Prayer Saturated Kids

Dear God,

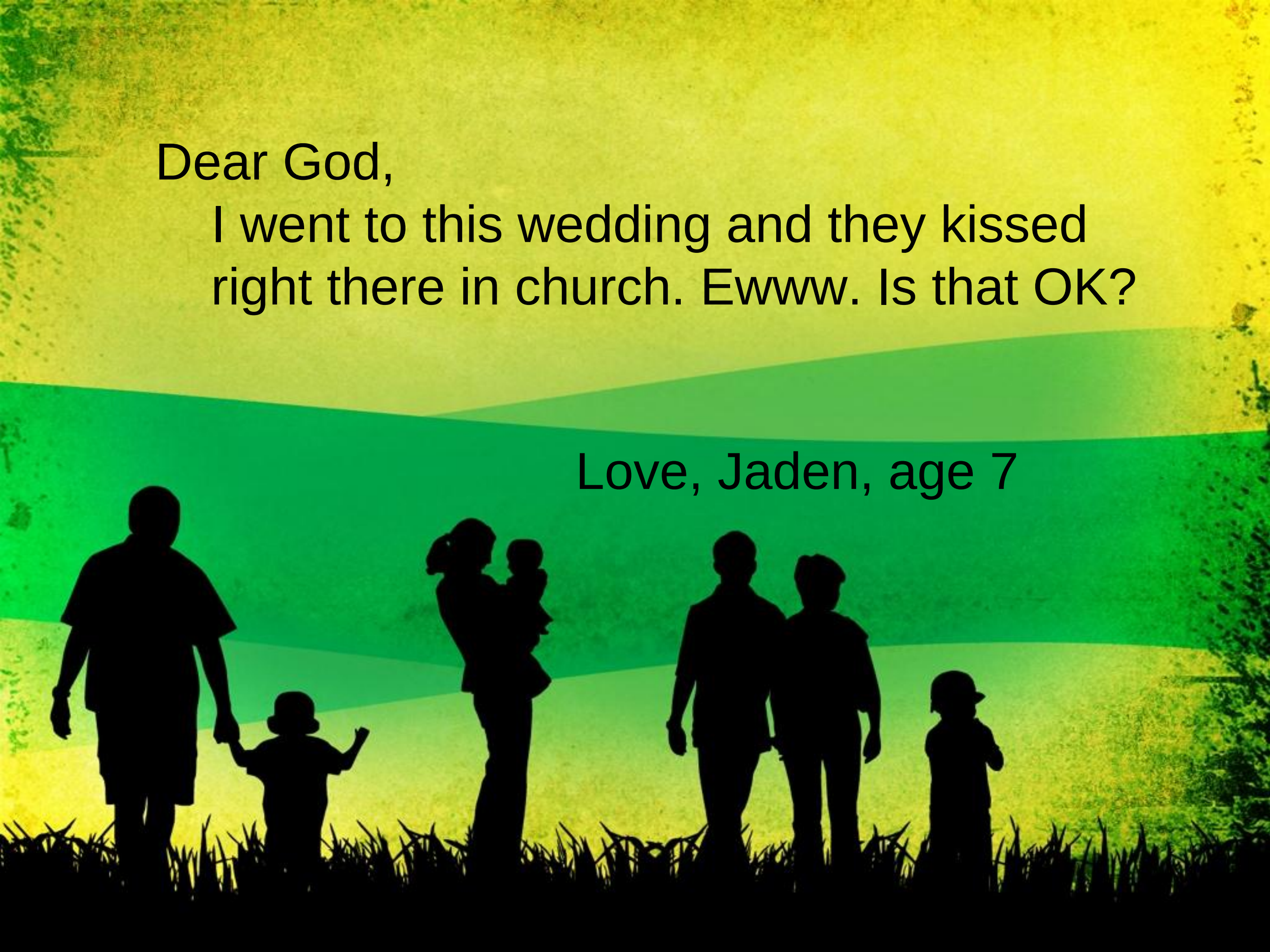
Are you actually invisible or is that just a magic trick?

Love, Jay, age 7

Dear God,

I went to this wedding and they kissed right there in church. Ewww. Is that OK?

Love, Jaden, age 7

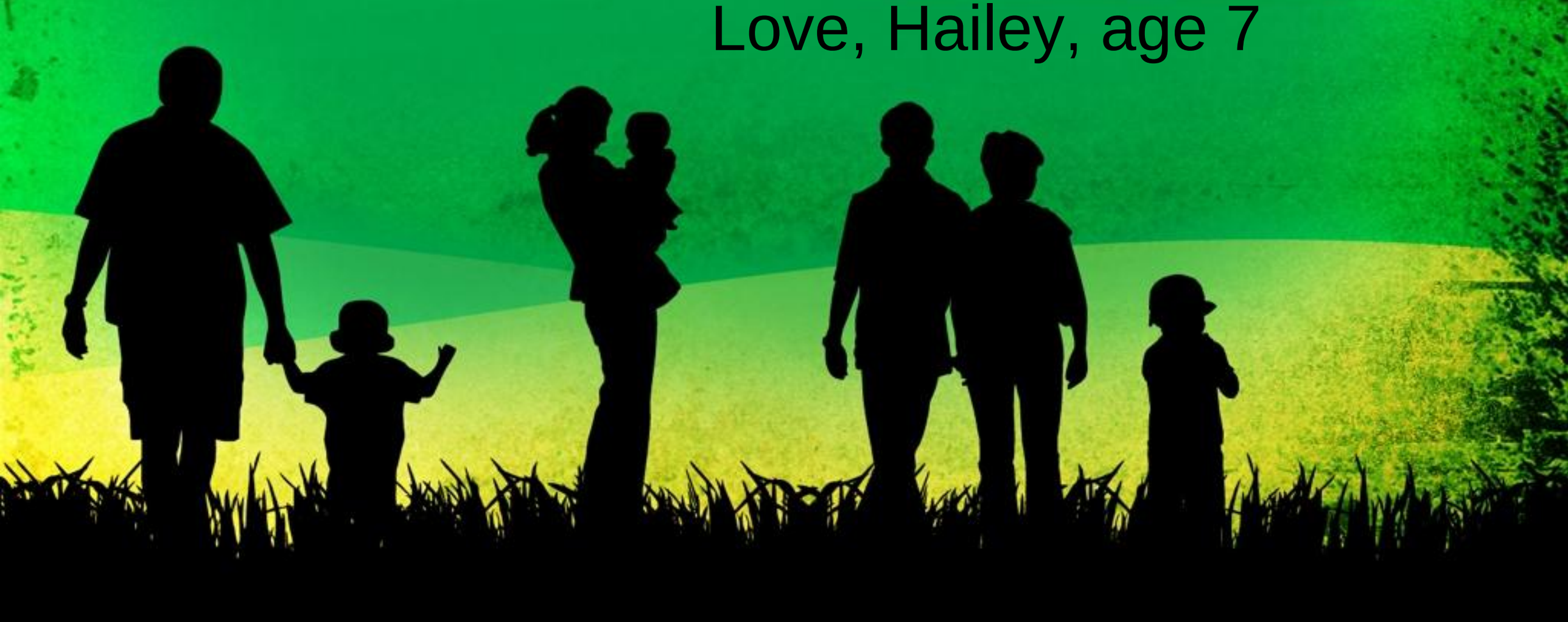


Dear God,

Thank you for my baby brother. . .

I guess. But what I really wanted was a cat.

Love, Hailey, age 7



Dear God,

Help my mom not get laid off?

Love, Linn, age 9

Dear God,

Please help me with the bullies at school.

Love, Linn, age 10

Dear God,

Please help me my parents stop fighting so they won't get a divorced.

Love, Linn, age 9

Dear God,

Please be with my dad in the war.

Love, Linn, age 6

Empowering families in growing children to be life long passionate pray-ers.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9, NLT

**6 And you must commit
yourselves wholeheartedly
to these commands that I am
giving you today.**

**7 Repeat them again and again
to your children. Talk about
them when you are at home
and when you are on the
road, when you are going to
bed and when you are
getting up.**

Deuteronomy 6:6-9, NLT

**8 Tie them to your hands and
wear them on your forehead
as reminders. 9 Write them
on the doorposts of your
house and on your gates.**

Deuteronomy 6:5, NLT

5 And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength.

How Kids Grow Spiritually

Theories that impact spiritual development

Jean Piaget

- Cognitive growth
- Mind grow and change in stages

Theories that impact spiritual development

Erik Erikson

- Personality development
- Identity

Theories that impact spiritual development

Lawrence Kohlberg

- Moral development

Theories that impact spiritual development

James Fowler

- Faith stages based on cognitive and personality development

The ABC's of Spiritual Growth

Source: Rick Chromey, Children's Ministry Magazine, J/F 2005

A is for ATTITUDES

Babies and Toddler

(Birth – 3)

Faith : ***Feeling***

God: ***Felt***

Morality Influence: ***Parent***

Prayer: ***Primitive***

Teaching: ***Sensory***

The Bible: ***Comforts***

Service/Mission: ***n/a***

Key Spiritual Need: ***Security***

The prayer experience for babies and toddlers

Creating a positive and powerful prayer foundation that will last.

Birth – 3 years

- Thank yous
- Saying grace
- Echo time
- Singing
- Rhyming
- Silliness

B is for BONDS

Preschoolers

(Ages 3-6)

Faith : ***Fantasy***

God: ***Father***

Morality Influence: ***Parent***

Prayer: ***Positive***

Teaching: ***Stories***

The Bible: ***Connects***

Service/Mission: ***Self-Centered***

Key Spiritual Need: ***Inclusion***

The prayer exploration for preschoolers

Creating an environment where prayer is modeled

Ages 3-6, Preschoolers

- Cut, color, paste
- Songs and motions
  (The Five Finger Prayer)
- Prayer postures
- Modeling

C is for COMMITMENTS

Grades 1-3

(Ages 7-9)

Faith : ***Fact or Fiction***

God: ***Family***

Morality Influence: ***Parent/Peer***

Prayer: ***Proclamation***

Teaching: ***Symbols/Signs***

The Bible: ***Commands***

Service/Mission: ***Self-choice***

Key Spiritual Need: ***Approval***

The prayer expression for children grades 1-3

Encouraging creative prayer expression and confidence about prayer

Ages 7-9, Grades 1-3

- How do I use this thing?
  (Bible reading and prayer)
- What will my friends think?
- What do I really believe?
- Group prayers
- One-one-one prayers

D is for DECISIONS

Grades 4-6

(Ages 10-12)

Faith : ***Foundation***

God: ***Friend***

Morality Influence: ***Peer/Parent***

Prayer: ***Personal***

Teaching: ***Service-Learning***

The Bible: ***Changes***

Service/Mission: ***Self-Sacrifice***

Key Spiritual Need: ***Belonging***

The prayer experiment for children grades 4-6

Empowering personal faith decisions

Ages 10-12, Grades 4-6

- Experiential prayers
- Little things, big things, all things
- Scripture prayers
- When prayers are not answered

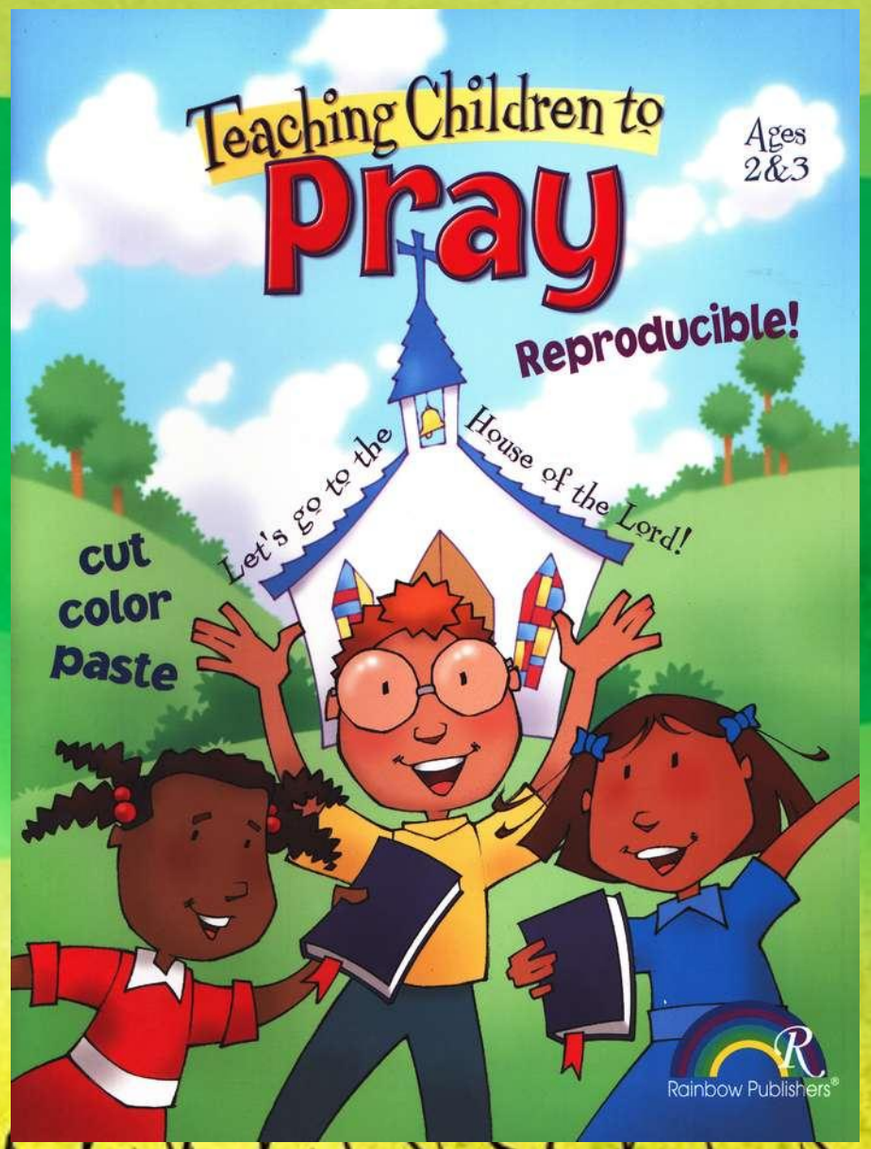
2 Timothy 3:14-15

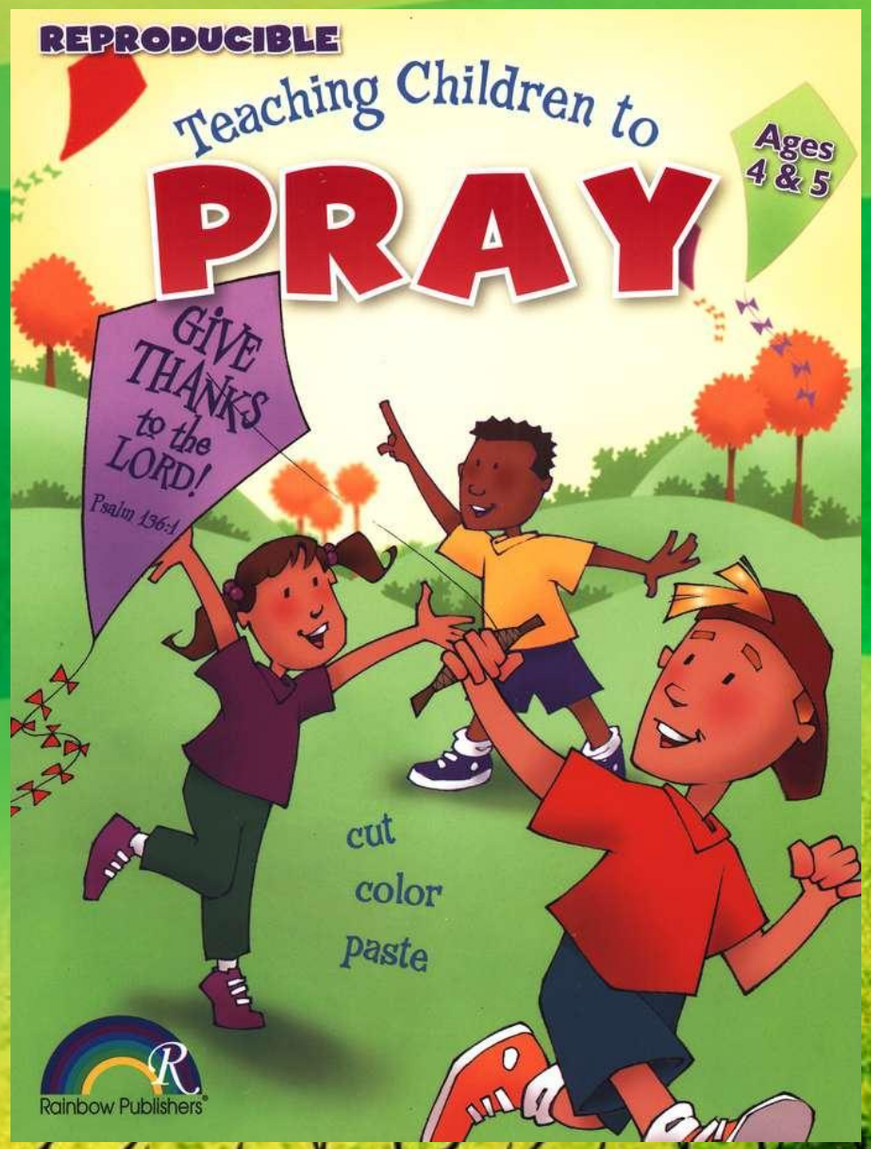
14 But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you.

15 You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus.

Resources

Rainbow Publishers





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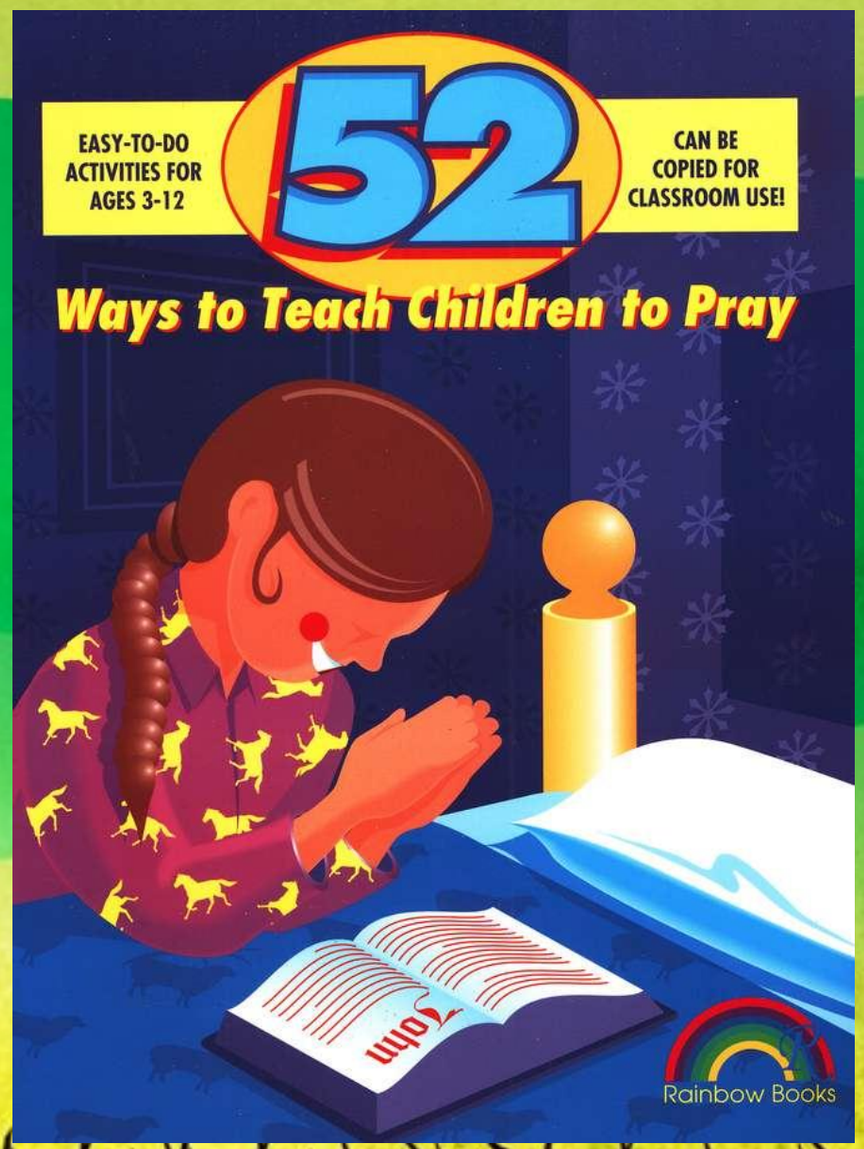

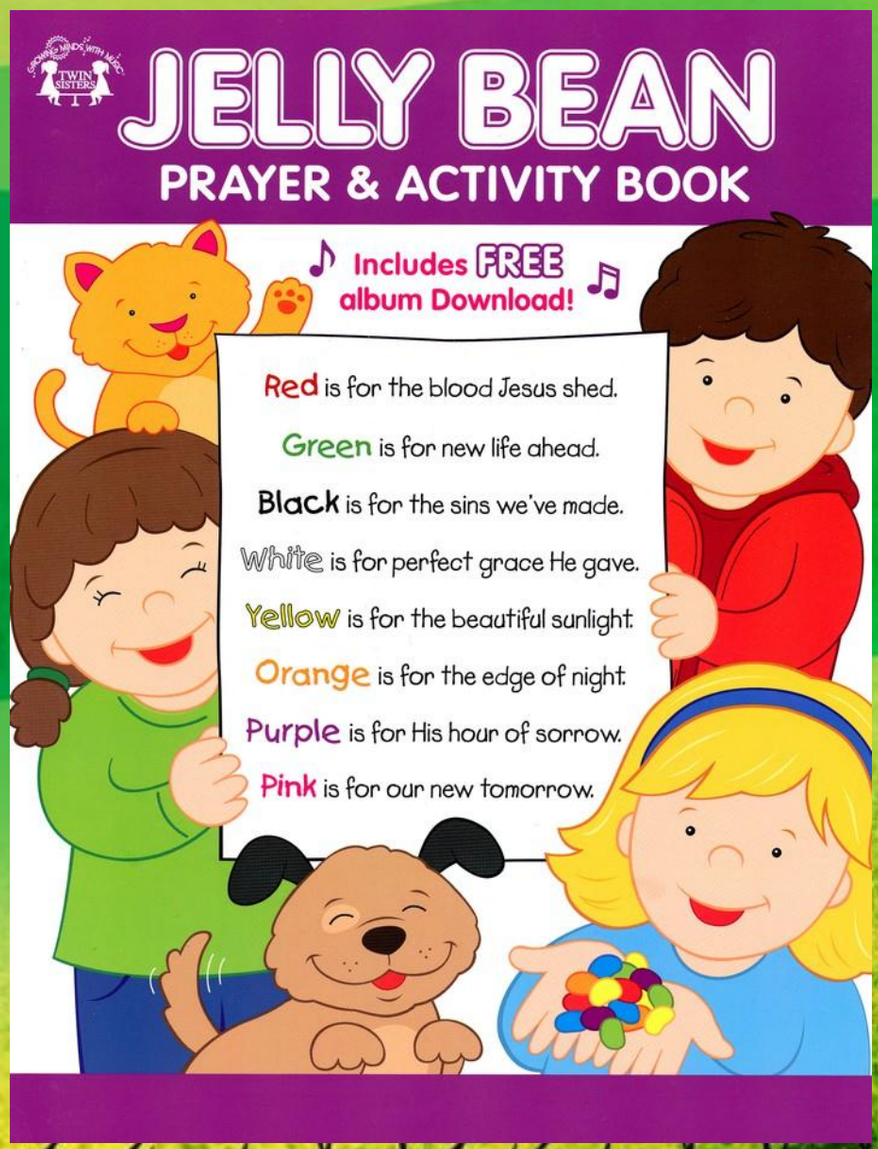

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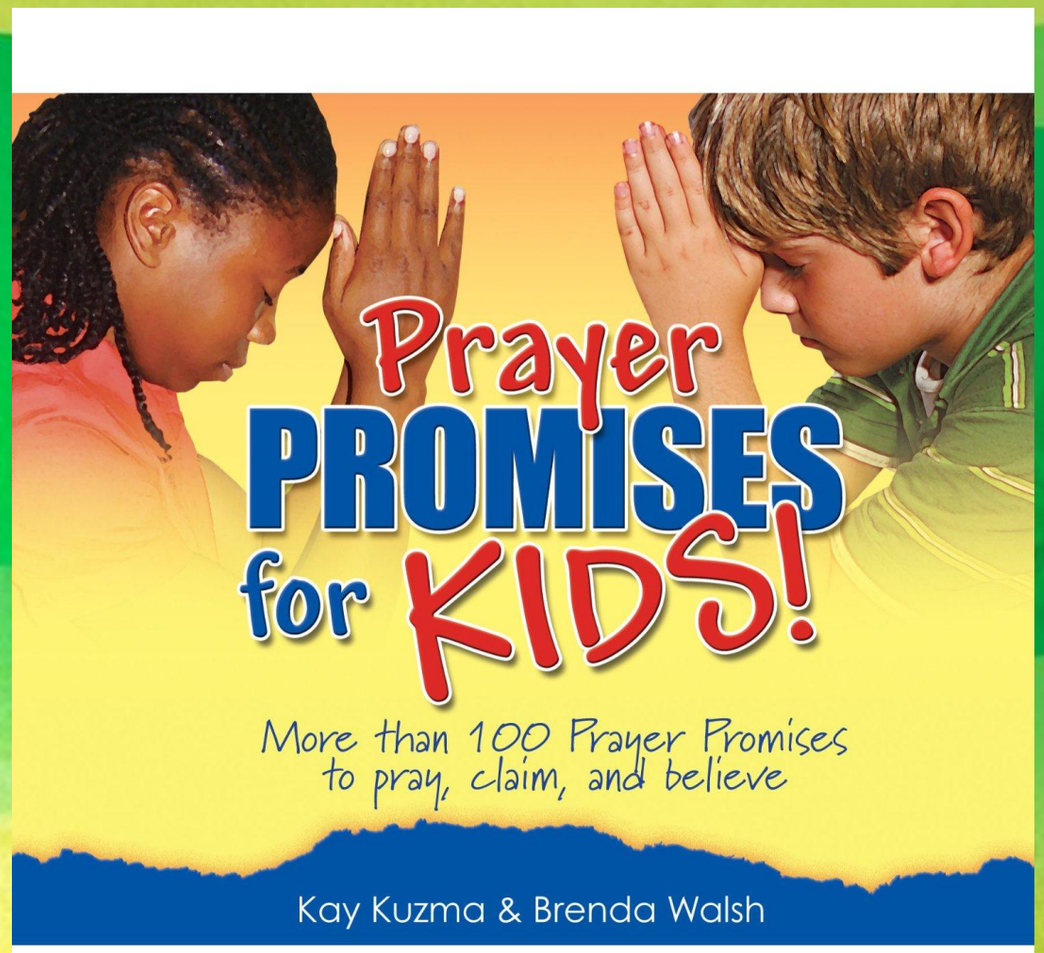
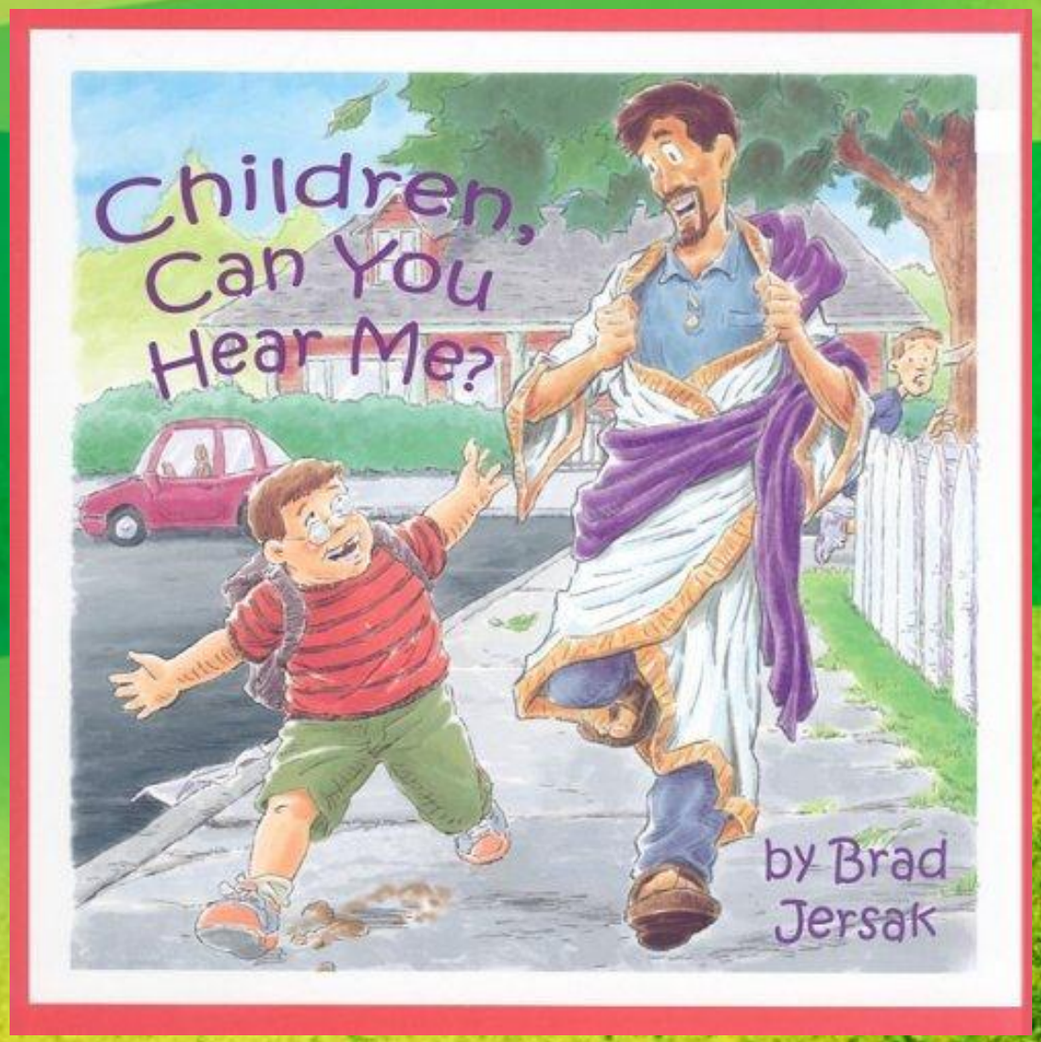
Books





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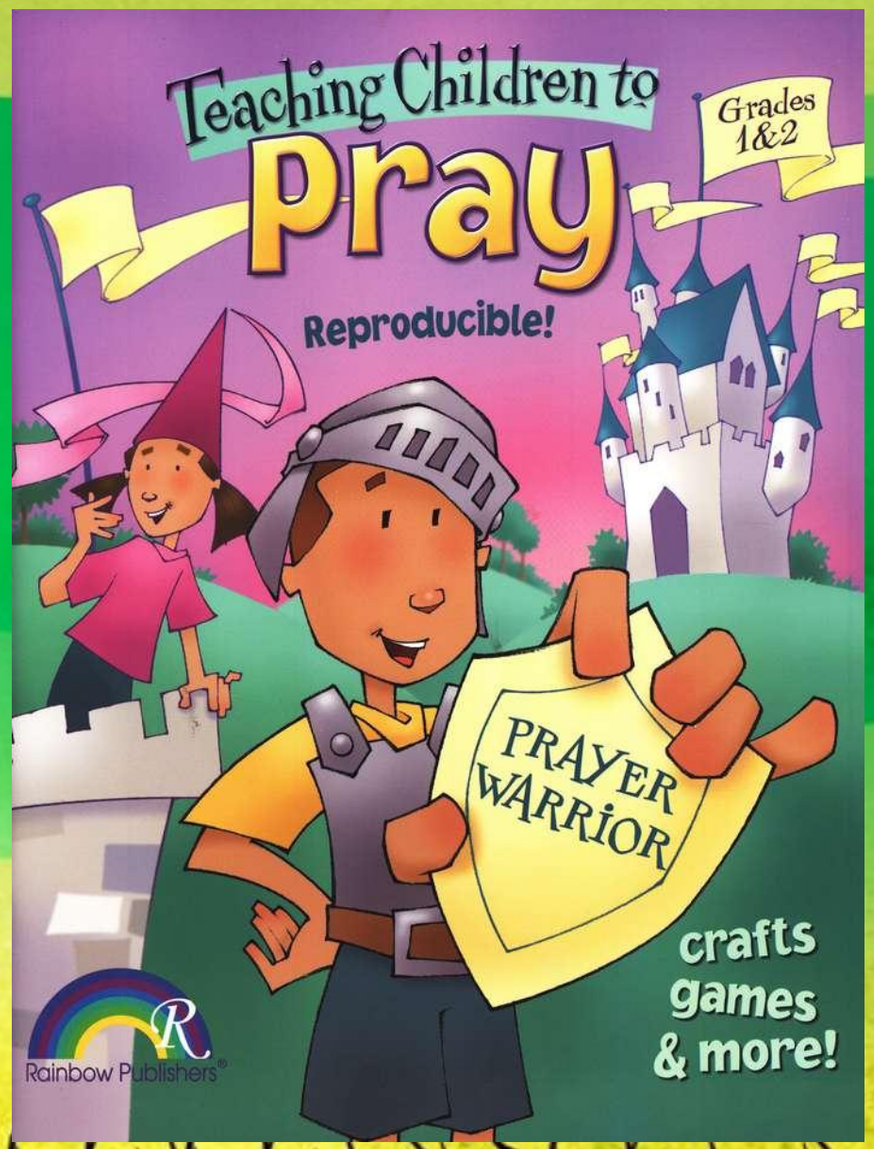

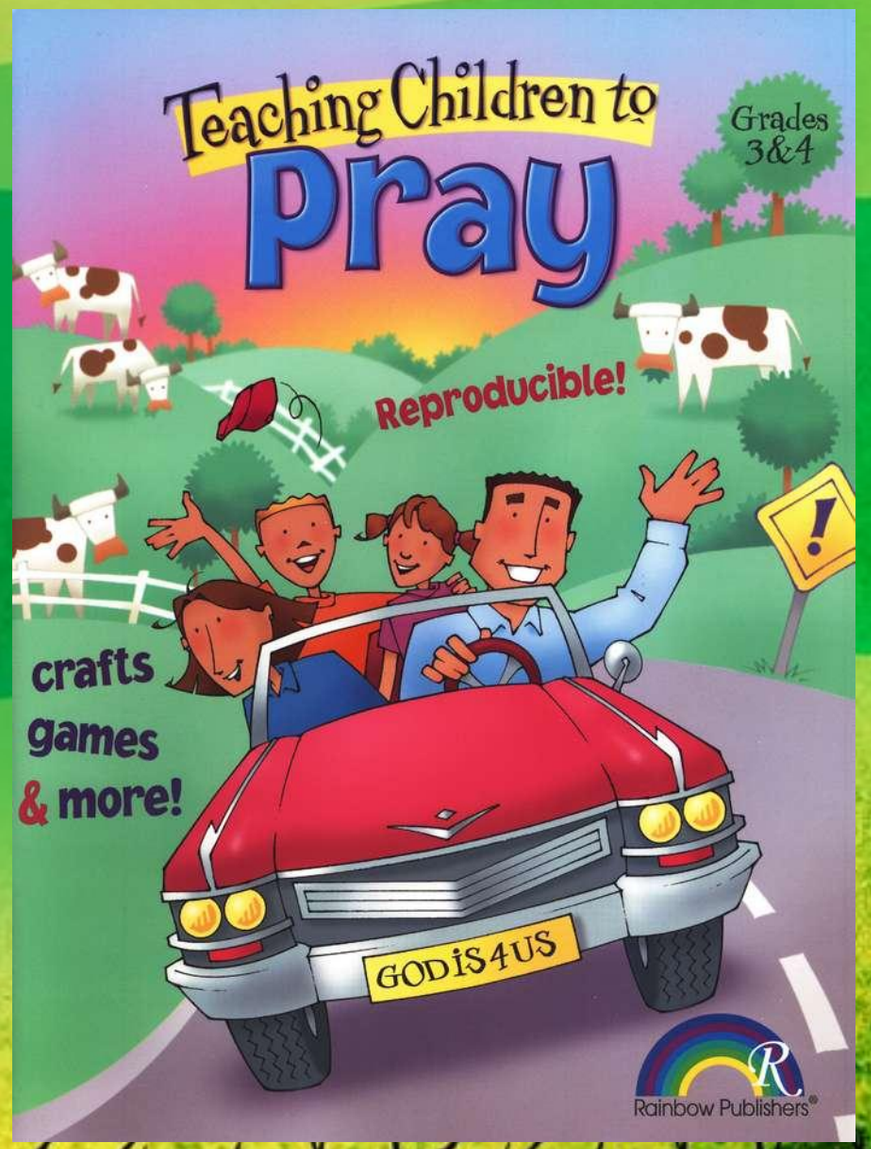

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On-Line

www.nadprayerministries.org

www.navpress.com (click Prayer Cards)

www.globalprn.com (Global Prayer Resource Network)

http://wnop.org/ (World Network of Prayer)

http://24-7prayer.us/ (24-7 Prayer USA)