

Suggested Resources:

- ◆ *My first Hands on Bible* by Group Publishing and Tyndale
- ◆ Take a 'Praying for My Child' guide



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Blessing/ Prayer

**Recommended
Ages 2-3**

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Blessing/ Prayer

When should I seek to bless my child with prayer?

Any age is good. We recommend that it becomes a pattern as your child turns ages 2-3.

Why bless and pray for your child?

Blessing your child means encouraging your child to live a genuine life for Jesus and bestowing God's promises upon them. They will model you as you invest in them. Seek to bless your child with prayers, verbalizing God's faithful promises, and encouraging good behavior that honors God. Seek to show affection through touch and sincere time with them. If you are slow to anger and genuinely love them or have a short fuse, what do you think they will see? James 1:19 says, "Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry."

Proverbs 14:29 says, "People with understanding control their anger; a hot temper shows great foolishness." Let your tender loving care for them be evident.

Who should be doing the blessing/praying?

Both parents are encouraged to do it.

Make it a practice to show the love of Jesus in your reactions. We are all shown much grace, as Romans 12:3 says, "For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you."

Whom should I contact for more information?

Any of our pastors



Ideas:

Take your child out on a dessert date. Share with them why you love them. Ask them if they have anything you can pray for.

+ Mealtime:

- Someone shout high or low. Someone must respond with high point of the day or the low point of the day.
- Share your favorite part from church last week.
- Name a favorite Bible character and tell his/her story.

+ Bed Time:

- Parent or child says, "What do I love?" Responder must talk about fun moment from the day, something nice about that person or something that person did today.

+ Drive Time:

- I Spy: Looking for things that God created or did for you... flower, tree, sky, cow, clouds, etc.
- Ask them what they think God wants for their future?
- What is their favorite 'crank up the radio' song and why?

+ Prayer ideas:

- Video record prayers and send them to recipient (or just to keep).
- Practice praying for others on the spot.
- Have children pray for requests by name and need.

