

Making a Prayer Box

Let your child(ren) make their own prayer box to help them direct their thoughts and prayers, and become closer to God. Begin a discussion about what types of things we would ask God, and why we would confide in Him. This will help guide them with what to keep in their prayer box, and to have faith that He is always listening.

How to Make a Prayer Box

Each child can decorate their boxes in their own way. Here's a list of materials to guide your craft activity:

- **Paper mache, cardboard, or wooden box**
- **Decorative paper**
- **Craft trim or ribbon**
- **Gems**
- **Markers**
- **Mod podge and Glue**

There are many different ways to decorate a prayer box, but here are some simple concepts for the two pictured.



Inspirational Messages

Encourage students to write an inspirational message on the outside of the box, to help remind them the meaning behind their prayer box. For our boxes, we have these messages on the outside:

- *"Prayer Changes Things"*
- *"You Can Talk to God Anytime, Because He's Listening All The Time"*

You can also have them write a message inside:

- Inspirational quote: *"When your heart starts to worry and your mind just cannot rest, put your prayers down on paper and let God do the rest"*
- A verse from the Bible: *Then you will call on Me. You will come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. – Jeremiah 29:12*



Once their prayer box is complete, they will write down their prayers and place them inside the box for safe keeping. Each night, they will choose a prayer from the box and read it to God. You can also choose to have them keep it at the church if you have prayer time, that way each student is using their prayer boxes as a group. This may help them to get more used to the concept.