

# Continue the Conversation

Growing in faith is not something that happens by simply putting information about the Bible into a child's brain. The knowledge in their head means nothing if we don't help kids experience what that knowledge can do in their heart. To experience faith, we want kids to practice their faith and that takes commitment.

Consider your own prayer practice...

- Do your kids see you pray?
- Do you talk about what you pray about with your kids?
- Do your kids know when your prayer has been answered?
- Do your kids hear you pray at dinner, at hard times, in the morning?
- If you are not comfortable praying, use the Pray First guide for adults. You can also read through the kids' prayer journal for some primary tips to help your kids.
- Just get praying and let your kids see and experience prayer with you.

Ask kids...

- How do you say this prayer from the bible in your own words?
  - Our Father in Heaven (*Dear God, Great Creator, Forever Friend*)
  - Hallowed be your name (*We honor you; we see your wisdom, you are patient*)
  - Your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (*Your plan will happen on earth and in heaven*)
  - Give us this day our daily bread (*Give us what we need for each day*)
  - Forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors (*I'm sorry I \_\_\_ and I forgive \_\_\_*)
  - Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (*Protect us from \_\_\_, help me to \_\_\_*)
  - For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever (*Your greatness will last forever*)
- Where is your favorite place to pray? Why?
- Do you like to pray with someone or alone?
- Do you like to pray aloud or silently?
- Do you like to pray with music or silence?
- What can you pray about?
- Who can you pray for?
- Have you ever prayed for someone you didn't like or was mean to you?
- Are you comfortable to tell your friends that you pray?
- Suggest your child leads a prayer when...
  - Going to school
  - On a family trip
  - At dinner time
  - When someone in the family is sad or sick
  - Before doing homework
  - When meeting new people or in a new situation.