



The Prayer Hand

Help Others

Praying the Bible Verse
GAME with cards, Bible
thoughts strips for
preschoolers, blank
editable MS strips, ideas
and instructions.



TEACHING CHILDREN TO PRAY GAME-*Praying the Bible Verses* (People I Pray for)

1. Pray for the children
2. Teach that prayer is a love relationship. "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Mark 12:30

In prayer we talk to our Father, our brother, our best friend, and we come to know and love Him more through the time we spend with Him. As this happens, we find that He gives us confidence that He loves and cares for us. We begin to "...love...yourself (myself)" Mark 12: 31 and therefore we are able to "love our neighbor" Mark 12:31.

3. Review the 5 prayer categories: (1) Praise (You are great/awesome, God) (2) Thanksgiving (3) Repentance (I'm Sorry, God) (4) Supplication (Help me, God) (5) Intercession (Help others, God)
4. Give children something concrete to pray for.

GAME-Praying the Bible Verses (People I Pray for)

PARTS OF THE GAME ARE:

- *People Word Cards-----FOR CHILDREN
- *People Picture Cards-----FOR PRESCHOOLERS
- *Bible Verse Strips

The people word cards are divided into categories:

- *Red--people closest to them: father, mother, brother, sister, me, grandmother, grandfather
- *Blue---acquaintances, kin: friend, relatives, neighbor
- *Gold---Church helpers
- *Yellow--Peripheral or temporary church workers: missionaries, MK's (missionary kids), VBS
- *Brown---Needy people-sad (death, etc.), sick, hungry, those experiencing disasters-fire, ***flood, school tragedy
- *Green---Authorities: principal, government, teacher-school, president

These cards may be used with the "Praying the Bible verse" strips (print and cut Bible strips on pages 1 & 2-page 2 is editable and you may type in your own choice of verses). Let child pick a person card, then a Bible verse strip and pray that verse for that person.

Some verses may lend themselves to praise and thanksgiving. God will use some verses to convict of a "falling short of the glory of God"---sins of commission and of omission (I'm sorry that I don't obey my parents, that I watch videos/movies that are displeasing to You, that I am not growing in what I know, that I do not love God most of all). Other verses may lead to help me/help others (example-help me pray and not give up, be a cheerful giver, learn from the Bible, treasure your word in my heart, go and tell others about Jesus, help (me/_____) know that God loves me/ him/her and sent His Son that (I/he/she) might not perish, but have everlasting life, help (me/_____ love to go to church), etc.

Discover their concerns: Children are more likely to pray about things that interest them.

Places: school, home, church. (problems/needs there)

People: people cards.

Personal needs/hurts/fears: this may be as simple as concern for a pet, but to them it is important.

Help them then to move on to see the needs/hurts/fears of others. Questions such as "How do you think _____ feels, having lost his/her home in a fire?"

Teach compassion while teaching Bible stories

Example-Jesus Fed 5,000--

Why do you think the boy was there listening to Jesus all day?

What do you think the boy thought when he saw that he was the only one who had food?

Do you suppose he thought about keeping it all for himself, sneaking a bite here and there, hoping that no-one saw him?

How do you think the boy felt when he shared his lunch and saw Jesus pray for God to bless and feed all those people.

How do you think he felt seeing the power and love of God/Jesus ?

What kind of impression do you think it made on him? How did it affect the rest of his life?

How do you think it affected his willingness to give?

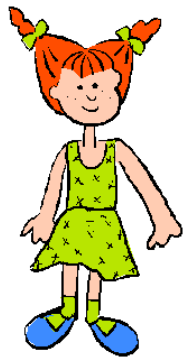
What did he learn about God that day?

How do you think it would affect him if he had not shared?

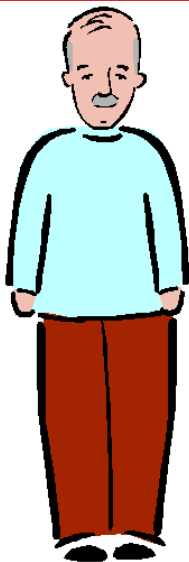
How has God shown us/you that He loves us/you?

What are some ways we/you can show God that we/you love Him?

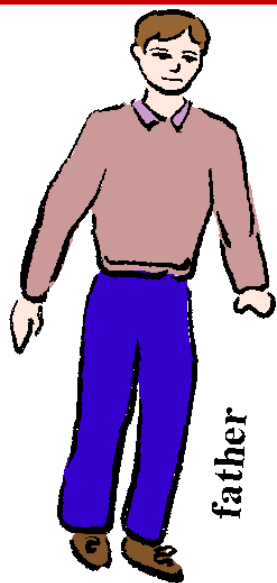
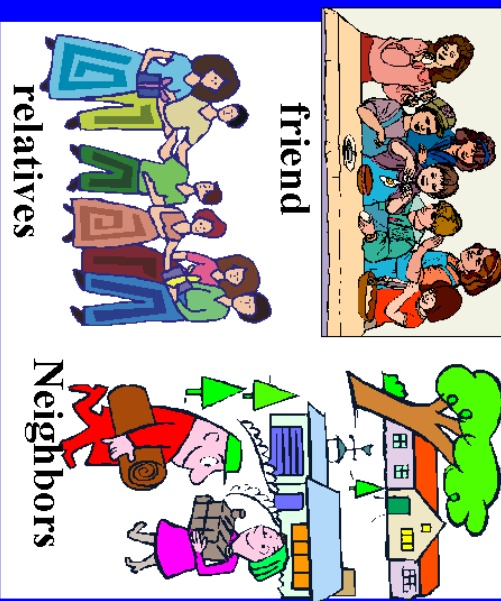
*Keep a record of prayers (post answered prayers where children can see them) so that you can post that God heard and answered prayers, which is another motivator to pray, because it shows that God cares for them.



sister

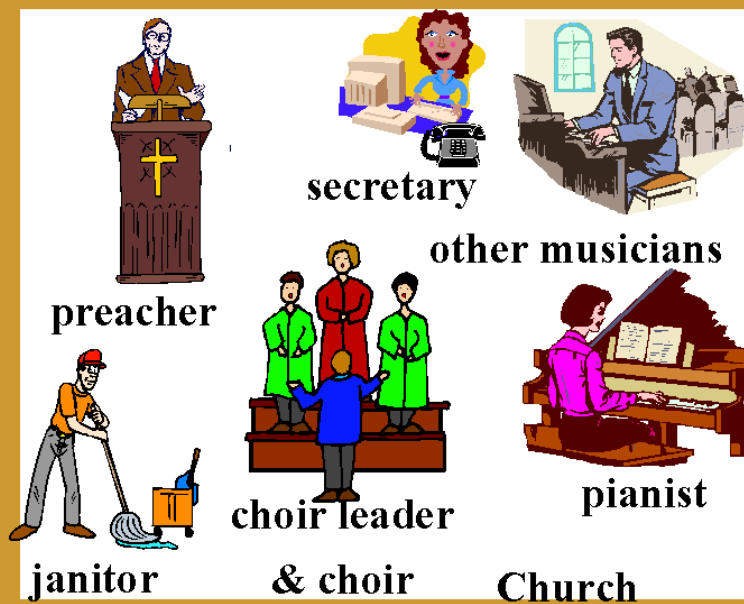


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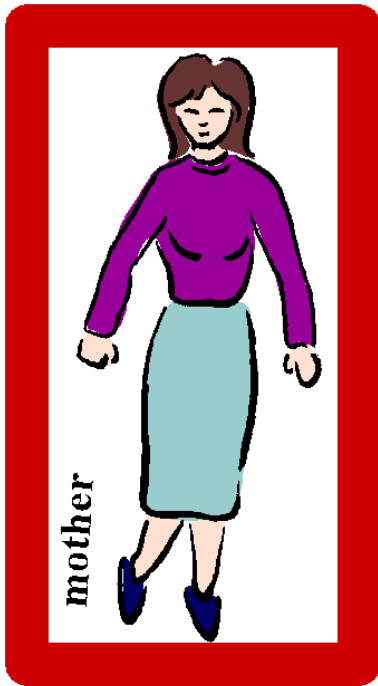


principal

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Glue shiny side of aluminum foil
inside the frame to make a mirror.

me



mother



baby

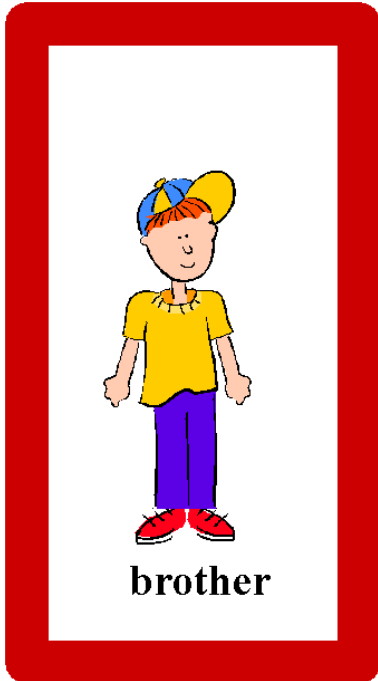


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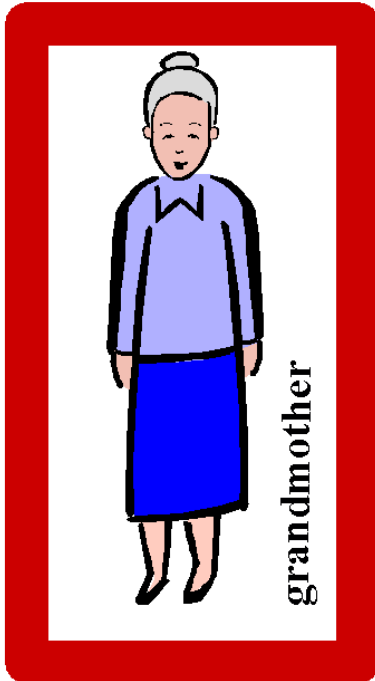
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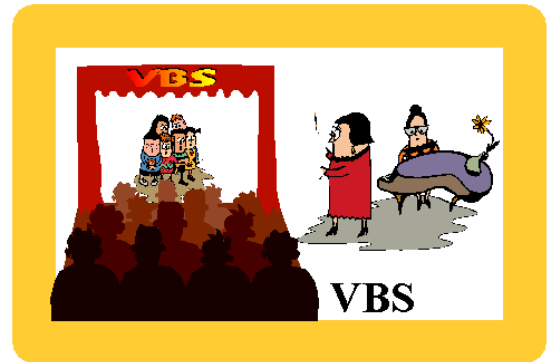


brother



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VBS



trouble

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missionaries



S.S. teacher

missions teacher

music

disasters

youth

sick

committees

sad

MK's

hungry

missionaries

neighbor

VBS

friend

relatives

father

mother

brother

sister

grandfather

grandmother

adults-church

me

government

principal

teacher-school

president

preacher

choir leader

organist

deacons

pianist

secretary

youth leader

children

teacher-S.S.

teacher-music

teacher-missions

children's co-ordinator

Do those things that are pleasing to God.	1 John 3:22
God will teach us how to live.	Micah 4:2
Love God most of all.	Exodus 20:3
God has plans for you.	Jeremiah 29:11
Grow in what you know about Jesus.	2 Peter 3:18
Children, obey your parents.	Colossians 3:20
God is with you in everything you do.	Genesis 21:22
God will be with you.	Amos 5:14
We are helpers.	2 Corinthians 1:24
Jesus said, Love one another.	John 15:17
God loves a cheerful giver.	2 Corinthians 9:7
Pray and ask God for what you need.	Philippians 4:6
Be kind and care for one another.	Ephesians 4:32
Tell people everywhere about Jesus.	Matthew 28:19
Give thanks to God.	Psalms 136:1
God loved us and sent His Son.	1 John 4:10
God cares for you.	1 Peter 5:7
Be strong. Do not be afraid. I am with you.	Joshua 1:9

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MORE BIBLE THOUGHTS FOR PRESCHOOLERS-Thanks and praise strips could be used for a Bible verse praise and thanksgiving game, with or without pictures you collect to go with the verses. (Bible thoughts from 2002 and before)

BIBLE THOUGHTS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

BIBLE

"All that the Bible says is from God." 2 Timothy 3:16
"Do those things that are pleasing to God." 1 John 3:22
"Do what is right." 2 Corinthians 13:7
"God helps us learn." Proverbs 2:6
"God said, 'Write the words I have spoken to you.'" Jeremiah 36:2
"God will teach us how to live." Micah 4:2
"I will not forget God's words." Psalm 119:16
"Jesus read the Bible." Luke 4:16
"Jesus said, 'The Bible tells about Me.'" John 5:39
"Love God most of all." Exodus 20:3
"The Bible is useful for teaching us how to live." 2 Timothy 3:16
"The Bible is true." John 17:17
"The Bible tells us about Jesus." 2 Timothy 3:15
"The Bible tells us about Me." John 5:39
"Tell each other the truth." Exodus 20:16
"You learn from the Bible." 2 Timothy 3:16

CHILD

"Always do what is right." 2 Thessalonians 3:13
"Do those things that are pleasing to God." 1 John 3:22
"Do what God says." Exodus 19:5
"Do what is right and good." Deuteronomy 6:18
"God has plans for you." Jeremiah 29:11
"God gave us ears to hear and eyes to see." Proverbs 20:12
"God made people." Genesis 1:27
"God made me." Psalm 139:14
"God made us." Psalm 100:3
"God made us and we are His." Psalm 100:3
"God made us and we belong to Him." Psalm 100:3
"God said, 'Do what I tell you to do.'" Exodus 19:5
"Grow in what you know about Jesus." 2 Peter 3:18
"I am wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14
"Let's keep...our bodies washed with clean water." Hebrews 10:22
"Listen to your daddy and mother." Proverbs 1:8
"Listen to your father and mother." Proverbs 1:8
"Listen to what God says." Joshua 3:9
"We show love to God by obeying Him." 1 John 5:3
"You have given me my body." Hebrews 10:5

CHURCH

"All the people helped." Acts 11:29
"I like to go to church." Psalm 122:1
"I was glad when they said, 'Let us go to church.'" Psalm 122:1
"Jesus' family went to church." Luke 2:27

"Jesus went to church." Luke 4:16

"Jesus went to church with His family." Luke 2:27

"Mary and Joseph took Jesus to church." Luke 2:27

CREATION

"Everything God had made was very good." Gen. 1:31

"Everything God made is beautiful." Ecclesiastes 3:11

"God called the light day and the darkness He called night." Gen. 1:5

"God causes the grass to grow." Psalm 104:14

"God causes the wind to blow." Psalm 147:18

"God gives snow." Psalm 147:16

"God gives the moon and stars for a light by night." Jeremiah 31:35

"God gives the sun for a light by day." Jeremiah 31:35

"God made all kinds of trees to grow." Gen.2:19

"God made day and night." *Genesis 1:5*

"God made every kind of bird." Gen. 1:21

"God made every kind of fish." Gen. 1:21

"God made man and woman." Gen. 1:27

"God made man." Gen. 1:27

"God made people." Gen. 1:27

"God made plants to grow on the land." *Genesis 1:11*

"God made plants with seed." Genesis 1:11

"God made the animals." Genesis 1:25

"God made the birds." Genesis 1:21

"God made the cattle." Gen. 1:25

"God made the clouds in the sky." Psalm 147: 8

"God made the cows." Genesis 1:25

"God made the fish." Gen. 1:21

"God made the flowers." Genesis 1:11

"God made the fruit." Genesis 1:11

"God made the grass." Gen. 1:11

"God made the moon and stars to shine in the night." Jeremiah 31:35

"God made the moon." Gen. 1:16

"God made the ocean and the dry land." Genesis 1:1-2

"God made the rain to fall." Job 36:27

"God made the rivers." Psalm 104:10

"God made the stars." Genesis 1:16

"God made the summer and winter." Psalm 74:17

"God made the sun." Gen. 1:16

"God made the trees." Gen. 1:11

"God made the water." Psalm 104:10

"God made woman." Gen. 1:27

"God makes rain." Psalm 147:9 or 8

"God makes the wind to blow." Psalm 147:18

"God makes) darkness, and it is night." Psalm 104:20

"God put man in the garden to care for it." Genesis 2:15

"God saw everything...He had made, and...it was very good." Genesis 1:31

"God sends rain upon the earth." 1 Kings 17:14

"God sends the rain." Jeremiah 5:24

"God sends the snow." Psalm 147:16
"God sends the spring rain." Jeremiah 5:24
"In the beginning, God created the world." Genesis 1:1
"In the beginning, God made the heavens and earth." Genesis 1:1
"Look at the wonderful things God made." Job 37:14
"The birds have nests." Matthew 8:20
"The birds make their nests." Psalm 104:17
"The flowers appear on the earth." Solomon 2:12
"The time of the singing of birds is come." Solomon 2:12
"Think about the wonderful things God made." Job 37:14
"Think of the wonders of God." Job 37:14

FAMILY

"Children, obey your parents." Colossians 3:20
"Love your family." Exodus 20:12
"Love your father and mother." Exodus 20:12
"(Obey your} father and... mother." Exodus 20:12

GOD'S LOVE & CARE

"God cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7
"God did what He had promised to do." Genesis 21:1
"God gives food to animals." Psalm 147:9
"God gives food to every living creature." Psalm 136:25
"God gives food to birds." Psalm 136:25
"God gives food to us." Psalm 136:25
"God gives us things to enjoy." 1 Timothy 6:17
"God helps me. I will not be afraid." Hebrews 13:6
"God helps us." Psalm 46:1
"God is good to us." Psalm 73:1
"God is near." Isaiah 55:6
"God is with you in everything you do." Genesis 21:22
"God knows what you need." Matthew 6:32
"God loves us." 1 John 4:10
"God loves us." Psalm 107:1
"God loves us always." Psalm 107:1
"God takes care of me." Psalm 138:7
"God will always love me." Psalm 107:1
"God will be with you." Amos 5:14
"God will teach us how to live." Micah 4:2
"I am with you everywhere you go." Genesis 28:15
"I can lie down and sleep...because you, Lord will keep me safe." Psalm 4:8
"May your...body be kept healthy." 1 Thessalonians 5:23
"When I was sick, you took care of me." Matthew 25:36

HELPING

"God wants us to help people." *Deuteronomy 15:11*
"Help God's people in need." Romans 12:13
"Help one another." Galatians 5:13
"Help one another in love." Galatians 5:13
"Jesus said, 'Help others like I have helped you.'" John 13:15
"We are helpers." 2 Corinthians 1:24

"We work together." 1 Corinthians 3:9

"We work together with you. 2 Corinthians 1:24

"Work with your own hands." 1 Thessalonians 4:11

JESUS

"A man saw that he was healed." Luke 17:15

"Anna thanked God." Luke 2:38

"Come eat with Me." Said Jesus John 21:12

"God loved us and sent His Son." 1 John 4:10

"God so loved the world that He gave His Son." John 3:16

"God will send a child to be born." Isaiah 7:14

"Good news! Jesus was born." Luke 10:11

"Jesus chose twelve disciples." Mark 3:14

"Jesus gave food to people." John 6:11

"Jesus grew." Luke 2:40

"Jesus grew and became strong." Luke 2:40

"Jesus had friends." Luke 2:52

"Jesus helped people." Acts 10:38

"Jesus is alive." Matthew 28:7

"Jesus is God's Son." Luke 1:35

"Jesus listened to his teachers and asked questions." Luke 2:46

"Jesus lived in Nazareth." 2:23

"Jesus loved people and helped them." Matthew 14:14

"Jesus loves you." John 15:12

"Jesus made blind people see." Luke 7:21

"Jesus made sick people well." Luke 7:21

"Jesus read the Bible at church." Luke 4:16

"Jesus said, 'Come, follow me.'" Mark 1:17

"Jesus said, 'Go and help others.'" Luke 10:37

"Jesus said, 'I am God's Son.'" John 4:26

"Jesus said, 'I love you.'" John 15:9

"Jesus said, 'Let little children come to me.'" Matthew 19:14

"Jesus said, 'Love one another.'" John 15:17

"Jesus said, 'Love others as you love yourself.'" Luke 4:21

"Jesus said, 'Love other people.'" Mark 12:31

"Jesus said, 'You are my friends.'" John 15:14-15

"Jesus taught people about God." Mark 10:27

"Jesus was born in Bethlehem." Matthew 2:1

"Jesus went about doing good." Acts 10:38

"Jesus went to church." Luke 2:27

"Thank You, God, for Jesus." Luke 2:38

"The men said that Jesus was alive." Luke 24:33-34

"The wise men worshipped Jesus." Matthew 2:11

"This is Jesus." Matthew 21:11

"You will give birth to a son and call Him Jesus." Luke 1:31

OFFERING

"Bring an offering." 1 Chronicles 16:29

"Bring an offering to God." 1 Chronicles 16:29

"Bring an offering to church." Malachi 3:10

"Bring an offering to thank God." 1 Chronicles 16:29

"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

PRAISE & THANKS

"I will sing to God." Exodus 15:1

"Be glad and sing songs to God." Psalm 9:2

"I will be glad and sing songs to God." Psalm 9:2

"Be glad and sing praise to God." Psalm 9:2

"Be glad and sing happy songs." Psalm 9:2

“Be glad and sing praise.” Psalm 9:2
“Give thanks to God.” Psalm 136:1
“Give thanks to God and praise Him.” Psalm 100:4
“Give thanks to God for He is good.” 1 Chronicles 16:34
“Give thanks to God for His love.” Psalm 107:8
“I thank God.” 2 Timothy 1:3
“It is a good thing to give thanks to God.” Psalm 92:1
“I will praise God with a song.” Psalm 69:30
“Say thank you to God.” Psalm 136:1
“Sing thanks to God.” Psalm 147:7
“Sing to God with thanksgiving.” Psalm 147:7
“The people praised and thanked God.” 2 Chronicles 5:13
“We give thanks to God.” Colossians 1:3
“We will be glad and rejoice.” Song of Solomon 1:4

PRAYER

“God hears me when I pray.” Psalm 66:19
“God hears my prayers.” Psalm 5:3
“God is good to us.” Psalm 73:1
“People at church pray to God.” Acts 12:5
“Pray and ask God for what you need.” Philippians 4:6
“Pray for each other.” James 5:16 (newer)
“Pray for one another.” James 5:16
“Pray to God.” Matthew 6:6
“We should always pray and not give up.” Luke 18:1

RELATIONSHIPS

“A friend loves at all times.” Proverbs 17:17
“Be kind and care for one another.” Ephesians 4:32
“Be kind to one another.” Ephesians 4:32
“Be ready to share.” 1 Timothy 6:18
“God loves us, so we should love others.” 1John 4:11
“Jesus said, “Love one another.” John 15:17
“Let us love one another.” 1 John 4:7
“Love other people and be kind.” Luke 6:27
“Love one another.” 1 John 4:7
“Love one another.” John 15:17
“Try to get along with everyone.” Romans 12:18
“Show family love to one another.” Romans 12:10
“Show love to one another.” Romans 12:10

WITNESSING

“Go and tell others about Jesus.” Matthew 28:19-20
“John told others about Jesus.” Luke 3:18
“Philip told the good news about Jesus.” Acts 8:35
“Tell people everywhere about Jesus.” Matthew 28:19
“Tell others about Jesus.” Mark 16:15