

ACTS Prayer for Kids: A Christian Printable with Examples

An eight-page packet with a leader guide, two worksheet routes, four prompt cards, and a take-home practice.

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HOW TO USE

Adult-led · Ages approximately 4–12 · Participation is optional

LISTEN · DRAW · MOVE · SPEAK · AAC · PASS

STOP ANY TIME

You do not have to keep going. Stop, move, get water, or sit with a trusted adult.

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Four ACTS movements

NAME WHAT ACTS IS

ACTS is an acrostic and a teaching aid, not a biblical command or a scorecard. Jesus' teaching in Matthew 6 includes God's name, kingdom, daily needs, forgiveness, and help.

Use the four letters when they help a child begin. Leave a letter out, return to lament, or listen when that fits better.

ADORATION

Adoration tells the truth about God's goodness. It does not flatter God to make an outcome happen. Ask which word fits the passage: faithful, kind, wise, or near.

CONFESSION

Confession is not a public report or a forced apology. Offer the words I want to turn toward love, a turning arrow, or listening; never ask a child to describe harm done to them.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving can name a general gift such as food, friendship, shelter, a story, or help. It never asks anyone to thank God for cruelty or loss.

SUPPLICATION

Supplication asks for wisdom, care, courage, or help for someone else. It does not control God or predict an outcome.

STOP

You do not have to keep going. Stop, move, get water, or sit with a trusted adult.

ADAPT

You can listen while I read, draw, move, keep your eyes open, use AAC, or pass.

DO NOT

Do not ask for a public confession, a private prayer request, a family story, or a disclosure of harm.

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Four doors · CL / ER

Use four large boxes with icons. Point, trace, draw, dictate, listen, or pass.

ADORATION · PSALM 96:1–4

What is one true, good thing we can say about God?

CONFESSION · 1 JOHN 1:9

Choose a turning arrow or complete: I want to turn toward _____. No private story required.

THANKSGIVING · 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Point to or draw one general gift.

SUPPLICATION · PHILIPPIANS 4:6

Choose wisdom, help, care for someone, or a practical plan.

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ACTS with context • IR / CG

Read each reference in context, use a fictional scenario, and choose a safe next step.

WHAT DOES THE PASSAGE SHOW?

Write, draw, dictate, or pass after reading the four references in context.

A SENTENCE I COULD PRAY OR DRAW

Use the fictional scenario: a classmate is left out of a game. Keep the response general.

A SAFE NEXT STEP OR PERSON WHO CAN HELP

Name a role, not a child: trusted adult, teacher, ministry leader, or emergency helper.

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01/04

ACTS prompt cards **A — Adoration**

REFERENCE Psalm 96:1–4

PROMPT Notice and praise what is true about God: goodness, faithfulness, wisdom, and care.

SAY God, you are faithful. You welcome children, and we praise you.

ADAPT Point to a word or picture, listen, or pass. Younger children can use a praise star.

LISTEN · DRAW · MOVE · SPEAK · AAC · PASS

02/04

ACTS prompt cards **C — Confession**

REFERENCE 1 John 1:9

PROMPT Tell God the truth about a choice and turn toward repair and grace.

SAY God, I spoke sharply when I was frustrated. Help me make a kind repair.

ADAPT Never ask a child to describe harm. Use a fictional repair example; forgiveness never requires unsafe contact.

LISTEN · DRAW · MOVE · SPEAK · AAC · PASS

03/04

ACTS prompt cards **T — Thanksgiving**

REFERENCE 1 Thessalonians 5:18

PROMPT Name a good gift or help without pretending that every circumstance is good.

SAY Thank you for the people who help us and for today's food and shelter.

ADAPT Point, draw, let the adult give thanks, or pass. A child may leave this movement blank.

LISTEN · DRAW · MOVE · SPEAK · AAC · PASS

04/04

ACTS prompt cards **S — Supplication**

REFERENCE Philippians 4:6

PROMPT Ask God for help and ask trusted people for practical support.

SAY Please give us wisdom to care for one another and ask for help.

ADAPT Choose a prepared symbol, name a trusted helper, or pass. Adults make the practical safety plan.

LISTEN · DRAW · MOVE · SPEAK · AAC · PASS

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Take-home family practice

Choose one ACTS letter · 10–15 minutes · modes CL/ER/IR/CG

REFERENCE

Philippians 4:6

TODAY WE CHOSE

THE ADULT CAN SAY

OUR SAFE NEXT STEP

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Escalation reminder: For a persistent or unsafe concern, contact a trusted adult, the host safeguarding lead, a qualified professional, or local emergency services.

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Sources and rights

1 · World English Bible

Reference-first Scripture and public-domain wording for any exact quotation. · Checked 2026-08-03

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2 · World English Bible copyright page

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3 · World English Bible · Psalm 96

Adoration context for truthful praise rather than an outcome formula. · Checked 2026-08-03

<https://ebible.org/engwebp/PSA96.htm>

4 · World English Bible · 1 John 1

Confession and forgiveness context without forced disclosure. · Checked 2026-08-03

<https://ebible.org/engwebp/1JO01.htm>

5 · World English Bible · 1 Thessalonians 5

Thanksgiving held together with discernment and care. · Checked 2026-08-03

<https://ebible.org/engwebp/1TH05.htm>

6 · World English Bible · Philippians 4

Supplication and practical help without predicting an outcome. · Checked 2026-08-03

<https://ebible.org/engwebp/PHP04.htm>

7 · World English Bible · Matthew 6

Prayer context that keeps ACTS as a teaching aid rather than a rule. · Checked 2026-08-03

<https://ebible.org/engwebp/MAT06.htm>

8 · United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

A distinct Lectio Divina practice for a related-page boundary. · Checked 2026-08-03

<https://www.usccb.org/resources/lectio-divina-0>

9 · CAST UDL Guidelines 3.0

Multiple response routes including AAC, movement, drawing, and passing. · Checked 2026-08-03

<https://udlguidelines.cast.org/>

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10 · UNICEF Safeguarding Policy

Listening, prevention, and referral when a concern is disclosed. · Checked 2026-08-03

<https://www.unicef.org/documents/safeguarding-policy>

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<https://sabbathmeditation.com/kids/acts-prayer-for-kids>