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**Children's Prayer Teams:**

A Simple Model of Children's Harp & Bowl

**Children in the House of Prayer**

Your children's prayer team might be a part of a House of Prayer or it might be a children's house of prayer or it might be a part of a church, or an orphanage or a school or it might be with children in your neighborhood or street children.

The Harp & Bowl Model is a model of worship with intercession that is used at the international house of prayer in Kansas City – IHOP KC and many houses of prayer. We have simplified this model in order to make it accessible for children.

## The Harp & Bowl Model



A children's prayer set using Harp & Bowl in a house of prayer in Guatemala



A children's prayer set using Harp & Bowl in Mexico



A children's worship set using flags and worship songs from Bolivia

You can watch parts of a simple harp & bowl set wirth Children in this video:

[https://youtu.be/Qe\\_MbiKhMOY](https://youtu.be/Qe_MbiKhMOY)

### **Other Formats:**



Children's Prayer Groups



## **SEQUENCE OF OUR CHILDREN'S HARP & BOWL SESSION**

**Following is the sequence that we use for our Simple Children's Harp & Bowl Session. Of course, this is just a guideline. The Lord may lead you to do your session differently. On the following page, you will find more information and videos explaining these parts of the Harp & Bowl Session in more detail.**

- **WELCOME THE CHILDREN**
- **OBJECT LESSON ABOUT PRAYER**
- **TEACHING ON PRAYER**
- **EXPLANATION OF THE PRAYER FOCUS**
- **REMIND THE CHILDREN OF THE HARP & BOWL SEQUENCE:**

Praise song, Worship Song, Children praying in specified order. The specific order will be listed on the chat and an adult will say the name of the next child to pray.

- **CLOSING PRAYER AND PRAYER OVER THE CHILDREN**
- **ALLOW CHILDREN STAY AND SHARE IF THEY WANT TO**

## **EXPLANATION OF THE SEQUENCE OF THE CHILDREN'S HARP & BOWL SESSION**

- **WELCOME THE CHILDREN**

- **OBJECT LESSONS ABOUT PRAYER**

Object Lessons about Prayer:

Links:

- ❖ Link for Object Lesson: Children as Arrows 1

The Bible says that children are like arrows. So, their prayers are strong and can help to destroy works of darkness in cities and nations.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7psHHcnTXM>

- ❖ Link for Object Lesson: Children as Arrows 2

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3CJfaRrOLY>

- **TEACHING ON PRAYER**

We always do a short teaching on prayer for the children right after the object lesson to remind them of various aspects of prayer. We have used information from the following sources for this:

- ❖ Children's Prayer Sheet:

<https://hopglobal.net/index.php/childrens-resources/>

❖ KidsPray (book) by Jane Mackie



Summary of Kids Pray! and notes from the presentation: Equipping Children's Prayer Teams by Jane Mackie

**Jane Mackie Notes – English**

<https://hopglobal.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Extract-Kids-Pray-8-Steps-.pdf>

**Jane Mackie Notes – Spanish**

<https://hopglobal.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Extract-JanesKids-Pray-Span-w-pics.pdf>

PowerPoint by Jane Mackie:

<https://hopglobal.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Kids-pray-Jane-Mackie.pdf>

- **EXPLANATION OF THE PRAYER FOCUS**
- **EXPLAIN OR REMIND THE CHILDREN OF THE HARP & BOWL SEQUENCE:**
  - Praise song
  - Worship Song
  - Children praying in specified order - When we do this with children online, the specific order is listed on the chat and an adult states the name of the next child to pray. When doing this “live” in an “on site” session, the children can form a line to pray as seen below:



- **CLOSING PRAYER AND PRAYER OVER THE CHILDREN**
- **ALLOW CHILDREN STAY AND SHARE IF THEY WANT TO**



## **The Father Heart of God**

Psalm 8:2

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

Children are also very powerful in the Kingdom of God. Much more powerful than most of us really understand.

**How God Sees Children in English and Spanish:**

<https://hopglobal.net/index.php/resources/>

## **The Presence of God**



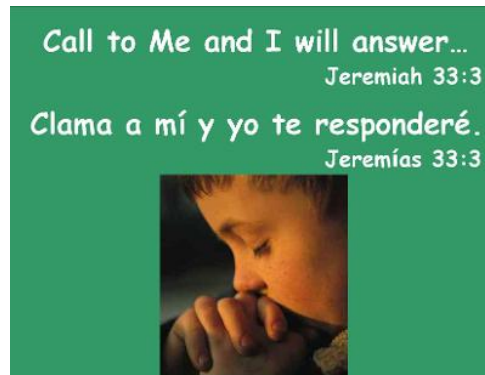
You can bring children into the Presence of God with anointed worship.

## **Talking to God in Prayer**

Using Scriptures about Prayer:

We can teach the children what God says about prayer in His special book, the Bible. We can teach them scripture memory verses about prayer:

Jeremiah 33:3 Call to Me and I will answer...



They can learn that God really likes for them to talk to Him in prayer and that Jesus said in **Matthew 7:7-8**:

**Ask, and it will be given to you...For everyone who asks, receives...**

We can explain to the children that Prayer (talking to God) is so important that **Jesus spent all night in prayer: (Luke 6:12-13)**

And that He often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed:

**Luke 5:16 So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.**

And that **Jesus taught His disciples to pray**:  
Jesus said:

***After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.***

***10Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.***

***11Give us this day our daily bread.***

***12And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.***

***13And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for  
ever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-13***

### **The Secret Place**



You can lead your children into the Presence of God in the Secret Place.

### **Free booklets on Prayer for Children:**

Also, we have put together a short pamphlet of Information on Prayer for children. You can download this free pamphlet from:

<https://hopglobal.net/index.php/childrens-resources/>

There is a Simple Sample lesson on Prayer later in this packet.

### **Other Info to Share with Children:**

On the next page, you will find a booklet that we put together for the children. Please feel free to modify this booklet for your purposes. Please find this booklet in English and Spanish at:

<https://hopglobal.net/index.php/childrens-resources/>

## Children's Prayer Sheet



**During these prayer times, we are going to be praying for our nations!**

### **Basic Prayer Information:**

Jesus said we can ask him anything in His name and He will do it. (If you shall ask anything in My Name, I will do it. John 14:14) He also said we can ask the Father anything in His name. (...if you ask the Father for anything in My name, He will give it to you... John 16:23) So, we pray in the name of Jesus.

Jesus told us to pray to the Father, in the name of Jesus, so you could say something like this:

Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask for Revival in my nation.



### **Call on God**

In the Bible, God said that we can call on Him and He will answer! Call on Me and I will answer...(Jeremiah 33:3a)

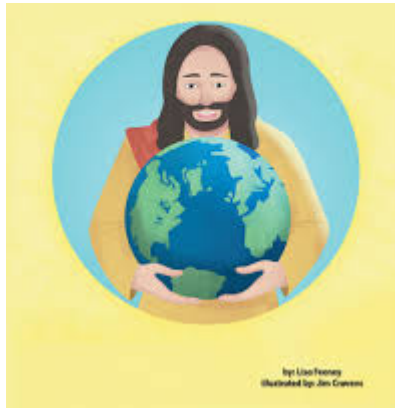
Ask and it will be given to you...(Matthew 7:7)



### **We stand on the word of God!**

Jesus said, I am the way the truth and the life no man comes unto the Father but by Me. (John 14:6)

**Jesus is the Prince of Peace.** (Isaiah 9:6) We can pray for Jesus to bring peace to our nations.



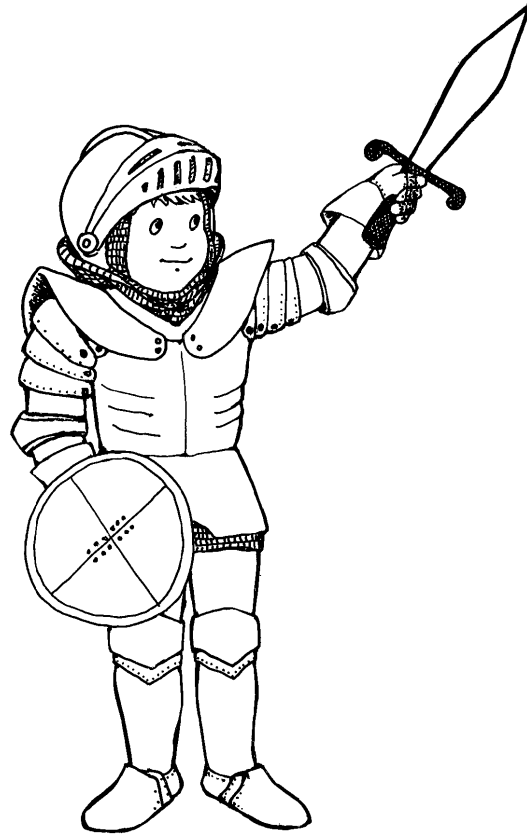
**We can pray for Jesus to be Lord over our nations.**

We can invite Jesus to come to our nations, because Jesus said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) So, Jesus can bring abundant life to our nations. He can bring salvation to our nations.

The Bible also tells us that we are to pray for all of the leaders and all who are in authority in our nation. That means that we are to pray for the president, governors, mayors, and others who lead our nations. 1 Timothy 2: 1-2

This is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.

1John 5:4) So, we are to ask in faith believing that God will answer us!



...We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.  
(Romans 8:37)

We've been given the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
(...Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord  
Jesus Christ! 1 Corinthians 15:57)

If God is for us, who can be against us! (Romans 8:31)

## **Info to Share with Children about Children's Prayer Teams:**

Boys and Girls, I would like to tell you about what some children are doing around the world. There are children who are a part of children's prayer teams. God even shows them how to pray for nations. And some children are even going to nations to pray, going to other cities to help to train other children to pray. Children are a key to what God wants to do in cities and nations!

Children's prayers can be so strong. God loves to hear the prayers of children. Your prayers can be so important in changing a family, a city or even a nation.

In fact, the Bible says that children are like arrows:

***As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Psalm 127:4***

## **Resources to Share with Children about Children's Prayer Teams:**

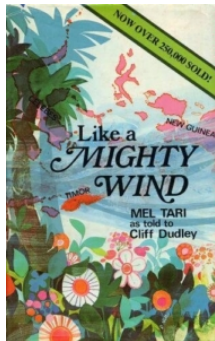
Mel Tari's book, **Like a Mighty Wind**, has a chapter about a group of children in Indonesia who formed their own prayer team praying together every day after school. Then, on Saturdays they would go to neighboring villages (some as far as 15 miles away) and they would share Jesus. They would travel through the jungle without adults. God sent angels to lead and protect them. Please read Chapter 5 for the entire story. It's a great story to read to your children.

You can find this story on our website at:

<https://hopglobal.net/index.php/resources/>



## Like a Mighty Wind – God’s Children (English)



## Like a Mighty Wind – God’s Children (Spanish)



### **More Stories about Children and Prayer:**

The following stories are true stories about children and prayer that can be an encouragement to you. My great-grandson really enjoyed these stories. I just omitted the sentence about brothels in the story about Surabaya.

### **Seeing Children as God Sees Them**

When you look at children, what do you see? Do you see them as secret weapons in God’s heavenly arsenal? Do you believe God can use them to impact our world?

Here’s how God sees the role of children in praise and spiritual warfare: “From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger” (Ps. 8:2).

At the World Prayer Assembly in Indonesia in May 2012, 15-year-old Daisey told her story. Daisey is from Surabaya, the second largest city in Indonesia, and she grew up in a part of the city filled with prostitution, gangs, and drugs.

But local Christians saw the children as part of the answer to the plight of the city. These believers began to train the children in prayer. They taught them how God could give them power to pray and to see their community transformed. What began with ten children meeting once a week to pray for two hours, grew to 20 children meeting two times a week. They prayer walked their community and invited God to come. They prayed over neighborhood maps, praying the Scriptures and agreeing with God's plan.

One by one the brothels began to close. A national newspaper wrote about the transformation of the community. Today it is a safe place for children to play.

Do you believe God can use children? In Indonesia tens of thousands of children have been trained as intercessors. In neighboring Singapore a movement called Arise is raising up children in worship and prayer.

In Chennai, India, God called Anton Cruz to see destitute children with new eyes. Today, as part of the Royal Kids Ministry, more than 8,000 children are a spiritual force in their community. They even have their own television program watched by two million children each week.

In Bihar, India's poorest state, God is using orphan girls as world-changers, full of joy and love for God. Praying with them has changed the way I see children today. Whole villages have come to Christ through their witness. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matt. 19:14).

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The above article can be downloaded. Please see the following links below:

<https://www.prayerleader.com/gather-the-children/#:~:text=Seeing%20Children%20as,prayerconnect.net>.

**Seeing Children as God sees them (English)**

[Download Article \(English\)](#)

**Seeing Children as God sees them (Spanish)**

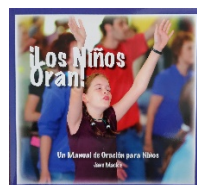
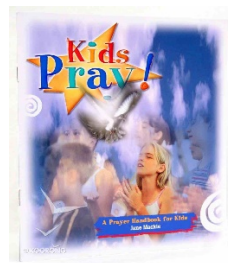
[Download Article \(Spanish\)](#)

## **Children Hearing from God:**

The Story of Samuel makes it clear that children can hear from God. 1 Samuel 3:7-10

## **Preparing and Teaching Children to Hear from God and Pray using Kids Pray!**

The book, Kids Pray! by Jane Mackie is an excellent resource for preparing children to hear from God and to pray and for teaching children how and why to pray.



Also, Jane has put together a summary of the Kids Pray! book and notes for “Equipping Children’s Prayer Teams” in both English and Spanish. These very helpful materials can be found at:

English:

<https://hopglobal.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Extract-Kids-Pray-8-Steps-.pdf>

Spanish:

<https://hopglobal.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Extract-JanesKids-Pray-Span-w-pics.pdf>

Also, we have some very helpful and valuable videos of Jane teaching children from the Kids Pray! Book:

<https://www.facebook.com/arrowshouseofprayer/videos/541479756867630>

<https://www.facebook.com/arrowshouseofprayer/videos/358489935638088>

Jane has also put together a very helpful PowerPoint based on the Kids Pray! book. You can find this PowerPoint at this link:

<https://hopglobal.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Kids-pray-Jane-Mackie.pdf>



## **Can Children Receive the Holy Spirit?**

Mark Harper says in his book, “Children and the Holy Spirit,” “Some people think it’s hard to get kids filled with the Holy Ghost, but really it’s easy. If you preach about it, they will believe it.” p. 77-78. I have found that to be so true!

The Children's Equipping Center at the International House of Prayer has an entire curriculum on the Holy Spirit. Here is the link to find those lessons on the Holy Spirit:

<https://store.ihopkc.org/products/the-personministry-of-the-holy-spirit-student-manual>



You can find directions for this “Do it Yourself Holy Spirit” in the Resource section of this packet.

### **Children and Spiritual Gifts:**

**Following are Spiritual Gifts listed in the New Testament.  
Some translations of the Bible uses other names for the gifts.**

**1 Corinthians 12:**

7But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

8For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

9To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

10To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

11But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

## **Romans 12:**

5So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

6Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

7Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

8Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

## **Jesus Gives Gifts unto Men: Ephesians 4:**

7¶But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

8Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

11¶And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

12For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for

the edifying of the body of Christ:

13Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

### **Information on Salvation for Children:**

Please see the Wordless Book and Videos of the Salvation message by Connie McKenzie in the following section.

### **Information on Curriculum and Children's Lessons**

#### **1. The Wordless Book:**



The **Wordless Book** is a good basic resource that can be used to teach children some foundational teachings using a fun and easy method. The **Wordless Book uses colors** to share the gospel with children.

First is the gold page. This page talks about God. It talks about how God is the creator of Heaven and Earth and then I usually ask the children, “What else did God create?” And the children have so much fun raising their hands and sharing! One might say dogs and the other one might say trees and another one might say flowers, Etc.

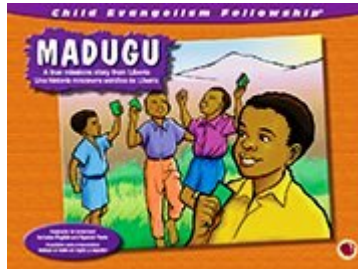


So it gives the children a basic understanding that God is the creator. And then it talks about heaven and how wonderful heaven is. But you know there's one thing that can't be in heaven and that is sin! So, then you show them the dark page and say this page reminds me of sin and the Bible says that "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Uh-oh I want to go to heaven but I've sinned. What can I do? Well, this red page reminds me that Jesus died on the cross for me so I could receive forgiveness for my sins and be able to go to Heaven someday! And this white page reminds me that when His blood cleanses me from my sins, my heart becomes white as snow. And at this time you can give the children an opportunity to receive Jesus as their Savior to make their hearts white and clean so that they can go to Heaven someday. I also use the Jesus gift. I have a present that's wrapped really nicely with a beautiful bow and a picture of Jesus inside and explain that Jesus is a special gift to us that allows us to go to heaven someday. Then the green page explains to the children how to grow spiritually by reading the Bible, praying, going to church, Etc. Then I always share the blue page also and I talk about how the Holy Spirit helps us to become more like Jesus, to follow in his footsteps. And I give them an opportunity to pray and receive the Holy Spirit also.

So it's a very simple tool to use and allows the children to learn some important foundational truths.

The following book is the true story of a boy in Africa who receives salvation through the Wordless Book.





## 2. **Videos of the Salvation Message for Children** being taught **by Connie McKenzie**, Christ for the Nations School of Children and Family Ministry

Resources that we have available on our arrows Facebook page, are two wonderful videos by Connie McKenzie, Director of the school of children and family ministry.

Video of Connie McKenzie **ministering salvation to children:**

<https://www.facebook.com/arrowshouseofprayer/videos/484087629688806>

Session for Leaders and Children's Ministers: **How to Teach Children About Salvation by Connie McKenzie.**

<https://www.facebook.com/arrowshouseofprayer/videos/210770107069966>

Other Resources from Connie McKenzie:

Heart Object Lesson – English

<https://hopglobal.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Heart-Object-Lesson-for-children-or-adults.doc>

### Leccion objetiva del corazón – Espanol

<https://hopglobal.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Leccion-objetiva-del-corazón.pdf>

### Salvation Certificate – English

<https://hopglobal.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Salvation-Certificate-2-1.docx>

### certificado de salvación – Espanol

<https://hopglobal.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/certificado-de-salvación.docx>

### 3. **Kids Pray!** By Jane Mackie

As I mentioned previously, Jane Mackie's book, **Kids Pray!** Is a great resource to bring children from salvation into next steps. When Jane taught our children the steps in Kids Pray!, the children immediately began hearing from God.

After the children go through the eight steps in Kids Pray, they will need some additional teaching to develop a firm foundation in the Word of God.

4. The **Children's Equipping Center** at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City has some good curriculum available.

<https://store.ihopkc.org/products/thepersonministryoftheholyspirit-studentmanual>

5. **KIDStory** is a good FREE curriculum available online.

They have videos on their website that teach how to use their curriculum. They also have many Bible story lessons. And something I love about their curriculum is their use of actions, drama and other methods to bring the stories alive for children. I think it really helps the children to learn the story when they use actions with it. So, you can add a story from the Bible to any lesson that you are teaching the children.

The KidStory Basic Training Manual can be found at:  
<https://katw-kidstory.com/download/english-kidstory-trainers-manual/>

Other Resources are available from KidStory at:  
<https://katw-kidstory.com/>

## **Teaching Topics:**

Following are some topics that I think are important to teach children. Simple lessons are included in this packet of the ones that are highlighted.

Knowing Jesus – Salvation Message

Good Good Father

The Secret Place

The Holy Spirit

Create in Me a Clean Heart

The Anna Anointing

Teaching on David

The Gifts of the Spirit and Other Spiritual Gifts

Prayer Basics

As you are preparing your lessons for your children, it is so important to seek God as to what your children need to hear and teach them what God shows you.

It is also so important to make sure our children get a firm foundation in the Word of God. Because Jesus has warned us that in the last days there will be much deception. So, we need to make sure that our children know the truth of the Word of God.

So one way you can do that is to add a bible story that corresponds to the topic that you are teaching your children. **KidStory** has many lessons that teach children the Word of God and Bible Stories. Please see information about **KidStory** in the previous page.



## **Food Multiplication Videos:**

**English:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JoFCOSRdQc&t=11s>

**Espanol:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Gx2uH16gUQ>

## **Simple Sample Lessons**

### **Sample Lesson about Prayer:**

**Examples of types of things that can be used in a children's lesson about Prayer:**

#### **Memory Verse:**

Our scripture memory verse for today is from the Bible. It is Jeremiah 33:3a: Call to Me and I will answer...

#### **Lesson:**

Boys and Girls, we are going to talk about Prayer. Who knows what prayer is?

Yes, you are right! Prayer is talking to God, isn't it? And today we are going to talk about talking to Father God. You remember that we talked about the 3 persons in one God. Kind of like the 3 parts of my finger. You remember, there is Father God, His Son, Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. So, Father God is a perfect Father that loves each one of us very much. You know, God is very powerful. He created (or made) the whole earth—the sun, the moon, the sky, the trees. And even you and me! He's the mighty God! There is nothing He can't do. The Bible says that nothing is too hard for Him. That's amazing, isn't it? Nothing is too hard for Him!! And you know what? He loves to hear you talk to Him. He loves to hear you pray to Him. You know, when my children call me on the phone, I love to talk to them. And you know, God is like that—He loves to talk to His children. And you are His child! So, He loves it when you talk to Him. He loves to hear YOU pray to Him. The Bible says that He's attentive and listening to your prayers. Did you know that? You know, you, can talk to God about anything. You can tell Him if you are sad.

You can pray for your Mommy or your Daddy. You can talk to Him about anything that's on your heart.

And, did you know that the Bible says that when you call to God, He will answer? You know, sometimes when I call my friends, they are busy and they don't answer the phone. Sometimes I get a message that says, "Please call back" or please leave a message. Or I might get an answering machine. But you know what? That never happens when you call on God! He's never too busy to talk to you. You will never get an answering machine that says, "Please call back, I'm too busy now." He's always there for you! He will always answer you because He loves you so very much and He wants to hear you talk to Him. So, we can call on God anytime. We can pray to God anytime day or night! The Bible says that He never sleeps or slumbers.

## **The Holy Spirit**



**Memory Verse:**

**John 20:22**

**...he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.**

**Possible Songs:**

Livin’ Bread – All of God’s children love livin bread - Throw up your hands, fall on your face, the Holy Spirit’s gonna shake this place

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JN414\\_J818](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5JN414_J818)

Holy Spirit You are welcome Here

**Lesson:**

Boys and Girls, this dove reminds me of the Holy Spirit. (show dove) The Bible says that when Jesus was being baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon Him in the form of a dove. That is the reason that we use a dove to represent the Holy Spirit. Do you know that there are 3 persons that



make up our Holy God? They are God the Father, God the Son, Who is Jesus, and God the Holy Spirit. It is kind of like your finger. My finger has 3 parts to it, but it is one finger. (show on your finger) We learned about God the Father yesterday and how He sent His only Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. Now, today, we will learn about God the Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit is the One Who will come to help you as you learn to follow in Jesus' footsteps and He will help you to become more like Jesus. He is the One Who will help us to know Jesus better—to know Jesus as our friend and to develop a closer relationship with Him. You know that Jesus doesn't want you to just know about Him, He wants you to know Him as your best friend. So, the Holy Spirit helps us to know Jesus as our friend.

Did you know that Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the gift that the Father God promised. So, the Holy Spirit is a very special gift to us from God the Father. You remember in our Memory Verse that Jesus breathed on His disciples and told them to, "receive the Holy Spirit."

Jesus said to His disciples,... "You shall receive power after the Holy Spirit comes upon you."

So, the Holy Spirit is our Power Source.(show visual) The word that the Bible uses when talking about the power that the Holy Spirit gives us is "dunamis." This is the same word that "dynamite" comes from (show dynamite visual) And you know that dynamite is very powerful—it can blow

up whole big buildings. But, Holy Spirit is much more powerful than dynamite. The Bible says that the Holy Spirit brooded over the waters to create the earth. And it is by the Holy Spirit's power that people are able to do mighty miracles. The Bible says that when the Spirit came upon Samson, he was able to pull down an entire building. And Jesus says in the Bible that it is by the anointing of the Holy Spirit that He was able to heal people....

Did you know that the Bible says that we are to be “filled with the Holy Spirit?”

### **Object Lessons.**

If we are filled with something, what does that mean? For instance, if this glass is filled with water (or KoolAid), it means that there is water all the way up to the top! It is filled. (pour a very little water from pitcher into glass. Is this glass filled with water? No!! It just has a little bit! Then pour just a little bit more, and ask, “Is this glass filled with water? No!! Not yet!!! Then a little bit more and ask again. Then—all the way to the top—even to overflowing! Then ask—is this glass filled? Yes!!! We are to be filled with the Holy Spirit!

You can remind the children that Jesus calls the Holy Spirit, the gift that the Father promised. You can use a wrapped present or gift bag as a visual or object to remind the children that the Holy Spirit is a gift for them. Then lead the children in asking Jesus to baptize them in His Holy Spirit.

You can find directions for this “Do it Yourself Holy Spirit” later in this packet.



## **Create in Me a Clean Heart Lesson**

**Opening Prayer:**

## Possible Songs:

- What Can Wash Away My Sin—Nothing but the Blood of Jesus...
- Alleluia

## Scripture Memory Verse:

\*\*\*To keep with the theme of a clean heart, we usually bring a clothesline with clothespins and pin the separate parts of the scripture onto the clothesline.



The Bible says that we are to hide God's Word in our hearts that we might not sin against God. So, right now we are going to hide God's Word in our heart by learning a scripture verse. This scripture is from the Bible:

**Psalm 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God...**

**Salmos 51:10 Crea en mí, oh Dios, un corazón limpio**

## Lesson:

Many of you have received Jesus as your Savior. When we receive Jesus as our Savior, the Bible says that we become new creations and that old things pass away and all things become new. That means our old sinful nature

and sinful desires pass away and we become new from the inside out (\*\*show caterpillar)—kind of like a caterpillar becomes a butterfly (\*\*open caterpillar that opens up to become a butterfly). The butterfly is a brand new creature.

So, we become a new creation with a brand new heart (\*\*show large white heart that has been laminated)—a heart and a desire to follow God instead of our old sinful desires. Instead of having an old dirty heart filled with sin, we get a brand new heart and we feel fresh and clean. (\*\*Show children the big, white heart). Our “want to’s” change. We don’t even want to do those old sinful things that we used to want to do. Instead, we want to do things that will please God—we become interested in reading the Bible( \*\*show Bible)—the Bible becomes alive to us. (\*\*Open large Bible prop with visual Inside). We find that we want to spend time with Jesus and talk to Him and get to know Him. We find that we want to come to the House of Prayer to learn more about our friend, Jesus. So, boys and girls, if you have received Jesus, you have become a brand new creation with a brand new heart.

And, of course, we want to keep our hearts beautiful and pure and clean before God. We want to obey God’s rules that are in the Bible, so that we can keep our hearts beautiful and pure.

So, what happens if we do make a mistake and sin? When we disobey God’s rules, it is called sin and did you know that sin makes our hearts dirty? Who can tell me

some things that are sin? (Mark large white heart with dark marker as the children tell of things that are sin). And, did you know that the Bible says that sin separates us from God? So, we need to get rid of sin right away!

So, what can we do if we have sin in our hearts or sin in our lives? So, what can we do to make our heart clean again? (Show the children detergent or a bar of soap) Can we put our hearts in the wash tub or washing machine and put in lots of soap or detergent and make them clean again? NO! But the Bible does tell us what we can do to cleanse our hearts again. The Bible says, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Unrighteousness is wrong things and anything that is disobedient to God's laws.

So, if we sin, we need to repent—that means to turn from our sinful ways and to make a decision to go God's way instead. And, we need to confess our sins to God right away and ask Him to forgive us for those sins. We need to make a decision that we will not do those things again. (\*\*\*)Show cross visual) The Bible also says that the Blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. So, after we confess our sins to God, we can ask Jesus to make our hearts clean again with His precious blood.

When we choose to obey God's rules and invite Jesus to help us keep our hearts clean and pure and we confess our sins to God right away, He can cleanse our hearts, it makes us have pure and beautiful hearts before God.

Let us take some time and repent for any sin in our lives. Let's cry out to God, "Create in me a clean heart, O God." So, if you can think of any sin in your life, right now you can ask God to forgive you for these sins.

## **Materials for Create in Me a Clean Heart Lesson**

- Caterpillar to Butterfly:



This caterpillar changes into a butterfly and the children love it! It can be purchased from Folksmanis Inc., Emeryville CA.

### **Props:**

Large Bible Visual

Big Red Heart

A stuffed animal lamb or picture of lamb

Visual or Object of Harp

Visual of Samuel anointing David

## **David, A Man After God's Own Heart**

Scripture Memory Verse:

Lesson:

Today we are going to talk about a very special person that we find in God's Special Book (show Bible Visual or Bible). What's the name of this special book? Yes, you are right! It's the Bible!

So, today we are going to talk about someone who began to serve God when he was very young—maybe even your age. Today we are going to talk about David.

The Bible says that David had a heart after God's own heart. (show big red heart) How did David get a heart after God's own heart? I want a heart after God's own heart! Do you want a heart after God's own heart? So, how did David get a heart after God's own heart?



The Bible says that while David was a young boy, he was a shepherd. Who can tell me what a shepherd is? Yes, a shepherd is someone who takes care of sheep (show lamb or lamb visual). So, the Bible says that David took care of his Father's sheep out in the field. Do you know what else David did while he was out in the field taking care of his father's sheep? He spent time talking to God and worshipping God with his harp. Do you know what a harp is boys and girls? This is a sample. (show harp or visual). Well, David would play his harp to God and sing beautiful songs to God. He developed such a personal relationship, such a close and deep relationship with God. He had a heart that responded to God's call for a very close and personal relationship with God. You know, we learned that God is like a very good Father—the best father—and He likes it when we come and spend time with Him, doesn't He? You know when my children don't come and visit me and come spend time with me, it makes me sad. I wonder if it makes God sad when we don't come to visit Him and spend time with Him. I don't know, but I do know that He really likes it when we come to spend time with Him!

There might be times when you feel that Father God or Lord Jesus is wanting you to come and talk or come spend time. So, whenever we feel that, what do we do? Do we say, "I don't have time right now, I'm busy playing with my friend" or do we say, "Yes, Lord. I will come

spend time with You.” What do you think that David did? I think that David answered God and said Yes to God right away. I think that David loved God so much that he wanted to spend a lot of time with Him.

David spent time with God out in the fields when no one else was around. He really got to know God. David became God’s friend. David began to know God so well that he knew what God liked, and what God didn’t like. He began to know what was important to God. David made God his priority—the most important thing in his life. He was seeking after God with his whole heart.

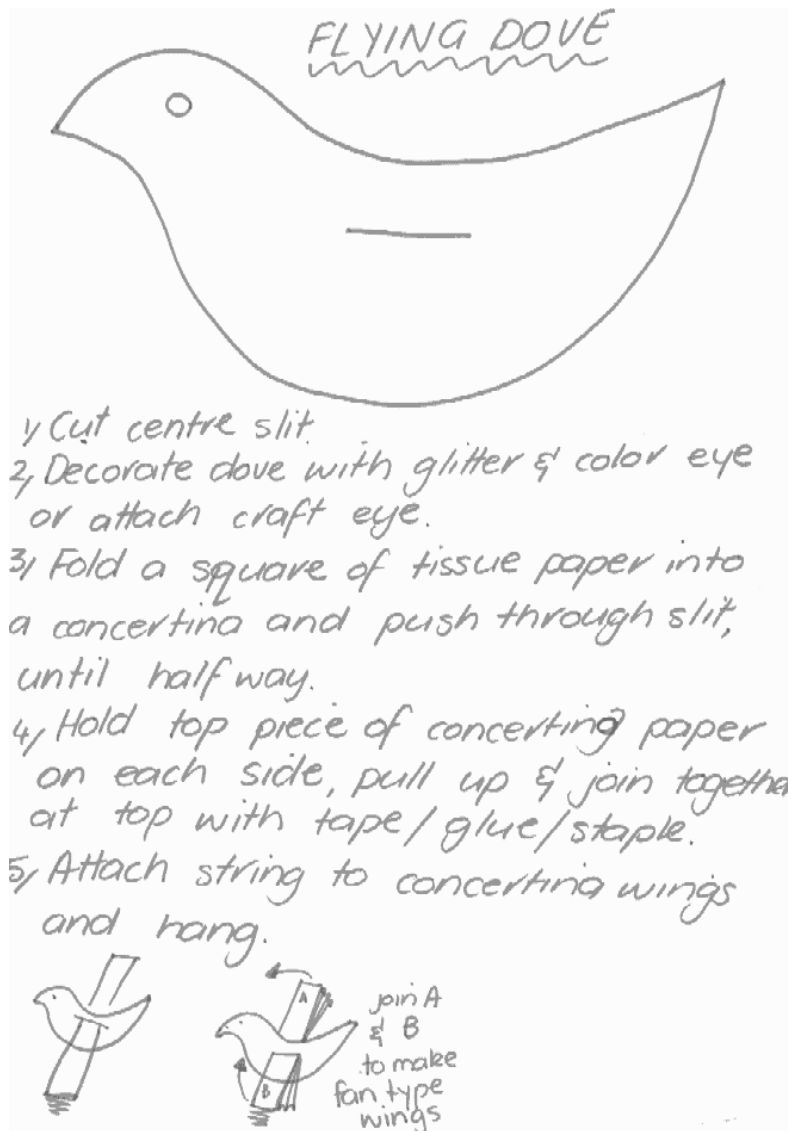
And do you know what happened? When God needed a new king for Israel, even though David was only a young boy—maybe even your own age—God chose him to be anointed to be the next king of Israel. Isn’t that amazing, boys and girls? Because of David’s heart for God, he was chosen to be king of the whole nation of Israel while he was still a child like you. Here is a picture of the prophet Samuel anointing David to become King of Israel. You know, boys and girls, God didn’t choose David to become king of Israel because he was smart or good looking or because he had a lot of money. He chose David because David was seeking after God with his whole heart.

Now boys and girls, we're going to have our altar time. That's our special time with God—our special time in His Presence. Today during our altar time, I want you to talk to God about your relationship with Him. Do you take time to talk to God and spend time with Him each day. Are you seeking after God with your whole heart like David did?

Now boys and girls, let's talk to God, let's go into our **secret place** that we have to talk to Him. Kneel down and bow your heads all the way down, so you won't get distracted and you will be able to hear what God has to say to you, you can hear His voice even when you are among other children or other people.

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**Other Resources:**



## **Children and Spiritual Gifts:**

One children's minister designed passports for the kids and placed in the passport the nations that they have been prophesied over they would go to. I placed a world map on the wall and had them pinpoint where those nations are. In the passport I put prayer points they could use to pray for those nations. The passport representing access into that nation first through prayer. The passport becomes their KEY to enter that nation.