

WHAT IS THE 'PRAYER' STEP?

One of the greatest things you can do is help your child develop a relationship with God through prayer. Prayer is how we communicate with God. This year is about nurturing your child's faith by praying together as a family but also taking time to discuss and teach them about this topic.

SOME IDEAS TO HELP GET STARTED ARE-

Fill in the Blank Prayers - Use consistent starting sentences that your child can fill in the blank at the end.

- God, I love you because.....
- Thank you, God, for.....
- God, please help.....
- God, I'm sorry for.....

Sentence Prayers - These are where your child will start to pray in sentences and taking turns to each say a sentence in prayer time.

- Thank you for helping 'John' at school today
- Please heal 'Uncle Paul'
- I'm sorry for having a bad attitude today



RESOURCES

- **Pray Big for your Child**
by Will Davis Jr
- **Creative Family Prayer Times**
by Mike and Amy Nappa
- **Power of a Praying Kid**
by Stormie Omartian



THE COMMITMENT OF THE PARENT

Over the course of this year the parent is to model prayer and encourage it as much as possible. Having a small whiteboard, or somewhere visible to write out some key things the family is praying for, helps as a daily reminder.

Establishing some routines - Making prayer central to your family will help make it a normal part of your child's life.

Consider incorporating the following in your family routine:

- **Mealtime** - Briefly give thanks before you eat.
- **Bedtime** - When the first child goes to bed, take time as a family to stop and pray at the end of the day.
- **Drive Time** - As you are driving in the car to school, encourage your child to pray for the day ahead and for those they meet.



THE COMMITMENT OF THE CHURCH

In our Calvary Kids program, we talk about the importance of prayer in each of our services. We also have one month throughout the year where we focus on teaching about prayer and talking to God. Talk to your local Kids Director to find out what month we will be talking about this, to help you at home.