# Kids Pray! Activity Book

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John 8:47 "Whoever belongs to God hears what God says."

John 10:27 "My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

Jeremiah 33:3 "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

**Ephesians 1:18-19** "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."

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# DAY 1. Welcome to Kids Pray!

#### Welcome! Why are we here? Because God calls us to pray, and He answers prayer!

Come Pray, Kids, Pray!

We'll start with a poem that calls kids to pray. As you say it you'll move your hands in the rhythm: hands down on your thighs, hands clap, left hand snaps, right hand snaps – down, clap, snap, snap – throughout the poem. Like this: **Come** (down) **pray** (clap) **kids** (snap) **pray** (snap). Try it now, with the hand actions:

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will raise His **praise** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's calling you To SHOUT HIS PRAISE And thank Him, too!

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **hearts** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see God move. You'll feel God's love, You'll get His groove!

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **homes** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God cares for you. He'll heal your hurts, Your families, too!

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change

Your **town** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's showing you His mighty strength Makes all things new! \$

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **world** today!

Come pray, kids. PRAY! God answers you. Amazing things Are coming true!

#### **Target Prayers**

- **Praise:** Write at least three characteristics of God that you praise Him for (example: faithful). Then say, "I praise you, God, because you are \_\_\_\_\_
- **Heart:** Write at least three things that you'd like to ask God to help you with today. Then ask Him.
- **Home:** Write the names of your family members and ask God what's one thing you can pray for each one. Then pray for them.
- **Town:** What are some things you know about your town? Write at least three things and pray for God to bless your town.
- **World:** Write the names of at least three countries in the world. Ask God what to pray for them and then pray!



# DAY 2. PRAISE Prayers #1

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Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will raise His **praise** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's calling you To SHOUT HIS PRAISE And thank Him, too!

#### **ABC** Praise

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- Write characteristics of God for each letter of the alphabet. •
- Praise Him for each one! •

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**Five-Minute Thanks Challenge** 

• In 5 minutes write or draw as many things as you can think of that you are thankful for.

Thank you, God, for...

- Quietly thank God for each one.
- Tell someone else what you thank God for!

# DAY 3. HEART Prayers #1

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **hearts** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see God move. You'll feel God's love, You'll get His groove!

## Full of Love

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (I Corinthians 13:4-7).

• Write your name in the blanks below. Are the statements true about you?

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the truth	always	protects,		always trusts,				
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Pray quietly and ask God to help you grow in those areas.								



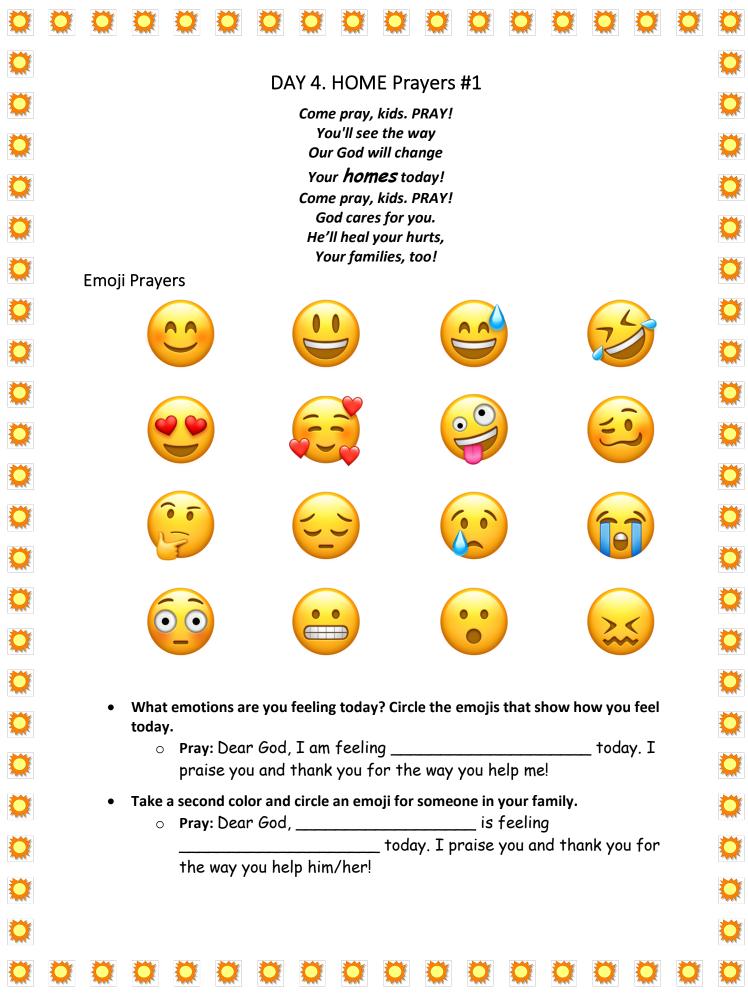
What do you sense God is saying to you now? Write or draw it here:

## God Raises You Up!

- Watch and listen to two children singing "You Raise Me Up." He raises you up, too, to more than you could be without Him! <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pF\_cJtUEzdg</u>
- Listen to it again, and draw and write what you sense God is saying to you about how He is raising you up (what he is helping you to be).
- When the song is finished, take a few more minutes to finish what you are drawing or writing.

# God, how are you raising me up?

- Pray quietly and thank God that He is raising you up to be all He wants you to be.
- Show what you wrote or drew to someone else.



## • Take a third color and circle an emoji for someone else you know.

Pray: Dear God, \_\_\_\_\_\_ is feeling

\_\_\_\_\_ today. I praise you and thank you for

the way you help him/her!

• Pray quietly for yourself and the other two people, that God would give you all strength, peace and joy.

## Listening & Encouragement

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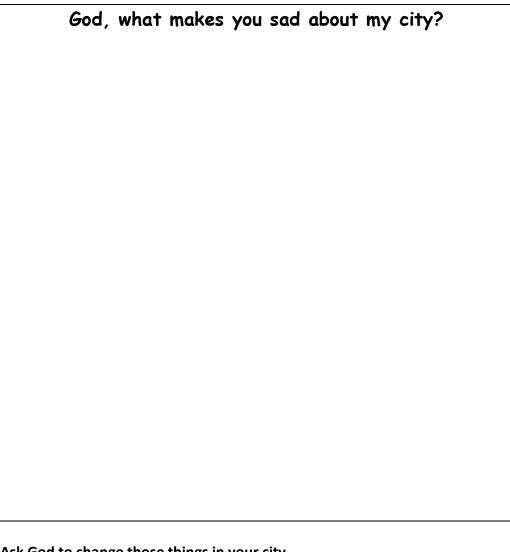
- Read this verse out loud: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Encourage one another and build each other up."
- Think of someone you know who might like to receive an encouraging card today. It could be one of the people you just wrote about or someone else.
- Get a blank piece of paper to make a card for them, or use the space below and take a picture of your "card" to send to them.
- Ask God what He would like you to say to them and what picture to draw for them.
- Make the card and then give it or send it to them.
- Pray for them!

# DAY 5. TOWN Prayers #1

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **town** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's showing you His mighty strength Makes all things new!

Praying for our city

• Ask God what He would like you to pray for your city. What things make Him sad about your city? Write them or draw them here:



• Ask God to change those things in your city.

- Read out loud God's promise in Jeremiah 29:11-13: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.
- Ask God what He wants to say to you about His good plans for your city. Write or draw what you sense He is saying:

# God, what good plans do you have for my city?

• Ask God to do those good things in your city.

• God is amazing! He's going to answer your prayers. God is going to do great things in your city!

# DAY 6. WORLD Prayers #1

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **World** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God answers you. Amazing things Are coming true!

**Finger Prayers** 

• True Story: Endre Gyökössy, a Hungarian pastor, tells the story of Aunt Eliza and her "praying fingers."

In World War 2, when bombs were falling on Budapest, Hungary, an old lady named Aunt Eliza stayed at Pastor Endre's house because she had nowhere else to live. Even though she had no family and very few possessions, she was always smiling. Her eyes overflowed with joy.

At night, when the sirens blared, and bombs fell on the city, everyone was supposed turn off all their lights and stay in their basements. But Pastor Endre noticed that Aunt Eliza would disappear from the house each evening. He wondered where she was going, so one day he followed her. She walked out into the garden and stopped. The city was dark except for a factory burning in the industrial district. Glowing in the eerie light, she raised her face and folded hands toward heaven. One by one, she lifted her fingers. Then she stretched out her hands with her palms up, and stood there motionless for a few minutes. And then she returned to the house.

Pastor Endre saw her do this this day after day, even when a bomb swept away a house nearby. Finally one day he became so curious that he asked her, "What are you doing out there in the garden each evening?"

"It's my prayer book," she replied with a smile. When I lift up my thumbs, I pray for those whom the Holy Spirit first brings to mind. When I lift up my pointing fingers, I pray for those who point me toward God. That's when I pray for you, Pastor. Then I raise my tall fingers and pray for the world leaders, and that they would stop this war. Then I raise my weak fingers and pray for God's mercy on the weak, the persecuted, the little children and those who are dying. When I raise my little fingers I pray for myself, that I may serve God with a joyful heart every day. Finally, I raise both palms toward the sky and ask God to hold the world in His hand, and bring peace."

 Today we are going to pray with our fingers, just like Aunt Eliza. On the hand on the next page, label each of the fingers and then use your fingers to pray like she did.

- 1. **Thumbs:** Pray for those whom God brings first to mind.
  - $\circ$  On the thumb below, write the thing that comes first to mind to pray for.

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- 2. Pointing fingers: Pray for those who point you toward God (pastors).
  - $\circ$  On the pointing finger, write the name of at least one pastor.
- 3. Tall fingers: Pray for your leaders teachers, country & world leaders.
  - $\circ~$  On the tall finger, write the name of at least one leader.
- 4. Weak fingers (ring fingers): Pray for God to bless and heal people who are weak, persecuted and sick.
  - On the weak finger, write the name of someone who is weak, sick or persecuted.
- 5. Little fingers: Pray for yourself that you will follow Jesus with a joyful heart every day.
  - $\circ~$  On the little finger write one thing to pray for yourself.
- 6. Use your own hands to pray for each of the people, raising each finger one by one, then raise your palms toward the sky and ask God to hold the world in His hands and bring peace to the whole world.

# DAY 7. PRAISE Prayers #2

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will raise His **praise** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's calling you **TO SHOUT HIS PRAISE** And thank Him, too!

Stuffed Animal/Pillow/Ball Praise

- God is really amazing! We're going to spend some time praising God. •
- Raise your hands up to God and say, "Praise God!" •
- Praise God by saying who He is by throwing a stuffed animal, small pillow or ball • in the air and saying something that describes God.
- Say, "God, you are..." then say as many things as you can think of that • describe God. You can throw your stuffy in the air and catch it each time. For example, "God you are good!"

#### Psalm 145 Praise

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- In the Psalm below, underline every word that describes God tells something He is or does. The first five are underlined already.
- Stand up and sit down every time you read one of the words that describes God!

#### Psalm 145

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever. <sup>2</sup> Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

<sup>3</sup> Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom. <sup>4</sup>One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.<sup>5</sup> They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty—and I will meditate on your wonderful works. <sup>6</sup> They tell of the power of your awesome works—and I will proclaim your great deeds. <sup>7</sup> They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

<sup>10</sup> All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you. <sup>11</sup> They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, <sup>12</sup> so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. <sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. <sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down. <sup>15</sup> The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. <sup>16</sup> You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

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<sup>21</sup> My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

• Which of the underlined words do you like best? Using these words, write or say a prayer of praise and thanks to God.

God, I praise you and thank you because you are \_\_\_\_\_

• Choose one of the words of praise from the Psalm and draw a picture about that word. Praise God that He is that for you!

# DAY 8. HEART Prayers #2

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **hearts** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see God move. You'll feel God's love, You'll get His groove!

Confessing

- Tear or cut a piece of scrap paper into small pieces.
- Ask God, "What ways have I sinned what bad things have I thought, said or done?"
- Write or draw a picture of your sins on the small papers.
- **Confess the sins to God** (tell God you're sorry you did those things and ask Him to forgive you).
- Crumple them up and throw them in the garbage.



Color the garbage can if you would like to, and remember, when we confess our sins, God forgives them!

Do Not Be Afraid!

- What are you afraid of? •
- Draw a picture in the box below of something you are afraid of. Where is Jesus • in the picture?

Jesus, please help me not be afraid of:

Write out or say Isaiah 41:10 as a prayer to God: • "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Dear God, please help me not to fear, \_\_\_\_\_

# DAY 9. HOME Prayers #2

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your homes today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God cares for you. He'll heal your hurts, Your families, too!

#### **Number Prayers**

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- In the spaces below, write the names of everyone in your family next to the number of the people in your family. For example, if you have four people in your family, write each name in a space next to the number 4.
- Think of **other groups of people or places you know** and write their names next to the number of those people. Here are some ideas:
  - o Teachers
  - School Friends
  - o Church Friends
  - $\circ$  Relatives
  - Neighbours

Church Pastors

- Politicians
- Cities
- Countries

#### • As you write the names, pray for the people.

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# DAY 10. TOWN Prayers #2

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **town** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's showing you His mighty strength Makes all things new!

#### Praying for Ways to Serve

#### • Read this true story about God using kids who listened and served:

Michelle Anthony, in her book 7 Family Ministry Essentials, tells how she led a group of kids through the book of James. At the end of the lessons, she asked them how they could practically put their faith in action. No one had any ideas.

Finally one girl said, "We could help the homeless people." This suggestion led the children and their leaders to pack bag lunches for each of the children at a nearby motel for families who had been displaced from their homes or were fleeing abuse. They brainstormed ideas of what to pack in the lunches and decided they should include a note in each lunch. They had a packing day with stations for decorating the bags, filling them with sandwiches, chips and fruit, and writing the notes. The children wrote the notes, each starting with **"Dear One"** and ending with **"Love, God."** 

Michelle encouraged the children to pray and ask God what they should write, because He knew who would get that note and what they need to hear from Him. She noticed one girl would pray, then write, then pray again, then write some more, as if she were writing actual words from God.

The next day, volunteers handed out the lunches to each of the families in the motel. At one room, a mom answered the door. She received two lunches for her children, then humbly asked if she could have one for herself, too. That morning the mom had woken up feeling really sad and alone. She had lost everything except her two kids and was living alone with them in the motel. She had no hope left. Michelle writes,

As the reality of the day set in, she began to cry out to God, lamenting,

## "You've forgotten me. You've forgotten me!"

She felt so hopeless she just wanted to die and not suffer any more. Michelle writes,

As her two children left for school as planned, she saw her lunch bag sitting on the counter. One of the children had decorated the outside of the bag with a beautiful cross beside a colorful rainbow. This woman remembered being a little girl who went to church and heard about Jesus, but she had long since felt forgotten, used, and abused. Yet something in her reached out and grabbed that lunch. As she looked inside, the very first thing she pulled out was the little note. With trembling hands, she opened it to read these words, "Dear One, I have not forgotten you. Love, God."

It's almost unbelievable, isn't it? God spoke to a child to write those words. Then God made sure *that note* got placed in *that lunch* for *that mom* on *that day....* 

The testimony of this woman's life and her experience that day revolutionized the kids' faith when they heard it... Quite simply, they were unstoppable. Before their years of middle school were completed, they had started more ministry opportunities in our community than could be counted.<sup>1</sup>

- Ask God for ideas: "God, how can we reach out to serve people in our community?"
- Draw or write what you sense God is saying:

God, how can we reach out to serve people in our community?

- Share your ideas with others and add their ideas to yours.
- Pray together about them.

<sup>1</sup> Anthony, Michelle and Megan Marshman. 7 Family Ministry Essentials: A Strategy for Culture Change in Children's and Student Ministries, (Colorado Springs: David C. Cook, 2015), 205-206.

## DAY 11. WORLD Prayers #2

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Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **World** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God answers you. Amazing things Are coming true!

## **START** Listening to God

*Kids' version of Lectio Divina - see <u>www.mystartjournal.com</u> To help you START listening to God through Bible reading, you can START with:* 

- **S** Scripture
- **T** Think
- A Ask
- R Rest
- **T** Tell

## <u>S – Scripture</u> (Lectio – read)

- Read this Bible passage out loud (or listen to someone read it): "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20).
- Underline a word or phrase that stands out to you. Write it here:

## T – Think (Meditatio – meditate)

- Read it again silently & slowly (or listen to someone read it):
  - "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20).
- Think about what God is saying to you in these verses.

Write or draw something God is saying to you in the verses:

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## <u>A – Ask</u> (Oratio - pray)

- Read it again silently & slowly (or listen to someone read it):
  - "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age'" (Matthew 28:18-20).

- Ask God what He would like you to pray about, from these verses.
- Write or say a prayer to God about what He is showing you:

## **R** – **Rest** (*Contemplatio* – contemplate)

- Listen for 2 minutes for God to say who He is, based on the verses you've been reading.
- Write, "God is \_\_\_\_\_"

## <u>T – Tell</u>

- Tell someone what God has told you.
- What is God saying to you? Write or draw it here and show it to someone!

## DAY 12. PRAISE Prayers #3

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will raise His **praise** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's calling you **To SHOUT HIS PRAISE** And thank Him, too!

**Praise Chain** 

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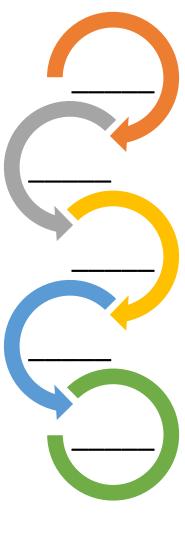
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- One person starts out saying a word of praise to God, i.e. Faithful. •
- The next person says a praise word that starts with the last letter of the previous • word, and so on.
- Example: FAITHFUL, LOVING, GOOD •
- Try to continue the chain without repeating any word. You can fill out this chain:





#### Read Psalm 100 out loud:

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Write or say Psalm 100 (above) as a prayer of joyful praise to God.

I shout for joy to you, Lord. I worship you with gladness; \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Draw a comic strip showing each verse of Psalm 100:

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth	2 Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.	3a Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;						
3b we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.	4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.	5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.						

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# DAY 13. HEART Prayers #3

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **hearts** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see God move. You'll feel God's love, You'll get His groove!

## Confessing

- "Think about how loving and wonderful God is, and ask Him to help you remember times you have done things that are wrong. Maybe you were angry with someone today or got impatient or said something mean. Maybe you did something else that was wrong.
- "Write or draw those things in the box below. You can write them in a list or all over your paper.

My Sins

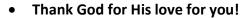
"Now confess those sins to God. Say you're sorry and ask God to forgive you. He says in 1 John 1:9 that if we confess our sins He is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. God blots out those sins! As you confess your sins, cross them out – even scribble hard all over them, so you can't read them!

• "Now **draw hearts** over each of your scribbled-out sins. Thank God for how much He loves you, and ask Him to fill you with His love instead of your sins."

## Ask God

- Remember: God forgives you and loves you just the way you are!
- Ask God, "What do you want to say to me?"
- Write your name in the blank below and listen to what He is saying to you.

God says, "\_\_\_\_\_ you are…"



# DAY 14. HOME Prayers #3

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **homes** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God cares for you. He'll heal your hurts, Your families, too!

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## Loving Your Family

- Write the name of each person in your family, one on each line below.
- Next to each name, write at least one thing you like about that person. (You can include yourself if you like).

Praying for Someone in Your Family

- Write the name of one person in your family on the blank in the middle of the box on the next page.
- Ask God what to pray for that person.
- On the top half of the page, write things you are praying for them. (Remember to pray positive things!)
- Ask God for some encouraging words He wants to say to that person and write them on the bottom half of the page.
- Pray for the person.
- Show them your paper or let them take a photo of it!

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## DAY 15. TOWN Prayers #3

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **town** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's showing you His mighty strength Makes all things new!

#### Filled to Serve

#### • Read this story:

Jesus's friends climbed a pure white hill. They were a joyful group of men, women, and children, all dressed in white. They felt really joyful as they sang, chattered, and laughed, looking forward to seeing Jesus in His glory. As they approached the top, they saw a bright fiery light everywhere. It opened up before them, and they entered a great throne room that was pure white and filled with dazzling light. The room echoed with their joyful sounds.

Jesus rushed down from the throne to greet these friends whom He loved. They surrounded Him, and He hugged them and laughed with them. He wore a brilliant white robe and a huge smile, and His eyes shone with joy and warmth. As they surrounded Jesus, He loved, hugged, and welcomed each of them individually, all at once. He laughed and danced with them and spoke words that were like honey—sweet, smooth, and life-giving. They all sat down around Him in the center of the great throne room, and He spoke words and stories of truth, power, life, and hope. Pure white doves of peace flowed from His words and rested upon each of them and absorbed into them. Then soft red hearts of love flowed to them from His words, and then golden keys of wisdom. After this, crystal glasses of clean water came from His words and rested in their hands. The glasses were full of compassion to be poured out on the needy—cups of cold water to be given in His name.

Then they all stood up with a great shout, linking their arms. They rose with Jesus into the clear blue sky—like a great, shining cloud alive with praise-filled adults and children, each overflowing with joy and excitement from being with Jesus.

Jesus chose different places for each to serve. He sent them to offer His water of compassion to needy people and bring them to Him. And He filled each with great joy as they let Him pour His love through them and as they lifted their hearts in joyful praise.

- Imagine you are in God's throne room and Jesus is welcoming you there, filling you with peace and love, and giving you cups of compassion for needy people. What would you like to say to him now?
- Read or listen to Matthew 25:35-36 and write or say six ways we can show love to others:

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me" (Matthew 25:35-36).

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• Ask God how *you* can serve Him practically in one of the above ways or in a different way. Write or draw your ideas here:

God, how can I serve you by helping other people?

# DAY 16. WORLD Prayers #3

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your *world* today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God answers you. Amazing things Are coming true!

#### Touch the World Through Prayer

Read or listen to this true story from *Touch the World Through Prayer* by Wesley Duewel:

"During the Mau Mau uprising in Kenya..., missionaries Matt and Lora Higgens were returning one night to Nairobi through the heart of Mau Mau territory, where Kenyans and missionaries alike had been [hurt by the bad men]. Seventeen miles outside of Nairobi their Land Rover stopped. Higgens tried to repair the car in the dark, but could not restart it. They spent the night in the car, but claimed Psalm 4:8: "I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O lord, make me dwell in safety." In the morning they were able to repair the car.

"A few weeks later the Higgenses returned to America on furlough. They reported that the night before they left Nairobi, a local pastor had visited them. He told how a member of the Mau Mau had confessed that he and three others had crept up to the car to kill the Higgenses, but when they saw sixteen men surrounding the car, the Mau Mau had left in fear. "Sixteen men?" Higgens responded. "I don't know what you mean!"

"While they were on furlough a friend, Clay Brent, asked the Higgenses if they had been in any danger recently. Higgens asked, "Why?" Then Clay said that on March 23, God had placed a heavy burden on his heart. He called the men of the church, and sixteen of them met together and prayed until the burden lifted. Did God send sixteen angels to represent those sixteen men and enforce their prayers?

"Heaven will reveal many wonderful accounts of how God has used special prayer burdens to advance His cause and protect His people."

#### Praying for Missionaries

Who are some International Workers (missionaries) that you know? Write their names here:

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#### • Draw/Write words from God for the International Worker family

- Ask God what He would like to say to encourage the family today. Listen to Him.
- Draw and/or write what you sense God saying to the family.

Take a picture of this page and send it to the family!

## DAY 17. PRAISE Prayers #4

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will raise His **praise** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's calling you **To SHOUT HIS PRAISE** And thank Him, too!

**Five-Minute Praise Challenge** 

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In 5 minutes, write or draw as many words of praise to God as you can think of. •

I praise you, God, because you are...

Read out your words of praise. If you're doing this with other people, see who • has the most written down!



Praising God in the Hard Times

- Habakkuk 3:17-19 says, "Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights."
- What hard things are happening in your life, in your family, in your town, or in • the world today? Write or say your own prayer to God, like Habakkuk did, filling in the lines with hard things you can think of:

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though (hard thing)   and (hard thing)   yet I will rejoice in you, Lord. I will be joyful in you, God my Savior.   You, Sovereign Lord, are my strength.   You (positive thing)   You help me to (positive thing)	though (hard thing)
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You help me to (positive thing)	You, Sovereign Lord, are my strength.
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What is God saying to you now? Write and/or draw it here:	You help me to (positive thing)
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## DAY 18. HEART Prayers #4

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **hearts** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see God move. You'll feel God's love, You'll get His groove!

#### Confession

• In her book, *When Children Pray*, Cheri Fuller writes about talking to some boys about confession and forgiveness. She asked them if they had done anything lately that they thought made God sad. Then she asked them if they wanted to ask God to show them what they had done wrong and then talk to him about it. She writes,

Before long, four-year-old Daniel spoke up. "I remember I was so angry at lunchtime today because I wanted to say grace by myself but everybody else got to say it too. I was so mad."

"Do you want to tell God you're sorry?" I asked.

He prayed, "Dear Jesus, I was angry today that I wanted to say grace but everyone joined in. Please wash my sin away and change my heart. In Jesus' name, Amen." He smiled and looked up at me.

Then it was Josh's turn. "You know," he said, "I got angry at my friend today because he stole my eraser. And that was my favorite eraser! I felt like doing something to him, but I didn't."

Then he prayed, "Jesus, I am sorry that I got angry today when my friend stole my eraser, please forgive me. Cleanse me and please change my heart. Amen."<sup>2</sup>

 Have you done anything lately that you think made God sad? Ask God to show you and then write or draw it here:

<sup>2</sup> Cheri Fuller, *When Children Pray: Teaching Your Kids to Pray with Power* (Sisters: Multonomah Publishers, 1998), 35.

- 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."
- Tell God you're sorry about what you did that made Him sad. Ask Him to forgive you.

#### **Forgiving Others**

• Read this true story about a boy staying angry with his sister:

One night Luke, then nine, woke up from a vivid dream in which he sat in a rescue boat that hit a giant rock and exploded. The people inside the boat exploded too, and a bright light burst out of them. Luke climbed in bed with his parents, scared and upset...

[His mom] wrapped her arms around her son and prayed. After a few minutes of waiting on God, she felt prompted to ask, "Luke is there anybody in your life you're holding a grudge against?" He immediately talked about how angry he'd been at his little sister, Claire. He asked God for forgiveness and for love for his sister. As they talked later, Luke and his mom realized the dream may have symbolized what happens when we don't repent of resentment and how the bitterness leads to destruction.<sup>3</sup>

- Is there someone you need to forgive today? Has someone hurt you? Are you angry with someone? Write the names of people who come to mind:
- Pray this prayer for each person: "Dear God, I choose to forgive \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
   Please bless \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and fill me with love for him/her. In Jesus' Name, Amen."

## Ask for Forgiveness

• Write a note to ask someone for forgiveness and then ask God for something encouraging to say to them and write or draw something encouraging for them. Or just write or draw an encouraging note or picture.

<sup>3</sup> Cheri Fuller, *When Children Pray: Teaching Your Kids to Pray with Power* (Sisters: Multonomah Publishers, 1998), 95.

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DAY 19. HOME Prayers #4 Come pray, kids. PRAY!	
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Your <b>homes</b> today! Come pray, kids. PRAY!	
God cares for you. He'll heal your hurts,	
<i>Your families, too!</i> Listening and Praying	
What do you or your family need prayer for today? Write or draw one or two     things:	
• If you are doing this with other people, share with them what you wrote, and	
<ul> <li>If you are doing this with other people, share with them what you wrote, and pray for the person to your right. If you're alone, pray by yourself.</li> <li>Ask God what He would like to say to the person you prayed for.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Write or draw what you sensed He said:</li> </ul>	
God, what would you like to say to?	
Share this with the person	

#### **Prayer Tree**

- Draw a big Prayer Tree with at least six branches. •
- Put your name on the trunk and then mark the branches as (1) Family, (2) • Friends, (3) Neighbors, (4) Teachers, (5) Church People, and (6) Leaders.
- Draw smaller branches and leaves on the six big branches and label them with • names of people in each category.

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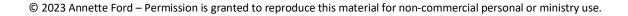
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For each branch, ask God what He would like you to pray for each of the people, • then pray for them and thank God for His answers.

#### PRAYER TREE



## DAY 20. TOWN Prayers #4

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **town** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's showing you His mighty strength Makes all things new!

Confessing Sins of Our Town

- Read 2 Chronicles 7:14 out loud: "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."
- Think of the sins of our town. What do people do wrong in your town?
- Write or draw sins of people in your town:

## God, please forgive my town for...

- Take a few minutes now to confess the sins of your city out loud, **like Daniel did in Daniel 9:4-20.**
- After you confess the sins, scribble them out just like we did with our own sins a few weeks ago, and draw a heart over each one, asking God to fill your city with His love.

Praying Blessing For Our Town

- Watch/Listen to "The Blessing [Kids]"
  - o <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiWZXLsdE9w</u>
- Ask: "God, how do you want to bless the kids of my town?"
- Write or draw what you sense God is saying to you:

God, how to you want to bless the kids of my town?

 Share what you wrote or drew with someone else and pray together for God to do amazing things with the kids in your town.

## DAY 21. WORLD Prayers #4

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **World** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God answers you. Amazing things Are coming true!

#### Praying for the World

#### In Let the Children Pray, Esther Ilnisky says,

Don't underestimate the power that children's prayers affect the world. In Malaysia it was reported that 50 children fasted and prayed over the Japanese encephalitis virus that was killing many men who ran pig farms and who were the sole breadwinners for their families. The children's prayers were stirring and many children had visions. One saw an angel blessing the nation. After that there was a sharp drop in the mortality rate due to the disease.<sup>4</sup>

When the children prayed, God answered, and people stopped dying! In *When Children Pray*, Cheri Fuller says,

Young pray-ers at the GCOWE [Global Council on World Evangelization] prayed about the Ebola virus that had just broken out in Africa. During the conference they prayed more than eight hours, asking God to stop the deadly virus. When, only a few days later, television and newspapers reported that the Ebola virus had suddenly stopped in its tracks, the children knew their prayers had made a difference.<sup>5</sup>

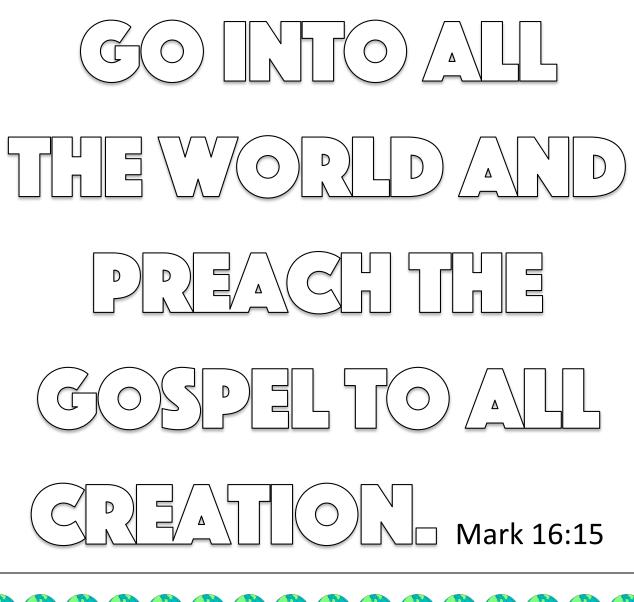
• What illnesses or wars are happening in the world? Ask God what He wants to you pray for, and write or draw what you sense He is saying. Then pray!

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Esther Ilnisky, *Let the Children Pray: How Young Intercessors Are Changing the World* (West Palm Beach: Esther Ilnisky, 2012), 128.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Cheri Fuller, *When Children Pray: Teaching Your Kids to Pray with Power* (Sisters: Multonomah Publishers, 1998), 23.

 Ask God what country in the world He wants you to pray for now and what He wants you to pray for in that country. Draw or write your prayer in the box:

• Color or decorate the verse below and memorize it. Ask God where He wants YOU to go!



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## DAY 22. PRAISE Prayers #5

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will raise His **praise** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's calling you **TO SHOUT HIS PRAISE** And thank Him, too!

100 Things to Thank God for!

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- Read this verse out loud: Psalm 107:1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his • love endures forever.
- Look around you right now. What are 10 things you see that you are 1-10 • thankful for? Write them below and thank God for them.
- **11-20** Now look out the window. Write 10 more things you are thankful for. •
- **21-30** Go to a different room or place. Write 10 more things you are thankful for. •
- **31-40** Think about your family and friends. Write 10 people you are thankful for. •
- **41-50** Think about your church or community. Write 10 things you are thankful • for.
- **51-60** Think about your school. Write 10 things or people you are thankful for. •
- **61-70** Think about fun activities. Write 10 more things you are thankful for. •
- **71-80** Think about foods you like. Write 10 kinds of food you are thankful for. •
- 81-90 Think about flowers and plants. Write 10 kinds you are thankful for. •
- 91-100 Think about your town or city. Write 10 more things you are thankful for! •

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• Read this verse out loud again: "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever!" (Psalm 107:1)

• Thank God out loud for all 100 things!

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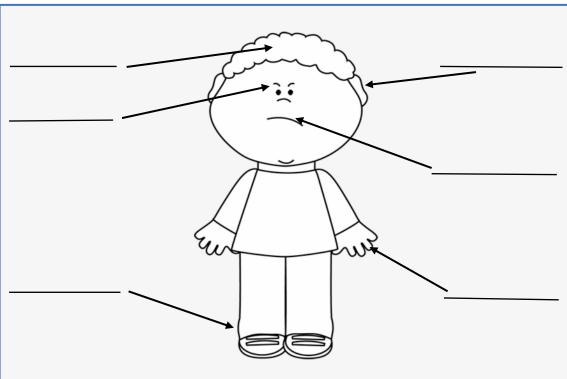
## DAY 23. HEART Prayers #5

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **hearts** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see God move. You'll feel God's love, You'll get His groove!

**Stick Figure Confessions** 

- Draw a stick figure.
- Write something you have done wrong with different parts of your body:
  - Mind: What thoughts have you had that are not good?
  - Eyes: What have you watched that is not good?
  - Ears: What have you listened to that is not good?
  - Mouth: What have you said that is not good?
  - Hands: What have you done with your hands that is not good?
  - Feet: Where have you gone or how have you used your feet that is not good?

- Confess it to God and scribble it out.
- Draw a heart around each sin and color the heart in. As you color, thank God for loving you and forgiving you. Ask Him to fill you with His love.



God is My...

- Remember that God forgives you and loves you just the way you are!
- Make a list of all the things that God is for you. Ask God to give you ideas. The first one is done already:

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- Now praise God for who He says He is for you today. For example, "I praise you, God, because you are my friend."
- What is God saying to you right now? Write or draw what you sense He is saying to you.

What is God saying to you?

## DAY 24. HOME Prayers #5

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Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **homes** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God cares for you. He'll heal your hurts, Your families, too!

Praying for neighbours

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- Draw your house or apartment door below and write "My home" on it.
- Draw a road or hallway across the length of the space above your house or apartment.
- Draw two houses/doors on either side of your house/door. Draw five houses/doors opposite your house, across the road/hallway.
- Write the house/apartment numbers on the houses on your page.
- Pray for the people in each house to know Jesus. Write information on the house/door as you discover more about them.

## My Neighbors

• Ask God what you can pray for your neighbors. Write or draw what you sense God is saying:

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	God, what can I pray for my neighbors?	
	• Pray for your neighbors now, using the ideas God gave you.	
	<ul> <li>Ask God what you could do to help your neighbors or how to show love to them in a practical way this week. Write or draw the ideas that come to mind:</li> </ul>	*
**	God, how can I show love to my neighbors?	*
	Talk to your parents about this and decide when would be a good time to do this for	
	<ul> <li>your neighbors.</li> <li>Pray for God to help you as you show His love to your neighbors.</li> </ul>	
	• AFTERWARDS: Write or draw what happened when you showed His love to your	
	neighbors using the ideas He gave you.	
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#### DAY 25. TOWN Prayers #5

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **town** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's showing you His mighty strength Makes all things new!

#### **Band-aid Prayers**

• Write or draw some sicknesses or disabilities that people have.

• The prophet Isaiah wrote this about Jesus: "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5).

- Then in Matthew 8, we see that Jesus healed a man with leprosy (v. 1-4), He healed a Roman centurion's servant who had been paralyzed and suffered terribly (v. 5-13), and He healed Peter's mother-in-law who was lying in bed with a fever (v. 14-15). Then we read, "When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits with a word and healed all the sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: 'He took up our infirmities and bore our diseases (16-17).'"
- James 5:16 says, "Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.
- **True Story:** Becky Fischer tells of an eleven-year-old boy named Nathan, who "came hobbling in on crutches one Sunday morning with his foot all tightly wrapped up with bandages. He was swinging it carefully in the air so as not to bump it on anything." He had sprained his ankle and his doctor had told him he had to use the crutches for about three weeks.

After Children's Church, about four or five boys surrounded Nathan on the floor. They laid hands on Nathan's ankle and prayed for him to be healed. About ten minutes later, Nathan shouted, "Hey! I can put pressure on my foot! I couldn't do that when I came in here this morning!"

Later that day, Becky saw him without any crutches and with his shoes and socks on. When she asked him where his crutches were, he answered, "I don't need 'em. I'm healed!"<sup>6</sup> God answers our prayers for healing!

• On the Band-aids below, write the names of three people you know who are sick.

- **Remember:** Sometimes God heals people right away when we pray for them. But sometimes God doesn't heal people until later. And sometimes He has plans for them that are very good, but He doesn't plan to heal them until they go to heaven. Whatever happens, we can still pray in faith that He CAN heal them, and that He will heal them if that is His best plan for them.
- In the blanks below, write the names of the people whose names you wrote on the Band-aids, then pray that God would heal them.
  - Father God, I bring before you \_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of person needing healing). Please heal them from \_\_\_\_\_\_ (their illness). Thank you that you have the power to heal them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

- Father God, I bring before you \_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of person needing healing). Please heal them from \_\_\_\_\_\_ (their illness). Thank you that you have the power to heal them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
- Father God, I bring before you \_\_\_\_\_\_ (name of person needing healing). Please heal them from \_\_\_\_\_\_ (their illness). Thank you that you have the power to heal them. In Jesus' Name, Amen.
- When each person is healed, write "WELL" in big letters on the Band-Aid and thank God.
- Make a Card Ask God to give you a picture to draw and words to write to one of the people you just prayed for. Make a card for them on a different paper and send it or give it to the person.

<sup>6</sup> Becky Fischer, *Redefining Children's Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Mandan: Kids in Ministry International, 2020) 184-185.

#### DAY 26. WORLD Prayers #5

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **World** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God answers you. Amazing things Are coming true!

#### Praying for Unknown People

#### • In Let the Children Pray, Esther Ilnisky says,

During Desert Storm, as we were praying at home, the children felt led to pray for the American servicemen there. The Lord gave our daughter a movie-type vision. "I see the inside of a building in the desert; it's all underground." (She described everything there.) "In one room I see a missile. They can't make it work properly; we must pray that they won't."… I see an American plane. It has been hit and it's coming down. The pilot is okay. He's getting out of the plane, but he needs somewhere to hide. Enemy troops are not far away. An American plane is looking for him; we must pray that they will come further and find him." We prayed until the burden lifted from her. It was amazing to later read, in a well-known magazine, the [same story] of the pilot who was shot down.<sup>7</sup>

God used a child's vision and her family's prayers to bring this man to safety!

• Ask God to give you the name of someone in a different part of the world to pray for and what to pray for them, or a picture of a situation to pray for in a different part of the world. Write or draw it here:

<sup>7</sup> Esther Ilnisky, *Let the Children Pray: How Young Intercessors Are Changing the World* (West Palm Beach: Esther Ilnisky, 2012), 118–119.

**Praying for Missionaries** 

- Read a prayer letter from a missionary
- Draw a picture of their family, labeling the names: •

#### Read the prayer requests in their letter

- Ask God which one He would like you to especially pray for. 0
- Copy the request below and then pray for it. 0
- 0 Draw and/or write what you sense God is saying about that prayer request.

Send your picture to the missionary. 0

#### DAY 27. PRAISE Prayers #6

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will raise His **praise** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's calling you **To SHOUT HIS PRAISE** And thank Him, too!

"I wish I were more.... Thank you, God, that you are...."

Think of ways you wish you were more like God. (i.e. more patient, more kind). Write • or draw them here:

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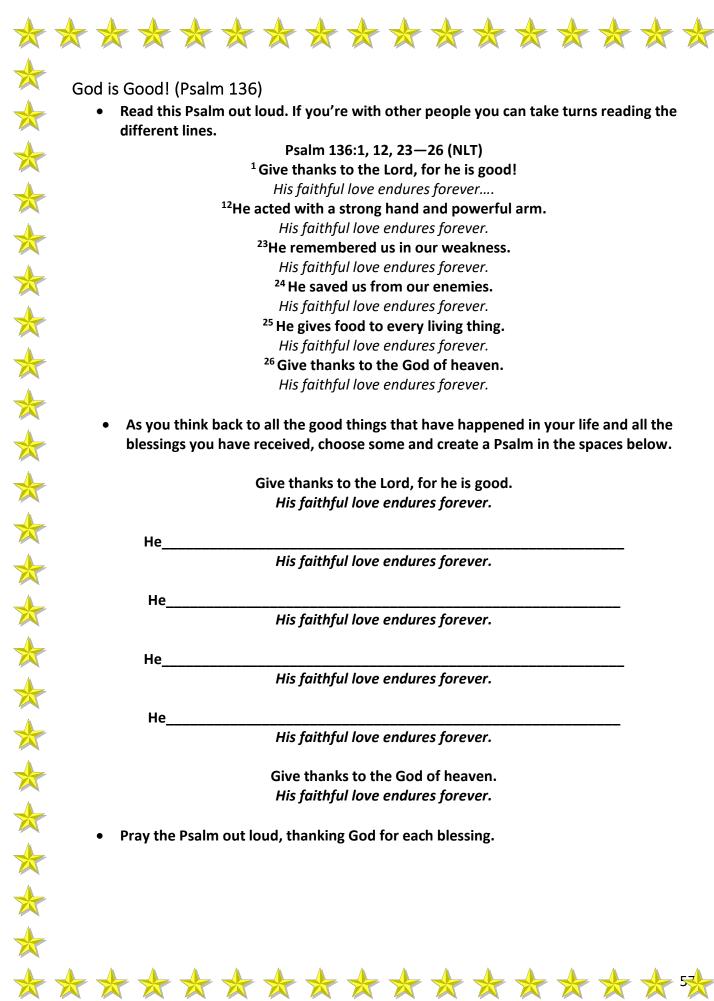
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#### I wish I were more...

- Praise God that He is always good in those ways (i.e. patient, kind). Say, "Thank you, • God, that you are..."
- Ask God to help you be more like Him in that way (i.e. patient, kind). Say, "God, please help me be more ... "



God is Good! (Psalm 136)

Read this Psalm out loud. If you're with other people you can take turns reading the different lines.

> Psalm 136:1, 12, 23–26 (NLT) <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever.... <sup>12</sup>He acted with a strong hand and powerful arm. His faithful love endures forever. <sup>23</sup>He remembered us in our weakness. His faithful love endures forever. <sup>24</sup> He saved us from our enemies. His faithful love endures forever. <sup>25</sup> He gives food to every living thing. His faithful love endures forever. <sup>26</sup> Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever.

As you think back to all the good things that have happened in your life and all the blessings you have received, choose some and create a Psalm in the spaces below.

> Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His faithful love endures forever.

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His faithful love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven. His faithful love endures forever.

Pray the Psalm out loud, thanking God for each blessing.

## DAY 28. HEART Prayers #6

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **hearts** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see God move. You'll feel God's love, You'll get His groove!

**Mirror Prayers** 

- **Zephaniah 3:17a says,** "The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you."
- Look in a mirror and ask, "God, what do you see in me? What do you think I'm good at? Use a dry erase pen or a bar of soap to write or draw on the mirror what you hear God say, or write or draw it here. (Be sure to wipe off the mirror when you're done!)

God, what do you see in me? What do you think I'm good at?

#### God Will Meet All My Needs!

• **Philippians 4:19 says,** "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

- True Story: In When Children Pray, Cheri Fuller says,
  - The Merritt family was driving back from vacation through the Mojave Desert. It was a blazing 110 degrees [43 degrees Celsius] and nine o'clock at night. Suddenly smoke billowed from the engine and the putrid smell of burning rubber filled the air. The car died on an overpass; the fan belt had completely melted. The family pushed the car out of the right lane and over the overpass. As

Jan and her husband discussed what to do, the children jumped up and said, "Mom, let's pray!"... So with the children leading, the family held hands. Jan and her husband didn't pray. They just stood there hot and flustered while the kids bowed their heads. Full of faith, Ashley and Mike prayed expectantly for God to send help.

"We had no sooner stopped praying when out of a dirt road next to the highway came a huge van," Jan recalls. "Four large men in Air Force uniforms got out and explained they were flying experimental helicopters and had been forced to make an emergency landing at an abandoned airstrip. They were now on the way to the next town to get pizza, and offered to give us a ride."

Although Jan felt nervous about accepting a ride from strangers, her children jumped in the military van, sure that God had answered their prayer. The pilots drove the family to town where they ate pizza together, helped purchase a fan belt, then returned to help install it on the car before waving the family on their way. Later the Merritts sent letters to the nearest Air Force base to thank them, but officials disavowed the men's existence [said there weren't any men like that].

To this day the children say God sent angels to rescue them on a hot desert road in the middle of nowhere!<sup>8</sup>

 What do you need today? Write or draw your own prayer needs on the shapes below, and pray for them.

<sup>8</sup> Cheri Fuller, When Children Pray: Teaching Your Kids to Pray with Power (Sisters: Multonomah Publishers, 1998), 56—57.

DAY 29. HOME Prayers #6	
Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way	
Our God will change Your <b>homes</b> today!	
Come pray, kids. PRAY! God cares for you.	
He'll heal your hurts, Your families, too!	
<ul> <li>Love God, Love People</li> <li>Write Deuteronomy 6:5 on a small piece of paper:</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength."</li> <li>Act Out Deut. 6:4-9</li> </ul>	
<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.	
(Hold the paper out and say it loudly like an announcer) <sup>5</sup> Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.	
(Do actions as you say verse 5 – Heart: form hands into heart shape; Soul: arms	
crossed on chest; Strength: arms out in "muscleman" position) <sup>6</sup> These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts.	
(Put the paper on your heart and say this phrase & verse 5) <sup>7</sup> Impress them on your children. (Put the paper on your head and say this phrase & verse 5)	
Talk about them when you sit at home	
(Sit and say this phrase & verse 5) and when you walk along the road,	
(Walk around the room and say this phrase & verse 5) when you lie down	
(Lie down and say this phrase & verse 5) and when you get up.	
Stand up and say this phrase & verse. 5) <sup>8</sup> Tie them as symbols on your hands	
(Put the paper on your hand and say this phrase & verse 5) And bind them on your foreheads.	
(Put the paper on your forehead and say this phrase & verse 5) <sup>9</sup> Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.	
(Tape the paper to your doorframe—if your parents are okay with that!)	

**Praying for Healing** 

- Is anyone in your family sick or hurting?
- Becky Fischer tells this true story:

After one of the meetings at [a] conference, a family with two boys, thirteen and nine, had gotten home late one night. Their family had been making meals for our team each evening, and so they always had a lot of cleaning up to do after the services. Tired and careless, the younger boy Andrew got out of the car without thinking and slammed his brother's fingers in the car door. Alex immediately began screaming, and Andrew and their mom quickly ran to his aid. But when they opened the door, Alex, in severe pain, began rolling around on the ground holding his hand. "Come on! We have to pray for him, Andrew!" their mom shouted, and she and Andrew ran to his side. Andrew immediately laid his hands on Alex and screamed, "Pain, go NOW in the name of Jesus!" just like Tim had taught him in one of the sessions.

Instantly Alex stopped rolling around and sat up. He looked at his hands and began flexing his fingers. Every ounce of pain was totally gone, and when he testified at the meetings the next day, there was absolutely no sign of the accident—no black and blue marks, no stiffness, no missing fingernails—nothing. He was completely healed!"<sup>9</sup>

- Ask God who needs prayer for healing in your family—maybe it's your mom or dad, your brother or sister, your aunt or uncle, your cousin, or your grandma or grandpa.
- Write their name(s) here:
- Ask God what He would like you to pray for them. Draw or write what you sense He wants you to pray for them, and then pray!

<sup>9</sup> Becky Fischer, *Redefining Children's Ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Mandan: Kids in Ministry International, 2020) 191–192.

#### DAY 30. TOWN Prayers #6

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change

Your **town** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's showing you His mighty strength Makes all things new!

What is God Saying to Your Church?

- I asked the children in our church to ask God what He was saying to us at Toronto Community Alliance Church. "When He looks at TCAC, what does He see?" And then I asked them to draw or write what they heard Him saying. These are some of the words they wrote along with pictures that they drew:
  - Our church is a very warm place to be. When I say warm, it means happy and safe.

- Jesus will guide the church to a victorious royal future.
- Our church is a seed in winter and God will bring springtime and growth.
- $\circ~$  Even small dinosaurs are strong. Our church is strong. We do the greatest and best job in teaching.
- $\circ$   $\,$  I am content with you all. Your class doesn't matter. God loves us ALL.
- When God looks at your church, what does He see? Ask God to give you encouraging words and pictures for your church.

God, when you look at my church, what do you see?

#### Praying for People in your Town

- "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" (Luke 19:10).
- Write the names of at least three people in each category whom you can pray for today to come to know Jesus as their Savior:

• Relatives:		,
o Friends:	,	,
• Teachers:	,	,
• Political Leaders:	,	,

• Pray for each person and ask God how you can share His salvation and hope with them. Write or draw your ideas here:

## God, How can I share your salvation and hope with these people?

#### DAY 31. WORLD Prayers #6

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your *world* today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God answers you. Amazing things Are coming true!

#### **Identity Prayers**

Draw a picture of yourself:

This is Me!

- Pray for all the children of the world who:
  - 0 Are the same age as you
  - 0 Have the same name as you
  - Look like you: (hair color, eye color, wear glasses or don't, etc.)<sup>10</sup> 0

<sup>10</sup> Esther Ilnisky, Let the Children Pray: How Young Intercessors Are Changing the World (West Palm Beach: Esther Ilnisky, 2012), 96.

Justice for the World

- Watch "God of Justice" by Tim Hughes https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uZgQY0eyl o
- Ask God how He wants you and your church to bring justice to the world in your city, country, and far away in other countries around the world. Watch the video again, praying that God will speak to you.
- Draw and write what God shows you:

#### God, how do you want us to bring justice to the world?

Pray for the things God showed you.

# We've come to the end of our *Kids Pray! Activity Book*, but remember to keep praying every day for the rest of your life!

Let's say our poem again. Remember, as you say it you'll move your hands in the rhythm: hands down on your thighs, hands clap, left hand snaps, right hand snaps – down, clap, snap, snap – throughout the poem. Like this: **Come** (down) **pray** (clap) **kids** (snap) **pray** (snap). Try it now, with the hand actions:

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Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **hearts** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see God move. You'll feel God's love, You'll get His groove!

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change Your **homes** today!

#### **Frame Prayers**

- 1. Praising:
  - Outside frame: "Father in Heaven, You are..."
  - Write words of praise to God. You can look back to the Praise pages for ideas. Also, write any answers to prayer that God has given you since you started this Kids Pray! Activity Book!

#### 2. Confessing:

• Next frame: "Father, please forgive me for..."

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Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change

Your **town** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God's showing you His mighty strength Makes all things new!

Come pray, kids. PRAY! You'll see the way Our God will change

Your **world** today! Come pray, kids. PRAY! God answers you. Amazing things Are coming true!

- Write or draw anything that comes to mind that you need to ask God to forgive you for. Think of any unkind thoughts, words or actions you haven't confessed to God yet.
- As you ask God to forgive you, scribble out the words and then draw a heart around them, thanking God for His love.

#### 3. Asking:

- Next frame: "Father, I ask..."
- Write or draw as many things as you can think of that you would like to ask God to do for you, your family, your town, and the world. Then pray!

#### 4. Listening:

- Next frame: "Father, You say I am ... "
- Ask God to give you a word or picture for the way He sees you (who He says you are). Write it down and thank Him for His love.

## 1. Father in Heaven, You are...

# 2. Father, please forgive me for...

- 3. Father, I ask...
  - 4. Father, You say I am...