



- P R A Y E R R E S O U R C E S -

These are just some examples of ways to engage children in God’s presence and power in their lives. Prayer requests are so important and God wants to provide for our needs, but we also don’t want them to miss out on the richness and depth of time with God when we engage in praise, confession, and gratitude to Him!

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in Heaven... *(Reminder that we are talking to God)*
 Hallowed be Your name... *(Praise Him and tell him He is good!)*
 Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven... *(We can pray for God’s will! What do you think Heaven looks like? How can we pray to make Earth look more like Heaven? How can He use us to make this happen?)*
 Give us this day, our daily bread... *(What do you need TODAY? God gives you everything you need for today!)*
 And forgive us of our debts... *(What do you need to say “I’m sorry” for?)*
 As we forgive our debtors... *(Who do you need to forgive?)*
 Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil... *(Ask God to help you avoid bad situations that might make you act in a way that doesn’t honor Him.)*
 Yours is the Kingdom, the glory, and the power... *(Give Him all the praise!)*
 Forever and ever... *(God’s love and glory last forever!)*
 Amen!

A.C.T.S. PRAYER

<p><u>Adoration</u> This is telling God how good he is and all the things we love about Him! <i>Examples: Good, loving, always with us, forgives us, helps us, comforts us, etc.</i></p>	<p><u>Confession</u> These are things we need to say “I’m sorry” for. Have kids think of at least one reason they may need to say “I’m sorry” to God this week! <i>For example, pushing a sister, saying something mean to a classmate, disobeying mom, etc.</i></p>
<p><u>Thanksgiving</u> Thanking God for the amazing blessings in our lives! <i>For example, friends, family, pets, our church, school, teachers, favorite foods, helping us in a situation or providing for us, etc.</i></p>	<p><u>Supplication</u> This is just a fancy word for “needs!” This is where we ask God for what we need. <i>For example, we can ask Him to be with a sick relative or a sad friend, to help us with a test or in a friendship, etc. This is the traditional “prayer request” that we may take from kids!</i></p>

PRAYING SCRIPTURE

We can take any scripture and pray it back to God! Scripture is God-breathed and in alignment with His will, so we always know that praying scripture is according to His will!

Examples of praying the scriptures:

Lord, help me to love YOU with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength! (Mark 12:30)

Lord, help us to shine our lights this week for all to see, so that it will glorify You. (Matthew 5:16)

Lord, please let Your joy be my strength today. (Nehemiah 8:10)

God, You are the God of hope. Please fill (*child's name*) with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit, they may abound in hope. (Romans 15:13)

OTHER RESOURCES

These are also great ideas:

<https://churchleaders.com/children/childrens-ministry-how-tos/175955-7-great-ways-to-teach-kids-to-pray.html>