

# **Did you finish learning The Lord's Prayer??**

**If you did not your children have no alternative to the sex and drugs of network television and no alternative to peer pressure. Loving a child means teaching him to pray, to trust that God is there for him or her. Finish memorizing The Lord's prayer but then move on to one of these activities.**

**VERY YOUNG CHILDREN...**will love a prayer shawl. Any cloth will work. Get a shawl for yourself and one for the child. Cover up and then pray a one sentence prayer. The child does the same. The point is that the child or grandchild is not praying to please you or anyone else. Under the shawl he is alone with God. This is the heart of teaching a child to pray. Limiting the child's prayers to just one sentence keeps things simple.

**CHILDREN AGE 6-10...**will need a prayer jar (plastic peanut butter jar preferred)and one for you. Label each jar on one side: " FROM ME TO JESUS" on the other side: " FROM JESUS TO ME." Instead of saying your one sentence prayers out loud write them down on small slips of paper, just one per day and put them in the jar. At the end of the week take the prayers out and write the answer on the back. When the answer is not clear to the child put the prayer back in the jar and repray it daily. After a week involve as many people as it takes until the child has truly heard or seen God's answer (not necessarily the one he is hoping for). NEVER discard a prayer that has not been answered.

Once a child has had just one prayer answered personally he will never forget it.

**Make a list of four people your child will call when his prayers are not answered. Getting others involved is the one sure way to make prayer a habit that sustains.**

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- 2.**
- 3.**
- 4.**

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