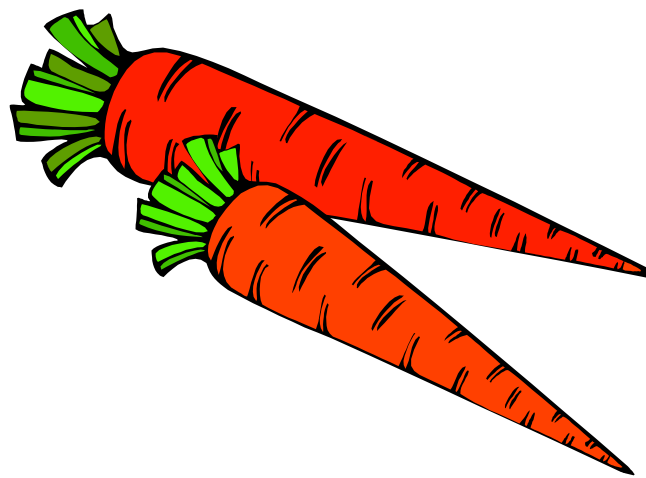


Carrots For God
Children's Ministry Supplement

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Hello and welcome!

Welcome to our very first issue of **Carrots For God (C4G)**.

This is a brand new monthly magazine, just for young people. The grown-ups have Building God's House - and we (if you are aged between 3 and 11 years of age) have C4G!

We hope to include something for everyone. So, whether you are new to Church, been coming with your family for ages or ready to find your own faith C4G is for you. Our contact details are on the back page next to the Big Prize Competition

If you have something you want to share with your friends, an activity you want to tell others

about just let us know and as long as its for kids - we will feature it.

Every month we will run features and items that go along the same lines as the Junior Church teaching or the sermons that the grown ups will be listening to.

That means that in October we will be looking at PRAYER.

The big event this month is The LIGHT PARTY. At Christ Church and at St George's there will be a brilliant alternative to Hallowe'en



Are You Football Crazy?

Hard isn't it.....making decisions?



Well we have got something already going on that might make your life a whole lot easier!

Do you like sport?.....

Do you like Church?.....

Fiiiiight!!!!

Nope, no need you are not Harry Hill, we don't fight and anyway you can do both! Yep BOTH.

Play your match on Sunday morning and

come and join us at the 4.30pm service on Sunday afternoon. The service starts with cakes and juice so even if you are starving after all that running about, we've got that covered too. Even if you are covered in mud, you will be very welcome to join us.

Simplest!

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Special points of interest:

- ✓ Light Party 31st October
- ✓ Sunday 4.30pm Service. Is it for U?
- ✓ Make a Prayer Cube
- ✓ Think Spots

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Prayers and Praying

Think Spot

"There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God."

Brother Lawrence

Prayer is a conversation with God

What is Prayer?

Prayer is a communication between God and you. You are one of His Children. Sometimes it is difficult to pray because you might think that God is too busy. God is never too busy. God never thinks that a prayer is too silly or too small either. Some people say that God never answer their prayers. This is not true either. Just imagine if your parents ignored you for a whole day or week or even a year! It would not even happen with human parents so it sure isn't going to

happen with God your Heavenly Father.



It is most likely that you are not listening to God carefully enough. Or perhaps, and this is hard to get your head round - you are being too impatient. God will answer your prayers in His time.

You don't have to use special or fancy words. Just talk to God from your heart for a few minutes and you will be pray-

Prayer Walk

You can talk to God as you walk along. See if you can do any of these things when you are out walking:

Something beautiful and say *Thank you*.

Something to say *please* for.

Something to say *sorry* for.

A place where people are helped. *Pray* for the people there.

A happy place to say *thank you* for.

A creature God has made. *Praise* God!



Word Search

The puzzle is based on Luke 11:1-9 (NIV).

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 A Y Z A U B Q Q S E E E R X L
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FIND	PRAY	OPEN	TEMPATION	FRIEND
SEEK	FATHER	NAME	KNOCK	RECEIVE
MIDNIGHT	DAILY	TEACH	LEAD	BREAD
SINS	KINGDOM	HALLOWED	FORGIVE	ASK

Memory Verse

"Don't worry about anything,
 but in all your prayers
 ask God
 for what you need,
 always asking him
 with a thankful heart."

Philippians 4:6

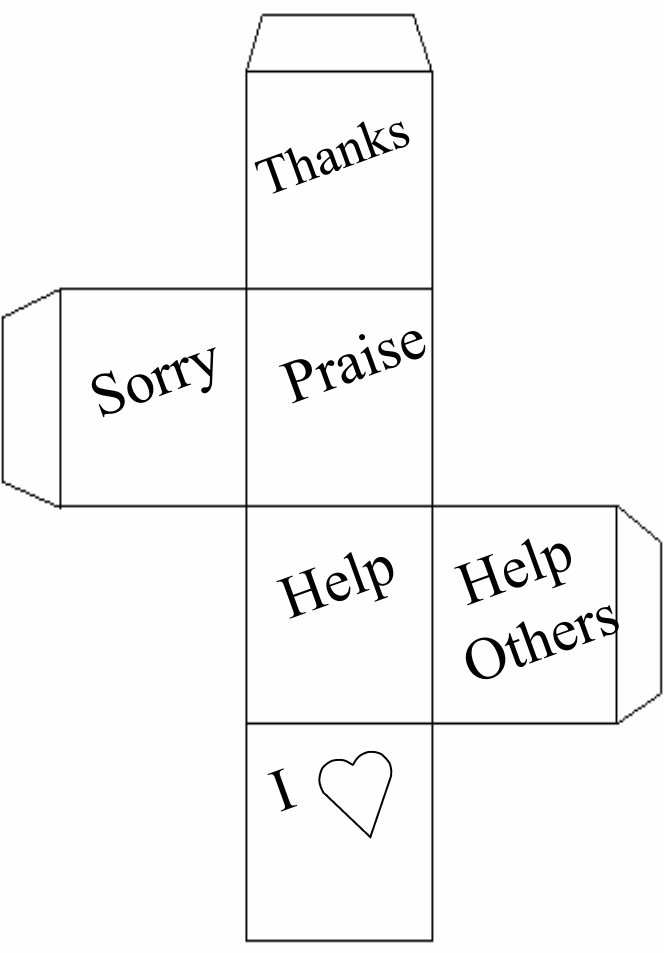
Can you learn this verse off by heart?

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Make a Prayer Cube

You will need:
thin card,
pens,
scissors
glue

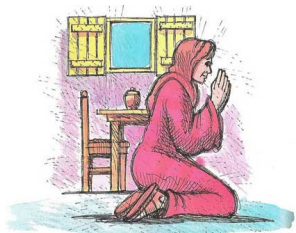
1. Copy or cut out the template shown
2. Decorate your cube in any way you like
3. Fold along the lines, glue the tabs and assemble
4. Use your cube every time you pray, roll it and use the words to remind you what to pray for.



Bible Story Time - Hannah's Prayer

1 Samuel 1

Hannah was a good woman who loved God. But she was sad, for she had no children. Each year, her husband took her to a place called Shiloh, where they worshiped God. And each year, Hannah prayed a special prayer that God would give her a child. One year, she prayed, "Dear God, if You will only give me a son, I will give him back to You, to serve You all his days." She prayed so hard her mouth moved, but no words came out. A priest asked if she was drunk.



"No," she said. "I'm pouring my heart out to God."

"May you find favour in God's eyes," said the priest.

The following year, Hannah couldn't make the trip to Shiloh with her husband because God had answered her prayers. She had a new baby boy named Samuel! She happily cared for Samuel until he was old enough to leave her. Then she kept her promise to God, and took Samuel to live with the priests in Shiloh. It wasn't easy for her to say good-bye, but each year she made him a special robe to wear as he served God.



A Gift of Sacrifice

God gave Hannah many more children. Hannah was pleased to know that Samuel was growing up in Shiloh, where he would

love and serve God always. Hannah desperately wanted a son. She even promised that if God gave her a baby boy, she would dedicate him to doing the LORD's work. And God heard her prayer. It must have been difficult for

Hannah to keep her promise, but she did by presenting Samuel to Eli the priest.

Hannah was not just giving her baby away, though. She stayed in close contact with Samuel. But she did let go of Samuel and gave him back to God. As a result of her faithfulness, the LORD gave Hannah more sons.

It's easy to get selfish with the gifts God gives to us. We want to hold onto them, keeping them for ourselves. But, like Hannah, when we give God that which is most precious to us, we can trust him with it. And God always gives back much more!

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Think Spot

Did you know that you can pray:

- On your own?
- In your family?
- With friends?
- For other people?

Think Spot

Do you have to put your hands together and close your eyes to pray?

Write & tell us why?

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus said "So when you pray, you should pray like this:

Our Father in heaven,
may your name always be kept holy.
May your Kingdom come,
and what you want be done,
here on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us the food we need for each day.
Forgive us our sins,
just as we have forgiven those who
sinned against us.
And do not cause us to be tempted,
but save us from the Evil One." Amen.

**Can you find this prayer in
The Bible in Matthew 6:10-14?**

*We use the International Children's Bible New
Century Version. ISBN 978-0-85009-901-0*

Big Prize Competition

This month's

**Big Prize Competition
is to simply write an acrostic
poem using the word
"PRAYER".**

There will be a small prize for all entries and slightly bigger prizes for age group winners.



Entries need to be put in the pigeon holes in St George's Church before 25th October. Please address them to Sue Arnold and ensure your entry has your name and age on it.

Contact Us

Please submit articles for inclusion at any time. This may be by email to sue@instepfootclinic.freemove.co.uk, by post to Wedgwood Cottage, Wansford, PE8 6JD or by telephone on 01780 782200

We look forward to hearing from you with news of your prayer successes, stories, news of how God is working in your life and anything else.

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