



"It is time for bed," mother or father said.

Then each person in the family went to get his mat from the place where they were piled. Each one unfolded his mat. He laid it on the floor. Then he lay down on his mat. He covered himself with his warm, heavy cloak of wool.

The mats for the family were all laid out in a row. The children were in the middle and the mother and father at each end.

Jesus told a story about a friend who came at midnight to a home. Of course the family was already in bed sleeping. This friend wanted to borrow a loaf of bread. He called and knocked until he wakened the father. The father said to his friend, "Go away. My children are with me in bed. I cannot rise and give you the bread."

The father could not get up without waking up his whole family. But if the friend kept on knocking, the father would get up and give his friend the bread.

Jesus told this story so we would know how important it is to ask God about things. Jesus said we should keep on asking.

(This story is in Luke 11:5-10)