



PRAYER CUBE

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Here's a simple and comfortable way to introduce and engage children, youth, and adults in prayer. A square cardboard, wooden, or plastic box is the foundation. Draw, paint, or paste prayer-prompt designs (colorful scrapbooking paper works well) on each side. The example below uses a 3" box and the topics were designed with children in mind. However, the idea is easily adaptable to suit specific groups or situations. **It is especially meaningful when families personalize the concept for home devotions.**

This idea has been a hit with youth and confirmation classes. It also provides a nice way to incorporate an on-going pattern of prayer in Sunday school. Over the years I've moved up with my Sunday school class and they love to hear me recount the stories of when we began using the prayer cube in the pre-K class. Now fourth graders we still gather in our prayer circle with the cube!

Each child takes a turn tossing the cube and tells of a person or circumstance associated with the prayer topic that lands face-up. Our own personal stories are intertwined with God's story of salvation and our relationship with God in prayer so it is important to allow the "pray-er" to talk about the situation before offering a brief prayer. I always give the group the **option** to ask me or someone else to say the prayer especially when visitors join us. The children are the ones who explain to visitors, newcomers, and sometimes parents, how and why we use our prayer cube!

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HELPING HANDS

a person/situation needing
our help or someone who
helped me or my family



FRIENDS



HOME & FAMILY

also may include my
neighborhood



OUR WORLD

may include our
country or
state/province



OUR CHURCH

staff, congregation,
ministry, special events



BROKEN HEART

when we have made
someone feel bad or when
we have been hurt

