

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

## THE THIRD PETITION

### ACTIVITY

#### ON AND OFF

**Materials:** large sheet or blanket

Play "On and Off." Space students around the edges of a blanket. When you call "On!", they jump on the blanket, and when you call "Off!", they jump off. Of course, the fun of the game is to call "On! On!" Speed it up to find the remaining winners who follow directions correctly.

Ask, **Do you ever feel like you hear lots of voices saying "Do this. Do that. Be like this. Don't be like this." Some of them probably even say opposite things.** (Let them give examples. If they can't think of any, suggest that the voice of their parents may conflict with the voice of our culture and society.) Continue, **Let's say you have a really tough situation, such as your parents saying you can't do something that you know is clearly a good thing if they could just see it. Or maybe you get an invitation to a friend's house, and your folks say it's okay to go. Once you get there, your friends want to do the very thing your folks said not to do. You've got two opposite voices here. What would you do? How do you decide what to do?** (Allow discussion.)

Continue, **The Bible tells us Jesus knew God's will. Jesus actually said He could not do anything except what He heard His Father telling Him to do. How did Jesus know His Father's will?** (You will probably get silence here.) Ask, **How do you know your dad's will or what he would want you to do?** (The point is that someone cares enough to want His will known to us. When we care about what He wants done, we find that out. Paul got it in a striking vision. After that, he did a whole lot of Bible studying, praying, and spending time with churchgoers.) Ask, **Is Jesus looking to speak to us? How do we know God's will?** (God reveals His will to us. He writes it into each human heart, and He reveals it to us through His Word. Because of sin, we have not lived according to God's will. By grace, God has forgiven us for Jesus' sake. Now, as God's forgiven children, the power of the Holy Spirit brings us to want to do God's will and to pray that it may be done among us.)