

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 everyone has 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. The answer is where the POWER is. *Without answers why should any child believe.*

Starting a prayer jar for each child in your class/family may not be easy and it may take a while. It may require the involvement of your pastor or even the whole congregation ...but it is important. *It is the one thing most likely to connect your child to a church and to God for the rest of his life.* We must teach our children to take prayer seriously or they will grow up missing many if not most of the great blessings of being born again. They will never know what a great thing it is to be a child of a **LIVING** God. Their God will be dead or at the very least seriously injured.

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 **more** of our favorite ideas. We hope especially that your youth group leader clicks the link for “The Final Exam” a prayer test for teens.

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”,