the Balloons. Be sure to join us *(next service)*.**

Melody plays sign-off music as Mike announces the call letters of the station.

An Inspirational Moment (2-3 minutes)

Melody leads the children in a quiet worship chorus to prepare them for the Bible story.

Kids Power Up (10-12 minutes)

Illustrated Sermon

MIKE: Now for the high point of our day—the drama that will tickle you and shock you and teach you something that you will never forget . . . anyway, we hope you will never forget it. Here is our host, Pulpit the Pete . . . Oops! I mean Pete the Pulpit.

PETE: Thank you, Mike, and thank you, boys and girls, for coming to visit us at KPUR. Tonight's drama is entitled (*eyes get big and he puts his hand over his mouth*) "Watch Your Mouth!" And it comes from the twelfth chapter of Numbers. Ben, could you show us Numbers 12 in your pages?

Ben shows the children how to find Numbers 12 in their Bibles. He chooses two outgoing boys and one girl (older than the boys) to help with the story. He has them stand with their backs to the audience, and he hangs a name tag around each child's neck, putting "Moses" on the youngest boy. The audience will not see the name tags until the children turn around. He tells his helpers that when he taps their shoulder they are to turn around. They act out whatever Ben is saying, but they do not speak unless they want to. Ben may need to stop and help them a few times until they catch on.

Melody plays a lead-in to the dramatized story.

The Israelites (also called the Hebrews or Jews) were in bad trouble. They were in slavery. They were forced to work in the mud and steaming sun with insects constantly eating at them (no OFF to spray on their skin) to make bricks for the Egyptians. The Egyptians cursed and beat, mocked and scorned them. Life was very hard for the Hebrew slaves.

The pharaoh (another word for the king) of Egypt got worried that the Hebrews were going to become stronger than the Egyptians and take over the land. So he ordered that all Hebrews baby boys were to be thrown into the Nile River and drowned. But God gave one mother a plan for saving her baby. Do you know that baby's name? Call on a child who has raised his hand. Ask him to come to the microphone. Ask questions leading him to tell the story of baby Moses. Be sure to include a question that brings out Miriam's role in Moses' rescue. Thank the child for his help and let him return to his seat. Tap Moses. When Moses grew up, God called him to lead the Hebrews out of slavery. At first, Moses shook his head and argued with God. He argued that he couldn't speak well.

Voice comes through the P.A. **"I will tell you what to say, and you can tell your brother Aaron. He can speak to the people for you."**

Tap Aaron on the shoulder. Aaron was Moses' older brother.

So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh, and with God's help, got the Hebrews freed from slavery. Then they began the long march through the wilderness to the Promised Land. By then the Hebrews numbered over two million. That's a lot of people.

Among the two-million-plus was Moses and Aaron's big sister, Miriam. Tap Miriam on the shoulder. Moses was Aaron and Miriam's little brother. Raise your hand if you have a baby brother or sister.

Response.

So Aaron and Miriam's little brother was their leader. Do you like to take orders from your little brother or sister? Probably not. Aaron and Miriam had a problem with that, too. They knew that God had chosen Moses to be their leader, but they felt like they were just as smart and just as close to God as Moses. One day they got together and started talking about Moses.

Miriam said, **"You know, I just don't like his wife."** Aaron agreed, **"I don't like her either. She's just . . . well, she's just different."** Miriam nodded. **"I know. He never should have married her."** Aaron frowned. **"In fact, Moses is getting pretty full of himself these days—giving us orders. He even tells me what to say, and I'm three years older than he is."** Miriam crossed her arms and huffed. **"And I'm seven years older. Why I remember when I was his babysitter. If it hadn't been for me, he wouldn't even be here. I'm the one who saved his life when he was a baby in a basket in the Nile River. I'm due a little respect, wouldn't you think?"** Aaron hiked his shoulders and nodded his head. **"You certainly are, and so am I. After all, we are part of the first family, just as much as that strange**

wife of his. We were even part of Moses's family before she was." Miriam shook her finger. **"You're right! Moses has got to where he thinks he's the only one God talks to."** Aaron stomped his foot. **"I'll tell him one thing—God talks to me, too!"** Miriam and Aaron may have thought that no one heard their grumbling, but Someone did. Who? Response. God didn't like it—not one bit. When we start criticizing our preacher and those God has put over us, God takes notice. And He does not like it. God told Moses, Aaron, and Miriam to go out to the tent of meeting where He often met with Moses. Ask the children to move to the other side of the platform near where two helpers are waiting with the sheet and bag of cornstarch. The Lord came down in a white cloud. It was an awesome sight. Helpers unfold the white sheet and move in front of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam so they are hidden by the "cloud." While behind the cloud and while God is talking, Miriam quickly spreads cornstarch on her face, hands, and arms. God was very angry! He spoke from the cloud. Voice comes through the P.A. **"I trust Moses more than anyone else. I speak to him face to face. Who do you think you are to speak against My servant Moses?"**

When the cloud lifted, there stood Miriam white as snow. Remove the sheet. She had leprosy—a deadly disease that makes the skin turn chalky white. It was a contagious and shameful disease—one that would kill her.

Aaron fell on his face and cried out to Moses, **"Please, Master Moses, don't be so hard on us for our foolish sin. We are sorry, so sorry! Please pray for our sister. Pray for her."** Miriam needed an intercessor.

Moses could have held a grudge. He could have refused to forgive his brother and sister for their hurtful words. He could have said, **"Good enough for you."** But he forgave and interceded for his sister. **"Please, God, heal her! Please heal her!"** It wasn't a long prayer, but it was a prayer from his heart. Moses knew that God answers prayer. Moses desperately wanted God to heal his sister. He loved Miriam, even if she had been hateful and unkind.

Voice comes through the P.A. **"Even for a small sin, she would be put in 'time out' for seven days. This is no small sin that she has committed. So she has to go outside the camp, away from everyone else, for seven days to think about what she has done."**

So with a repentant heart, Miriam went outside the camp by herself for seven days. When she returned, she was healed and never again did she speak against God's man, even though he was her little brother.

Both Miriam and Aaron had learned their lesson.

Melody plays the station theme music in the background.

MIKE: This Bible story is revised from a kids POWER hour lesson. For more fascinating stories like this, order kids POWER hour material from the Pentecostal Publishing House. Be sure to check out www.kidspowerup.com to hear exciting Kids Power Up programs. Thank you for tuning in to Kids Power Up Radio. This is KPUR signing off the air. But don't go away kids, here's our program director.

Melody plays the station theme music (up and out).

Invitation and Prayer (5-7 minutes)

The P.D. takes charge of the service to give the invitation and make the altar call.

Miriam and Aaron sinned. They were hateful to their little brother. Moses had two choices: (1) he could stay mad at them and let Miriam suffer from leprosy, or (2) he could forgive them and pray for Miriam. Moses made the right choice. What was it? **Response.** Moses' choice shows us why God chose him to lead the Hebrews. Moses was a kind and humble man, who talked to God and listened to God. And God talked to Moses and listened to him. God wants to talk to you, and He wants you to talk to Him. He will listen to you and He wants you to listen to Him.

Sometimes your friends, even your brothers and sisters, say and do hateful things that hurt you. When they do, be careful. Watch your mouth. You have two choices—the same choices that Moses had. What are they? **Response.** You can say the same thing that Samuel said when the people rejected him. Do you remember what it was? Start quoting the memory verse and ask the children to join you. **"God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you" (1 Samuel 12:23). It is hard to intercede for someone who has hurt you, but you can do it. Samuel did and Moses did.**

Melody plays soft worship music. It is time to pray for our friends and loved ones. Bring to the altar the hands that you made (or received) at the beginning of the service and find a place to kneel. If while you

are praying, God reminds you of someone else, someone who has hurt that you need to pray for, do it. God wants you to be an intercessor.

Altar workers should be in place to help the children pray.

Plug in

After the altar service, remind the children to continue to pray for the requests they took at the first service and to continue to pray for the child whose hand they hold. Make announcements and dismiss with prayer.