

## Children's Prayer

### Scripture Reading — Psalm 78:1-7

*We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.*

*Psalm 78:4 —*

One of my seminary professors sat at a table with a group of his peers. Each told how their adolescent lives had deteriorated into chaotic, selfish living. They had avoided and rejected God, but then, one day, God stepped in and redirected them toward his grace.

When it was my professor's turn to tell his story, he said he felt embarrassed, and he apologized, "I'm sorry my story isn't exciting. I was raised by authentic Christian parents. All through junior and senior high school, even college, my faith remained strong and steady. I don't have much to tell."

The others were surprised by his embarrassment. They reassured him, "Don't feel ashamed; you have exactly the story we wish we had, the kind we hope our children and grandchildren have!"

Parents struggle to give children music lessons, academic opportunities, and time for their favorite sports. They try to pass along a work ethic, the value of healthy friendships, and financial security. But no gift is as valuable as being connected to the story of God and his love for us in Jesus. Your great grand-children may not know your name, but you can lay a foundation of faith that will bless the generations that follow you.

The most important thing we can offer any child is a home where Christ is at the center of all we do.

### Prayer

*Dear God, let children everywhere—around the world and in our family—hear of your mighty deeds and amazing grace. Center our everyday living on your love in Christ. Amen*

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