

God Hears You

Materials: 1 Printout below per person and 3 different colors per person



Give everyone a printout. Read verses 1 & 2.

- **What stands out to you?**
- **What does David ask God for?** (Shade the words in one color)

Read verses 5-7:

- **How does David describe God?** (Shade the words in a different color)

Read verses 11:

- **What kind of heart does David desire?** (Shade the words in a third color)

Feel free to keep going as long as you have time and the children are engaged. If you run out of time, ...let the children know:

Say: **David wrote this prayer possibly during the time he was running from Saul. Just like David prayed to God and trusted that God heard his prayers, we also can pray to God and trust He hears our prayers. There are 15 requests from David to God. Did you find them all? Take this home and see if you can find them. Do you have anything you would like to pray to God about? He is always there for you and He always hears you.**

Psalm 86

A prayer of David.

1 Lord, hear me and answer me.

I am poor and needy.

2 Keep my life safe, because I am faithful to you.

Save me, because I trust in you.

You are my God.

3 Lord, have mercy on me.

I call out to you all day long.

4 Bring joy to me.

Lord, I put my trust in you.

5 Lord, you are forgiving and good.

You are full of love for all who call out to you.

6 Lord, hear my prayer.

Listen to my cry for mercy.

7 When I'm in trouble, I will call out to you.

And you will answer me.

8 Lord, there's no one like you among the gods.

No one can do what you do.

9 Lord, all the nations you have made

will come and worship you.

They will bring glory to you.

10 You are great. You do wonderful things.

You alone are God.

11 Lord, teach me how you want me to live.

Do this so that I will depend on you, my faithful God.

Give me a heart that doesn't want anything

more than to worship you.

12 Lord my God, I will praise you with all my heart.

I will bring glory to you forever.

13 Great is your love for me.

You have kept me from going down into the place of the dead.

14 God, proud people are attacking me.

A gang of mean people is trying to kill me.

They don't care about you.

15 But Lord, you are a God who is tender and kind.

You are gracious.

You are slow to get angry.

You are faithful and full of love.

16 Come to my aid and have mercy on me.

Show your strength by helping me.

Save me because I serve you just as my mother did.

17 Prove your goodness to me.

Then my enemies will see it and be put to shame.

Lord, you have helped me and given me comfort.