



Seeking God's Blessing for Our Children

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PARENT TIPS

Things to keep in mind as you lead discussion with your kids:

- The goal of these Home Family Guides is to equip you, as parents, to help lead your kids in learning what it means to follow Jesus. The message today gives great resources for you to be that spiritual leader in the lives of your children. Refer to the “Practical Tips for Leading Your Kids to Jesus” and “Prayers for Kids” provided on our resource page.
- To help your children better grasp the story, try reading it together from their Adventure Bible or another children’s Bible. If this is not available, we recommend the [NIV](#) or [Nirv](#) versions available online.

Bible Page Numbers

Mark 10:13-16 – Adventure Bible pg. 1222, Hands On Bible - pg. 262



TALK ABOUT IT

Spend some time discussing the meaning of Communion with your children. Check out the video from Pastor Kevin on our resource page and use the conversation below to help guide you in discussing this topic.

What to Say: In the Bible, Jesus used two things to help His disciples remember the sacrifice He made. Do you know what the two things were? (*Take answers. For each symbol, ask kids what it represents.*) That's right—the bread reminds us of Jesus' body and the grape juice (or wine) reminds us of His blood. Did you know that people still eat bread and drink grape juice at church in order to remember the sacrifice that Jesus made? It's called "Communion".

At our church, we take Communion on the first Sunday of every month. Whenever we take Communion at church, it helps us remember how Jesus gave His body and shed His blood on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins. But there's something else that's supposed to happen during Communion. Let's take a look at this Bible verse to find out.

"Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup." 1 Corinthians 11:28

When people take communion, God wants them to do something else. He wants people to *seek* within their heart and *find* any sin that's there. Communion is a time for people to take a careful look at themselves and ask Jesus for forgiveness.

Of course, Communion isn't the *only* time you can do that. You can do that anytime, you can take a careful look at yourself and ask Jesus for forgiveness. *Anyone* can do that at *any* time!



**SERMON +
WORSHIP**

Watch this week's Sermon, Worship Set and Communion

(more on the next page)





ACTIVITY OPTIONS

Activity Option 1: Mark 10:14 Coloring Page

What you need:

Print the PDF coloring page, coloring utensils

What to say: Jesus loved the children in the Bible and Jesus loves you! His disciples thought he should be spending time with important leaders to improve His status but Jesus didn't need to make Himself look more powerful. He wanted to be there for His people and that included everyone, even little children!



For the above activity, you can always add other textured materials. Another option is if you have play doh! You can make little play doh sculptures of Jesus and children!



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Activity Option 2: Prayer Cards

What You Need:

4 sheets of paper, coloring utensils, [optional - packing tape (to "laminates"), hole punch, binder clip or string]

What You Do:

1. Refer to the PDF “Prayer for Kids” on our resource page
2. If you do not have a printer, create 8 boxes on each sheet of paper
3. Copy down each Prayer in each box (decorate however you would like!)
4. Cut out each of the cards
5. Laminate OR use packing tape to reinforce the cards
6. Hole punch each card at the top left hand corner
7. Feed each card on the binder clip or string (tie off)

Viola! Prayer cards!

What You Say:

Prayer is so important. We are able to talk to Jesus whenever we would like, but when we sit and really focus on prayer, it is like picking up the phone and having a direct conversation with Jesus. These cards are a great way to specifically pray for you. Each of these prayers turn me to scripture and are decorated by you! It makes it that much more special.

Are there ways you can pray for me? (OPTION: Guide your child to make their own prayer cards with pictures and prayers for you as their parents.)



Discussion Questions:

- Why are you special to Jesus?
- What does Jesus do to show He loves you?
- How do we live for Jesus?



PRAYER

Prayer:

What you say:

Let's pray and ask God to help us put our hope and trust in Him.

Dear God,

Thank You that You love us and want us to come to You as Your children.

In Jesus' name, amen.



MEMORY VERSE

Memory Verse:

Parents: We want to encourage you to spend time each week as a family memorizing a passage of Scripture. We have provided two different versions to choose from.

Mark 10:14b (NIRV)

“Let the little children come to me. Don't keep them away. God's kingdom belongs to people like them.”

Mark 10:14b (ESV)

“Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”



Let the little children
come to me.

Mark 10 : 14

