

My Community

Word



Matthew 4:18-22

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, “Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.” They immediately left *their* nets and followed Him. Going on from there, He saw two other brothers, James *the son* of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed Him.



Faith Prints

A caring God—a caring community. The story of Jesus and His disciples is a reminder of the helpers who exist in the world to guide you as they love you. How can you ensure the presence of God as a constant part of your community? How will your children know God as a part of their community?



Home Ritual

Your children are most powerfully influenced by the primary relationships of family and of the faith that exists within the family.

- Have your child pray with the prayer bead necklace everyday as a reminder of all who care.
- Take your child to purchase new beads for the necklace. Add to the necklace each time a new person becomes part of your child's community.
- Make your own prayer bead necklace and pray together with your child.
- Make a family prayer bead necklace and pray together to thank all of the people in the life of your family.



Pray

Eternal God, You are the constant in our life. We thank you for the gift of friends who guide us through the path of life. As we grow and change, may you always be there to provide us with the eyes to appreciate all who are in our life. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.



Treasure Chest

Teaching Children to Pray: Ages 2-3
Mary J. Davis

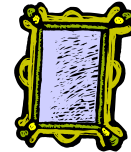
Dear God, Thank You for Friends
Annie Fitzgerald



Praise & Worship Collection
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Notes to My Child



Reflection

God provides you with a community of people to love and care for you. Each day, new people appear in your life—placed by God, to guide, love and support you.

- Who do you remember as the important people in your community when you were a young child?
- How did you know they were special?
- Who is the person or persons that have been a part of your community the longest? The shortest?
- What impact have these people had in your life?
- When and how did you realize how God was part of your community?
- What impact has God had in your life?