

HOW YOU CAN PRAY:

What do you think your child needs to learn about communicating well? Pray about it! If you need some help with some ideas about prayer, here is one we have written out for you:

Father, thank you that whenever you speak to me, Your communication is always out of your great love for Me. Thank you that because Jesus died for me, there is nothing standing in the way of speaking directly to one another. You listen when I pray; thank you! Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit who shows me how to speak to you so personally and intimately.

The Bible talks about how kindly you spoke to people and You are my example. Sometimes I fail in this. Sometimes my children fail in this. We speak with impatience, sarcasm, unkindness or _____. I know sometimes my kids imitate me in how I speak, and my own sinful nature gets in the way of me really being Christ-like. Please forgive me and help me in all my speech and how I conduct myself. I want to reflect your attitude.

I bring my child to you. When _____ is feeling upset, self-centered, or _____, rather than venting these negative feelings through hurtful language and actions, I pray that _____ would have a desire to go to You.

Please help us all as a family to bless those who curse us, to not return unkindness to others. Help us to be full of Your love and grace so that we respond with gentleness, kindness and respect. Help us to live in your power so that you are blessed by what you see in our family.

AMEN.