



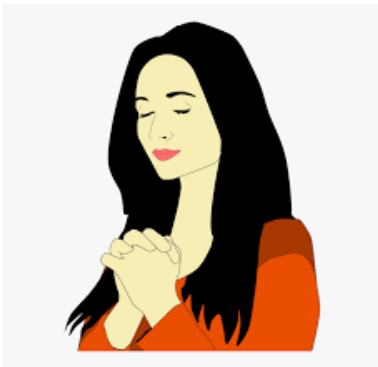
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## Children's Church – 16<sup>th</sup> August Matthew 15: 21–28 The Persistent Woman

When Jesus was with his disciples – his followers – a woman came to him and asked him to heal her daughter, who was suffering terribly. The disciples thought Jesus should send her away, but he didn't.



But he also did not help her straightaway. **She would not give up.** She knelt in front of him and begged for help. She showed great faith. When Jesus granted her wish and said her daughter was healed, what do you think had impressed him?

Can you think of a time when you have been **persistent**? That means when you **have not given up** with something. Maybe it's a game? Or a hobby that you have been learning, or a new skill in sport, or playing an instrument? Or perhaps something in a lesson at school or in your homework where you have had to **keep trying** and not been downhearted, and you have got there in the end? Maybe in this story Jesus was demonstrating how the woman did this and the power it has.



**Song:**  
"Do Not Give Up"



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EPqPcQjHDwg>

## Activity:



Make a little stone to remind you not to give up! Find a suitable pebble, wash it well and dry it thoroughly. Then use a fine brush to paint on the words NEVER GIVE UP! It is easiest to paint it on first, let it dry and then outline the letters in felt tip.

You may find this a little tricky, but remember – **never give up!** And you can add any other decorations you fancy! You can then varnish the pebble with a craft varnish to seal the design.



## Prayer:

Dear Lord

Thank you for always being there for me. Help me to learn to be **persistent** in all I do and to not give up when things are tricky. Thank you for teaching me so much through your actions and words and for loving me so completely, wherever I am and whoever I am.

Amen





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