



DANIEL 6:10-16

We are learning that **God Helps His Children**. Today we learned to pray for God's help in things that make us nervous or in areas we need confidence. Use the following ideas to involve your child in family time and learning opportunities, reinforcing simple biblical themes.

HEARTPRINT: GOD HELPS HIS CHILDREN

The Heartprint is the main Bible concept or truth from each unit that we want to imprint upon your child's heart. Repeating this Heartprint often may seem redundant, but it will serve as a vital aid in teaching this truth to your preschooler.

APPLICATION VERSE: God will help me (Isaiah 50:7a).

TALK

Have a special time of prayer with your family. Light some candles and discuss a time in your life when you were anxious about something and asked for God's help in the situation. Share how God answered your prayers. Explain God is always faithful to answer our prayers, but not always the way we want. We have to remember His way is always best. Allow your child to tell you some things he or she would like to pray about, and then pray for those things together as a family. Thank God for helping us in every situation.

PRACTICE

Spend time each day to write specific things your family wants God's help with on Post-it notes or slips of paper. Add the requests to a large poster board or area in your home so everyone can see them. Allow different family members to pray over the items each day. At the end of the week, re-read the prayer items and take note of how God helped in each situation. Remind your child that he or she can ask for God's help in any situation from any location and He will hear your child. Say the Heartprint: **God Helps His Children** together throughout the week.

SING

Sing this song with your child to the tune of "God Is So Good."

God helps His children.

God helps His children.

God helps His children.

He hears every word.

RESPOND

Pray with your child, thanking God for hearing our prayers and helping us. The following is a rhyme your child uses in class to settle down for prayer time:

Open and shut them, open and shut them (open and close fingers),

Give your hands a clap (clap hands).

Open and shut them, open and shut them (open and close fingers),

Put them in your lap (put your hands together in your lap).

Even at this age, children can participate and learn to be still during a short prayer time.

God helped Annie remember the letters for her test.

A B C D E F G

H I J K L M N

O P Q R S T U

V W X Y Z

TEACHER/PARENT INSTRUCTIONS: Encourage the child trace the letters.
Talk about the different ways **God Helps His Children.**