

faith and families

Here are some resources to help you nurture your children spiritually.

Sign language prayer

"God"



"Jesus"

(nail marks show
His love for us)



"I love You"



"I really love You"

"Sorry"

(Apologise to God
for when we have been
too lazy or scared
to do or say the right thing)



"Thank You"

(Give thanks to God for the blessings of the day)



"Please"

(pray for our needs and the needs of others
using the "five finger prayers" on the next page)



Five-finger prayer



1. The thumb is the closest finger to you. Pray for those who are close to you. Our parents, siblings, extended family and friends.
2. The pointer finger is next. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need our prayers to help them help others.
3. The following finger is the tallest. Pray for our leaders and others in authority. Pray that God grant them guidance. For children, this may be their parents, too!
4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is the weakest finger. Pray for the weakest among you. The hurt, the lonely, the sick. Remember what Jesus said about “the least of these”? This is where you honor Him by praying for them.
5. And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. We gain perspective about our own needs when we put others first. That’s why we should pray for ourselves last.

5. To the tune of "Frere Jacques"
God our Father, God our Father
We thank You, We thank You,
for our many blessings,
for our many blessings
A-amen - a-amen

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6. To the tune of "Michael Row the Boat Ashore"
Thank you for the food we eat,
Hallelujah.
Thank you for the friends we meet,
Hallelujah.
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Hallelujah.
Thank you Lord for everything,
Hallelujah.

2. To the tune of "Twinkle, twinkle little star"
Thank you for the world so sweet
Thank for the food we eat
Thank you for the birds that sing
Thank you God for everything
A-a-a-a-amen
A-a-a-a-amen

1. To the tune of "Yankee Doodle"
Thank you Lord for happy hearts
in rain and sunny weather.
Thank you Lord for this our food
and that we are together.
-Amen



Roll a dice to pick
the grace you will
sing

3. To the tune of "Rock Around the Clock"
Click fingers or clap hands
God is great, God is good
Let us thank Him for our food
We're gonna thank Him morning, noon and night
We're gonna thank Him 'coz He's outta sight
Amen. amen. amen

4. To the tune of "Superman Theme Song". With arms up like you are flying,
first to the right then to the left as you
sing each line
Thank you Lord for giving us food
Thank you Lord for giving us food
For the food we eat
For the friends we meet
Thank you Lord for giving us food

Letter to the Galatians chapter 5 verses 22 to 23 in the New Testament of the Bible

“The Fruit of the Spirit is...



Love



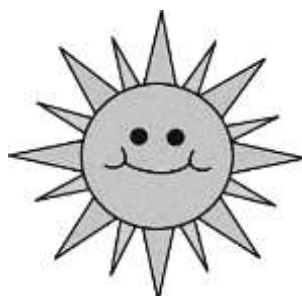
Joy



Peace



Patience



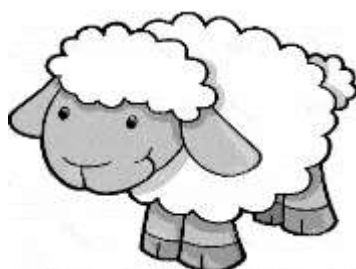
Kindness



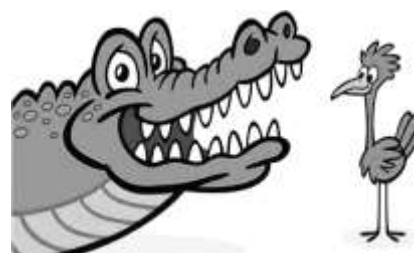
Goodness



Faithfulness



Gentleness



Self-control

(think about “How are fruit I growing in my life?”

“With which fruit do I need God’s special help?”



Advent Calendar



I am part of the Christmas story. Who am I?

All the answers are in the first two chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke

2nd December God sent me to tell Mary she was going to have a baby <i>Luke 1:26-32</i>	3rd December The angel told us to go into Bethlehem to see the Saviour <i>Luke 2:8-11</i>	4th December I jumped for joy inside my mother when she met Mary <i>Luke 1:44, 57-60</i>	5th December Joseph and Mary offered two of us as a sacrifice in the Temple <i>Luke 2:22-24</i>	6th December I lived in Rome and decided to count all the people in my Empire <i>Luke 2:1</i>	7th December God promised me that I would see the Saviour before I died <i>Luke 2: 25-28</i>	8th December I was a gift for Jesus. I come from the sap of a tree and make a lot of smelly smoke <i>Matt 2:11</i>
9th December An angel told me to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt to keep them safe <i>Matt 2:13-15</i>	10th December I was very old before I became a father <i>Luke 1:5-14</i>	11th December I am a precious metal that crowns are made from and I was given to Jesus <i>Matt 2:11</i>	12th December I felt very privileged that my relative Mary had visited me <i>Luke 1:39-43</i>	13th December I tried to kill Jesus <i>Matt 2:7-8, 13, 16</i>	14th December I was a very old woman who lived in the Temple and told people that Jesus was a V.I.P. <i>Luke 2:36-38</i>	15th December I guided the wise men to where Jesus was staying. <i>Matt 2:1-2, 9-10</i>
16th December Long before Jesus I was also born in Bethlehem, started work as a shepherd and ended up as a king <i>Matt 1: 6 & Luke 2:11</i>	17th December We came from another country to see Jesus <i>Matt 2:1-9</i>	18th December I was a prophet who wrote that a Shepherd King would come from Bethlehem <i>Matt 2:5-6</i>	19th December We were woken up by those noisy, happy shepherds <i>Luke 2:17,18</i>	20th December I treasured in my heart all my wonderful experiences with Jesus <i>Luke 2:19</i>	21st December On a special night we sang "Glory to God in the highest" <i>Luke 2:13,14</i>	22nd December I was given to the baby Jesus and I was also used after he died <i>Matt 2:11 and John 19: 38-40</i>
23rd December I am at the top of Jesus's family tree, and Mary sang about me <i>Matt 1: 2 & Luke 1:54-55</i>	24th December Tomorrow is my birthday!	CROSS OUT THE ANSWERS AS YOU FIND THEM: Jesus, Gabriel, Caesar Augustus, myrrh, heavenly host, Mary, residents of Bethlehem, Joseph, shepherds, Micah, Magi (wise men), star, Anna, Herod, David, Elizabeth, Zechariah, Abraham, frankincense, Simeon, doves (or pigeons), John (the Baptist), gold				

Get 23 treats, and enjoy one each day as a reward for answering the "Who am I?" Then put a coin in an envelope. Bring it along to church at Christmas to help refugees etc