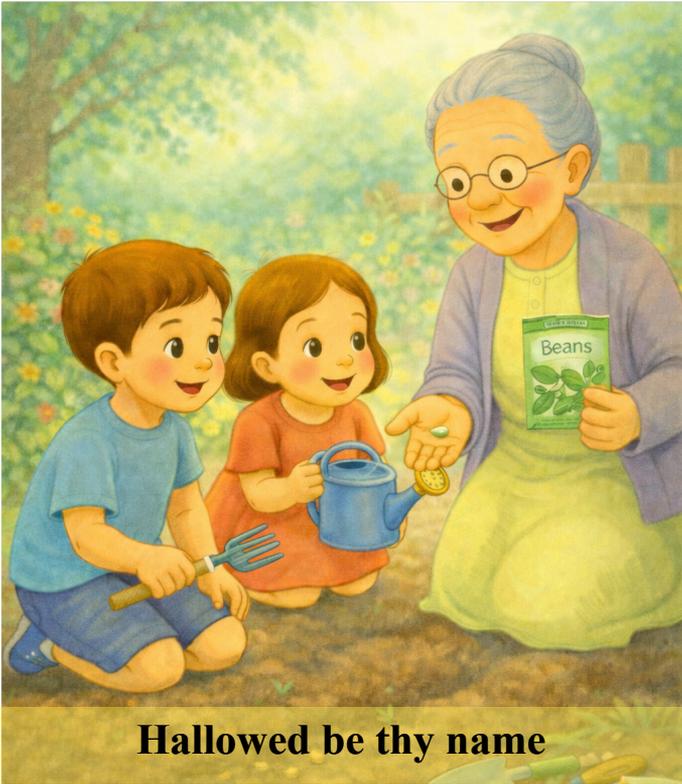


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Teach Us to Pray

Book 2

Planting in God's Garden



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Jackson and Millie were playing with their toys at Grandma Lola's when they saw Grandma gathering some gardening tools.

“What are you doing, Grandma?” asked Jackson.

“I'm going out to my garden to plant some seeds,” she answered.

“Can I help?” asked Jackson. “I want to plant seeds.”

“Me too!” exclaimed Millie. “Can I plant seeds, too, Grandma?”

Grandma smiled at the children. “Yes, both of you may help.”

“Yay!” the children cheered.



Grandma gathered the seeds, a few tools, and some garden gloves. Jackson and Millie helped Grandma carry everything out to the garden.

As they walked to the vegetable garden, Millie asked, “Can I water the garden now, Grandma?”

“I’m so glad to have such good and willing helpers! We’ll water the seeds after we plant

them,” Grandma said as she laid her basket down.

Grandma Lola pulled out the packet of bean seeds and poured some into her hand.

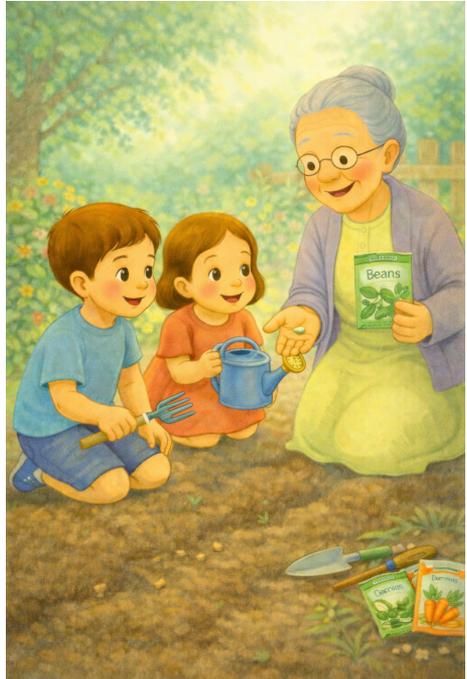


She showed the children how to make small holes in the dirt and drop the beans into them.

“How do you make them grow, Grandma?” Millie asked as she planted some seeds.

Grandma answered, “I can’t MAKE them grow, but I can plant them and give them what they need. God is the one who makes them grow.”

“Do they need water?” asked Millie, picking up her watering can.



“Yes, as soon as we’re finished planting them. Look here,” she said as she held a seed in her hand.

“See this bean seed? Touch it. Is it soft like a bean that you eat?”



Jackson said, “No. It’s hard! How can it grow if it’s hard?”

Grandma explained, “That’s why it needs water.

“The water will soften the outside of the seed so it can sprout.” She planted the seed in the soil.

“Remember when we talked about prayer?”

Both of the children nodded.

“If you think about prayer like planting a seed, can you MAKE your prayer be answered?”



asked Grandma.

The children thought about it. Then Jackson said, “No, but God can!”

“That’s right, Jackson. Only God can answer prayers, but we have to plant them and have faith that He will answer.”

Millie looked puzzled. “We have to plant prayers?” she asked, digging a little hole in the dirt.

Grandma answered, “We don’t have to plant prayers in real dirt, but when we pray, it’s *like* planting prayers in God’s garden.”

“Ooh! Let’s do that!” exclaimed Jackson.

“Yeah! Let’s plant prayers in God’s garden!” Millie said excitedly.

“How do we water them?” asked Millie, picking up her watering can again.



“Good question, Millie!” answered Grandma. “We can water our prayers by thanking God and telling God that He’s so big and wonderful!”

“Doesn’t God already know He’s big and wonderful?” asked Jackson.

“Yeah, doesn’t He know?” asked Millie.

Grandma picked up another seed and said, “Remember when we talked about the hard seed?”

“When we praise God, it softens OUR hearts and helps us focus on Him, just like water on a seed.”

“Ohhh,” said both children together.

Jackson thought about it and asked, “Can we plant bean seeds and prayer seeds at the same time?”

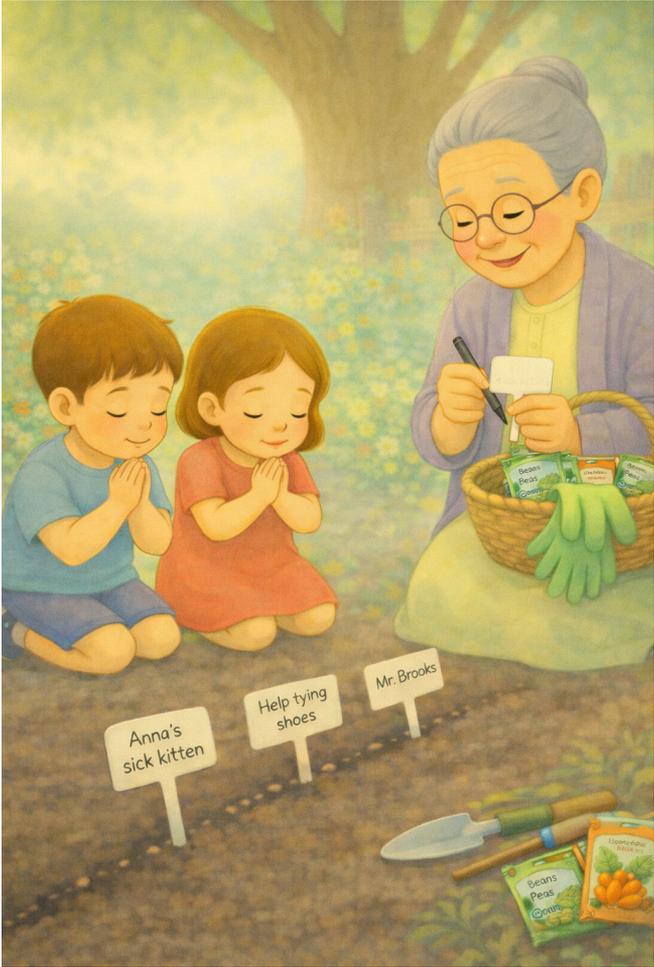
“What a good idea, Jackson!” said Grandma. “Is that what both of you want to do?” she asked.

“Yes!” they both shouted.

Then Millie suggested, “We can ALL plant garden seeds and prayer seeds, and we can ALL water them!” She lifted her hands and the watering can excitedly.



As they planted seeds in the garden, they also planted prayers in God's garden, trusting Him to make them grow.



BEANS



FLOWERS



Our Prayer Garden

Prayers planted in faith grow in God's perfect time.

Prayer Seed We Planted 	How We Watered It 	God's Answer 
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Anna's sick kitten	Thanking God for caring about animals	The kitten got better
Help tying shoes	Praising God for helping us learn	Millie learned to tie her shoes
Mr. Brooks	Thanking God for neighbors	
Grandma's garden	Thanking God for sunshine and rain	

Prayer?

Praise?

Answer?



Growing a Prayer Garden

A Parent & Teacher Activity Page

In the story, Grandma explained that **prayers are like planting seeds in God's garden.**

We cannot make them grow ourselves, but when we pray and trust God, **He lovingly cares for every prayer we plant.**

Try these simple activities to help children understand how prayer works.

Plant a Prayer

Just like a seed goes into the soil, we can plant our prayers in God's garden.

What to do:

1. Give each child a small cup or pot with soil.
2. Tell them to ask God to help them think of **one person or one need to pray for.**
3. Write that prayer request on a small plant marker or craft stick.
4. Plant a bean seed in the soil and place the marker beside it.
5. Say a short prayer together about the person or need.



Explain to children:

Just like seeds take time to grow, sometimes God's answers take time, too.

Water With Praise

Grandma told the children that **praise and thanksgiving are like watering our prayers.**

Try this:

Have children take turns saying things they are thankful for related to their prayer.

Examples:

- Someone is sick - Thank You, God, that you love them.
- Need help with something - Thank you, God, that you know what to do.

Explain that praise is all about God. Praise reminds us who God is.

Have children take turns telling God how wonderful he is.

Examples:

- God, you are big!
- God, you are loving!
- God, you answer prayers!



Each time someone shares a thanksgiving or praise, **add a little water to the plant.**

Explain:

Praising God softens our hearts and helps us focus on Him.



Watch God Grow It

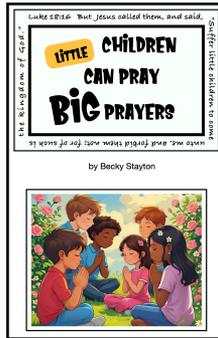
Place the plants in a sunny spot and watch them grow over the next days and weeks.

Each time the children see the plant, remind them:

- Pray again for the person or need on the marker.
- Thank God for hearing their prayers and praise Him while they water the plant.
- Trust that God is at work, even when they might not yet see it.
- Use the chart on the next page to keep track of your planted prayers and their growth.

Don't be afraid to encourage the children to pray about BIG things.

This testimony book about praying BIG prayers to a BIG God can be accessed here: <https://www.livinghopebranch.org> Kingdom Kids Books, Little Children Can Pray Big Prayers



Matthew 6:10 Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

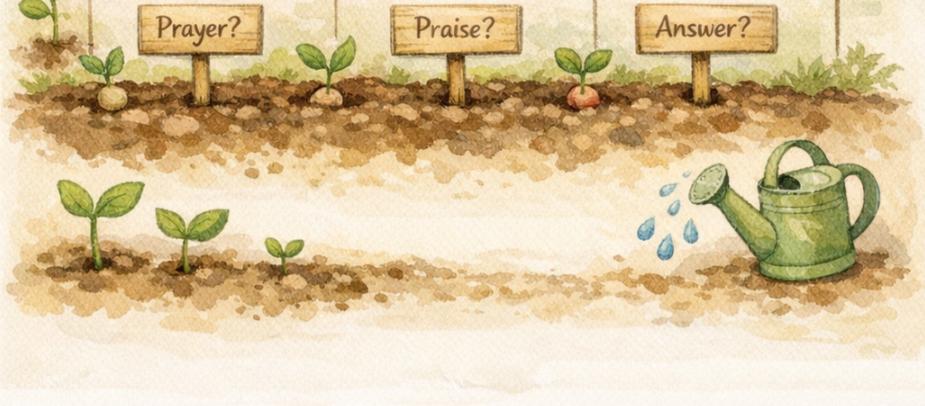
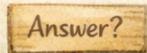
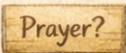
Matthew 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.



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While helping Grandma Lola in the garden, Jackson and Millie discover that not all seeds grow in the dirt. Some are planted in a very different kind of garden. What happens when they begin planting these special seeds? Come along and see what is planted.

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