

Teaching Children to Pray

Learning the nature of prayer, and creative ways to engage children in prayer.



Connecting children with God is the most thrilling aspect of helping them grow spiritually. It includes teaching them to pray, to worship, and to enjoy a personal connection with God every day.

The nature of prayer:

- Prayer is a two-way conversation/friendship between God and man;
- God listens and speaks to us;
- God answers our prayers;
- Prayer is the opening of the heart to God as to a friend;
- Prayer requires faith, not doubt;
- Prayer bring us close to God;
- Prayer changes us, not things;
- Prayer should be done anywhere, anytime;
- Prayer is an act of worship.

Helping Children to Pray and Worship

- Teach different kinds of prayer (5 types of prayer - FAITH Model)
- Teach them who to pray for (5 Finger Prayer)
- Model prayer in your own life - "Action speaks louder than words";
- Surround children with Scripture;
- Help children overcome shyness;
- Be supportive;
- Make answered prayer visual;
- Show them that God answers our prayer in different ways;
- The right place is any place;
- Prayer is the heart of worship.

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Prayer Activities for Children

- Prayer Journal;
- Highs and Lows;
- Praise Collage;
- Finger Prayer;
- Praying in color;
- Sentence Prayer:
- A.C.T.S. Prayer – Adoration – Confession – Thanksgiving – Supplication
- Make answered prayer visual;
- Prayer Jar;
- Parachute Prayer;
- Chains;
- Prayer Bands;
- Prayer Rocks;
- Bubble Prayer;
- Sentence Prayer;
- Prayer Calendar;
- Blessing Basket;
- Church Prayer Map;
- Prayer Box;
- Updated Bible Prayers;
- Scripture Prayers;
- Prayer Letters;
- Popcorn Prayers;
- Community Prayer Box;
- Prayer prompts;
- Prayer Wall;
- Family Journal;
- Best Part of the Day;

Notes

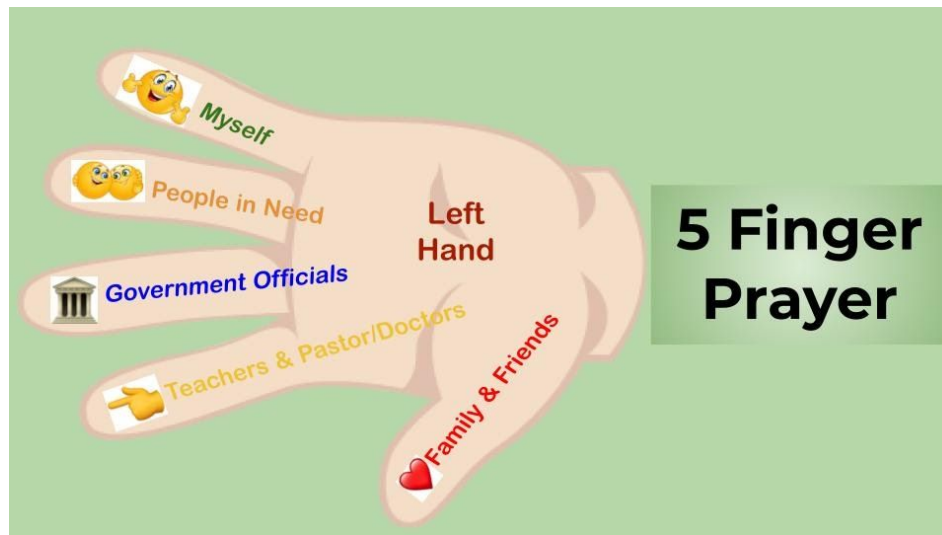
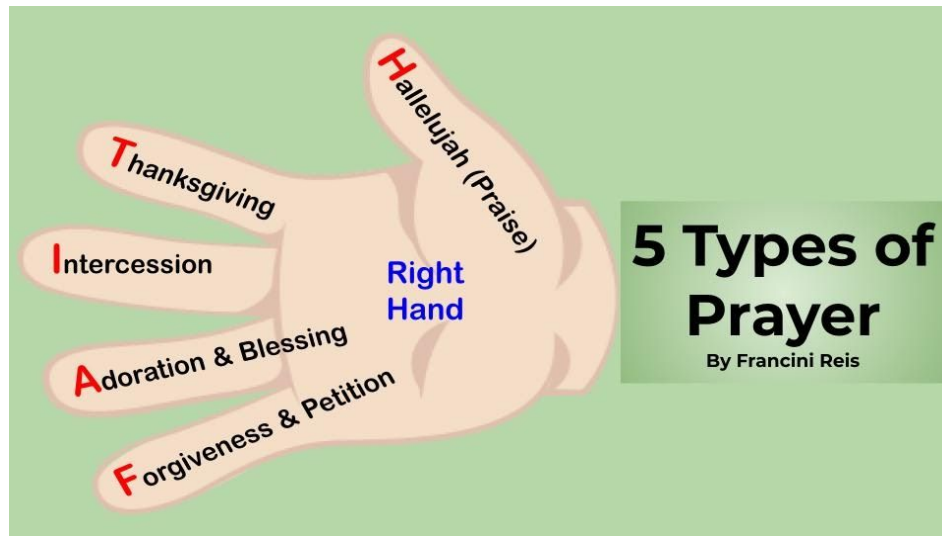


Our job as Children's Ministry leaders is to lead our kids to the feet of Jesus, them to get there on their own.

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Resources:

- Teaching the Faith by Donna J. & Larry B. from Adventsource.
- Pinterest.com
- <http://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/spiritual-growth-for-kids/faith-at-home/pray-with-your-children>
- <http://www.kidssundayschool.com/46/lesson/how-should-we-pray.php>

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