



A Praying Hand for Mission

"Pray for us." - Hebrews 13:18

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." - Philippians 4:6

Try this creative hand game to encourage children to pray by using your own hand and the hands of the children.

Get the children to hold up one hand and single out each digit which will become a prayer prompt for praying. These are memory aids when you pray for missionaries.

Get the children to put their hands together in front of them as if they are praying, keeping their eyes open so that they can see their hands. You will notice that the thumb is the closest to you. This is where to begin.



1. THE THUMB

Since it is the closest to you, the thumb reminds you to pray for those missionaries that are closest to you. Pray for anyone from your church who is a missionary. Pray for someone from your family or someone you know personally who is serving the Lord.

2. THE INDEX or POINTING FINGER

The next finger is called your index finger. It is used for pointing. Let this finger remind you to pray for those that seek to point others in the right direction. Pray for missionaries who are involved in evangelism and teaching others, translating Christian literature and the Bible, working with sickness and disease and sometimes helping in war torn countries

3. THE MIDDLE FINGER

The next finger is the tallest finger. This finger reminds us to pray for those who lead us. Pray for the leaders of the church as they seek to supervise and direct the missionary direction of the church fellowship. Pray also for the leaders of mission agencies that they will know wisdom in what they should do and how they should use the resources given to them.

4. THE RING FINGER

The fourth finger is the called the ring finger. Did you know that this is the weakest of all the fingers? Just ask any one who plays the piano and they will tell you that is true. Let this finger remind you to pray for those missionaries who are discouraged, possibly facing difficulty, of who may be sick.

5. THE LITTLE FINGER

The last finger is the smallest finger of all. The Bible says, "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought." Let the little finger remind you where we should put our own individual wants and needs. Use the little finger to remind you to pray for the many millions of people in the world who have the greatest need to find Jesus. Pray that through the work of missions they will have an opportunity to open their eyes to see Jesus and will surrender their lives to Him.



Activity:

Get the children to do some hand painting and to put their own hand-print on an A4 page. Then around the thumb and fingers they can write down the things that they can pray for when they pray for missionaries.