The **PRAYER COVENANT** For Children

The God of the universe, our Creator, hears and answers prayer. How amazing is that? Jesus said, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." So if Jesus has all the power, can you imagine what will happen if you pray...

Dear heavenly Father, Thank you for loving me and making me one of your children.

ILOVE YOU!

Jesus wants everybody to know how much God loves them so he told a story about a shepherd and his lost sheep. The shepherd was so worried about the one that got lost, he left the other sheep and went looking for the lost sheep because he wanted to keep it safe. Sheep are helpless animals that sometimes stray and go their own way. They can be attacked or eaten by bears or lions.

The shepherd's job is to protect the sheep from danger and that's just what he did. When he found the lost sheep, he was so happy he carried it in his arms all the way home and had a big party to celebrate!

Jesus says this is how it is when one boy or girl accepts Jesus as their savior—they go from being lost to being found. That brings great joy, happiness and celebration in heaven!

MEMORY VERSE

How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! – 1 John 3:1

Grace

Jesus rejoices over you with gladness. He quiets you with his love. He rejoices over you with singing.



Help me love and obey you.

Abraham obeyed God. He left with his wife, and all their belongings, and moved far away to a new home. Abraham's obedience was just the beginning of his lifelong adventure of growing in obedience, love and faith.

> SARAH, THIS IS THE PROMISED LAND!

Abraham loved God. He lived a very, very, very long time ago. When he was old, God said, "Leave your country, your family and your relatives and go to the land that I will show you. I will bless you and make your descendants into a great nation. You will become famous and be a blessing to others. Everyone on earth will be blessed because of you."

God wants us to obey him. When we obey God we show that we love him.

MEMORY VERSE

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. – Matthew 22:37, 38

Obeying and following Jesus together is an exciting journey!

GODHAS

BLESSED US!

Help me love others the way you love me.

DON'T BE AFRAID.

I WILL TAKE CARE

OF YOU.

What does it mean to love others the way God loves us? Let's find out. Someone asked Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus explained by telling a story. He was a good storyteller.

Compassion

PLEASE HELP ME.

MEMORY VERSE

My command is this, love one another as I have loved you. – John 15:12

A man was traveling down the road and was attacked by a gang of bad men who beat him up, stole everything he owned and left him for dead on the road. People walked past him. They didn't show compassion. Then a Samaritan (someone people looked down on) knelt down and cared for him by cleaning and bandaging his wounds and taking him to a safe place to recover and even paying for his care.

Jesus finished the story by saying, "I want you to go and do the same to others who are hurting."

I want to love with my actions, not only my words.

I am sorry for my sins. Wash me clean.

MOMMY, I'M SCARED.

Peter once asked Jesus, "How many times should we forgive someone who sins against us, 7 times?" Jesus said, "70 x 7," and began to tell another story.

Repentance

There once was a king who called his servants to have them tell him what they owed him. One servant owed such a huge amount of money he would never be able to pay it back. The king said, "I am going to sell you and your family as slaves in order to pay the money you owe me!!" The man began to cry. The king felt compassion and said, "You are free of all debt!"

Once freed the man went and found his servant that owed him a little bit of money and threatened to throw him in jail if he didn't pay up. The servant begged for mercy but he didn't have compassion and threw him in jail.

> IBEG OF YOU, PLEASE HAVE MERCY ON MY FAMILY AND ME!

> > When the king found out, he was very angry and yelled, "You wicked When the king found out, huge debt, why didn't you show mercy servant! I forgave your huge debt, the king threw him in prison. to your servant?" And the king threw him in prison.

UM, WHAT

SHOULDI

p0?

I want to forgive others because Jesus forgives me.

MEMORY VERSE

DEAR GOD,

PLEASE SAVE

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. – Psalm 51:2

Worship I will praise you with my whole heart!

THE BRIGHT STAR LED US TO BABY JESUS. When Jesus was born everyone was happy! Angels came down and said, "Praise God in heaven! Peace on earth to everyone who pleases God." Shepherds came to visit and worship baby Jesus.

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PEACE ON EARTH!

PRAISE GOD FOR THE BIRTH OF HIS SON!

A long, long time ago, more than 2000 years ago, a young girl named Mary was visited by an angel named Gabriel. He had a very special message. "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will give birth to a son and call his name Jesus. He will be great and be called the son of the most high."

WE HAVE

PRESENTS!

MEMORY VERSE

I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. – Psalm 9:1

Just like Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men honored Just like Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the wise men honored and worshiped Jesus, we are to honor and worship him too.

I want to praise you everyday!

MY BEAUTIFUL

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Jesus, I want to follow you as my Lord. Change me any way you want.

YOU

WERE WITH

JESUS!

Suddenly Peter remembered Jesus' words and he ran away crying. He felt terrible. Jesus didn't give up on Peter. He had breakfast with Peter after his resurrection and forgave him. Jesus wanted Peter to be his disciple and make more disciples. Even though Peter wasn't perfect, Jesus knew Peter really wanted to follow him as Lord.

> WE KNOW YOU'RE ONE OF THEM. YOU SPEAK LIKE A

GALLILEAN!

Commitment WHO ME? NO I WASN'T! BE QUIET!

> **Jesus told Peter** that before the rooster would crow, Peter would deny him 3 times. In the courtyard where Jesus was being auestioned before his crucifixion. Peter did just that. As people began to recognize Peter, he became afraid and denied each time that he had been with Jesus. Then the rooster, crowed.

Peter never denied Jesus again.

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MEMORY VERSE

THIS MAN WAS WITH

JESUS!

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. -Luke 9:23

Fill me with your Holy Spirit. I want to know your plans for me.

Jesus sent his Spirit to help the church begin their mission. It wasn't long after that on a special day, called Pentecost, a strong wind blew, and he filled everyone with his Holy Spirit.

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TWILL ASK THE FATHER AND HE WILL GIVE YOU ANOTHER HELPER TO BE WITH YOU FOREVER, EVEN THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

Dependence

WOW!

THAT'S AMAZING!

MEMORY VERSE Be filled with the Spirit. – Ephesians 5:18b Jesus said, "I'm leaving and going far away, to a place you cannot come. But don't worry, I'm going to leave my Spirit here for you." This is what happened right before Jesus died on the cross and rose to the right hand of his Father in heaven. He did not leave us alone.

I WANT TO GO WITH YOU. THANK YOU, JESUS.

His Spirit is always with us as our comforter, our teacher and our guide.

Make me more like you, Jesus, by filling me with your Holy Spirit.



JESUS, I WANT

TO SIT ON YOUR

LAP TOO!

Jesus had a heart for justice. He said it will be terrible for anyone who hurts children. He was always helping those who most people overlooked including the young, the sick and the poor.



The disciples asked Jesus, "Who's the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Jesus knew what they were thinking, and he called a child over. He looked his disciples in the eyes and said the most amazing thing, 'Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." Jesus said something even more amazing, "Whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." You know Jesus meant it because he only spoke the truth.

I'm going to try to always tell the truth too.

JESUS LOVES ME.

MEMORY VERSE

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. – John 1:14

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JESUS,

WOULD YOU LIKE

SOMETHING

TO EAT?

Use me for your glory and to invite others to follow you.

One day Saul (before his name got changed to Paul) was walking down the road. All of a sudden a very bright light from heaven made him fall to the ground. It blinded him. Then Saul heard a voice, "Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Saul cried, "Who are you Lord?" "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting." Paul was scared and shaking. For three days he could not see.

WHO ARE YOU, LORD?

Discipleship

Paul is a very important person in the Bible. He wrote many books in the New Testament. But Paul was once a hater and an enemy of Christ. He killed Christfollowers. But Jesus changed him.

> God healed Saul and he began preaching and teaching about Jesus everywhere he went. Saul's name was later changed to Paul. He turned the world upside down for Jesus, giving God all the glory and teaching others to do the same.

> > Who can I invite to follow Jesus?

MEMORY VERSE

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. – Matthew 28:19

In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

"Jesus, Master, have pity on me!" Bartimaeus cried.

ICAN SEE

YOU, JESUS!!

The people around Bartimaeus were unkind. "Oh be quiet!" they shouted. But Bartimaeus kept crying out. Jesus heard him and said, "Bring him to me." Baritmaeus threw down his jacket and ran to Jesus. "What do you want?" Jesus asked. Bartimaeus replied, "I want to see!"

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JESUS IS AWESOME!

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Bartimaeus was blind. He was a beggar who lived in the streets. He knew of Jesus and his wonderful deeds. He heard how Jesus healed the sick, the blind and those who could not walk. Bartimaeus wanted Jesus to heal him too.

> CHEER UP, BARTIMAEUS,

HE'S CALLING

YOU!

WOW! AMAZING!

YOUR FAITH HAS HEALED YOU.

MEMORY VERSE

Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him a name that is above every name. – Philippians 2:9

Authority

Bartimaeus believed that Jesus had the power to Bartimaeus believed that Jesus had the power to heal people. You can imagine how happy he was heal people. You can imagine how happy he was when the first thing he saw was the face of Jesus.

> Jesus answered when Bartimaeus cried out to him, and Jesus will answer you too.



3. MEMORIZE THE PRAYER BIBLE VERSES

4. CIRCLE TRUE OR FALSE AND TALK ABOUT THE ANSWERS

God's grace has made me His dearly loved child. TRUE FALSE

Blessing follows obedience. TRUE FALSE

We are supposed to love only those who love us. TRUE FALSE

Jesus wants us to forgive others and not hold a grudge. **TRUE FALSE**

We should praise God only when we are happy. **TRUE FALSE**

When we commit to follow Jesus, He makes us more like himself. **TRUE FALSE**

The Holy Spirit is our guide. TRUE FALSE

Jesus didn't have time for children. TRUE FALSE

God only uses grownups to tell others about Jesus. TRUE FALSE

All power in heaven and on earth belongs to God.

TRUE FALSE

Prayer is power because there is power in the name of Jesus. **TRUE FALSE**

God hears me when I pray. TRUE FALSE

How to Pray The **PRAYER COVENANT** For Children

- Pray the prayer by yourself every day for 10 days.
- **STEP 2** As you pray the prayer, ask Jesus to show you who He might want you to invite into a prayer covenant.
- **STEP 3** Invite that person to pray the prayer for you for 40 days as you pray it for them. It may be your friend, mom, dad, sister, brother, grandparent, teacher or pastor.



TEP 4 Share with your prayer partner ways in which God is answering your prayers. You could write it down or draw a picture.



Memorize the assigned Bible verses.

- **6** Share the good news of Jesus with others.
- **STEP 7** Repeat the above steps with new prayer partners so you can follow Jesus together.

My Name Is:

and today I began to pray the Prayer Covenant for Children.

Today's Date Is: _

My Prayer Covenant Partners

Name	Date
Name	Date
Name	Date



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