

Making a Prayer Jar

A STARTING PLACE to help children make constant, regular prayer the **HABIT** of a lifetime.

We like empty plastic peanut butter jars best but use anything you have on hand, even an empty cottage cheese tub. Clean them well. Make one for each child and one for yourself. Label one side of each jar “**From Me to Jesus**”, label the other side: “**From Jesus to Me**”. (For a low budget project label with masking tape...mailing labels work even better.)

Once the child(ren) have made and perhaps decorated their jars have them write down a one sentence prayer and put it in their jar. Pray the prayer **AGAIN** each day/week until it is answered. Once the prayer is answered remove it from the jar a replace it with a **NEW** prayer...once a week...every week of your child’s life.

STICKING WITH a prayer may require the involvement of your pastor or even the whole congregation ...but it is important. *A HABIT of praying with others is the one thing most likely to connect your child to a church and to God for the rest of his life.* If we do not teach our children to take prayer seriously they will grow up missing many of the blessings of being born again. They will not **LEARN** what a great thing it is to be a child of a **LIVING** God. Their God will be dead or at the best... *distant.*

It is our prayer that every Sunday School and home in the world **STARTS** a row of “Prayer Jars” on a special shelf, one for each child they serve. We pray too that parents and teachers alike visit www.teachustoprayer.com for a better guide to making a prayer jar and **more** of our favorite ideas. We hope especially that your youth group leader clicks the link to: “The Final Exam” a prayer test for teens.

PS. Contrary to popular belief God seldom says no. He is much more likely to say: “Study my word and Trust ME”.

Our Father



Childhood memories last a lifetime, memories like learning to read or to ride a bicycle. One of those memories should be learning to pray. For a great way to get children **STARTED** turn this bulletin/insert over and learn how to make a “Prayer Jar”,