

# Planting Prayers

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Sing and read a Bible verse about prayer, transform a piece of newspaper into a seed pot, fill the seed pot with good soil and a few seeds. As the plant grows so do your prayers.

**For**  
Young Family

**Season**  
Summer

## Needed

Bible, one section of a newspaper, a children's size cup, masking tape, seed potting soil or dirt from a garden, flower or grass seeds

## Prepare in Advance

Bookmark your Bible at Isaiah 56:7 (or see the verse printed below)

## Activity Plan

1. Place the seeds in the middle of a table and gather around the table as you sing this prayer to the tune of "Jesus Loves Me"

*Little seeds and prayers start small.  
Soon they grow to very tall.  
Prayers are special and lots of fun.  
God is listening to every one.  
Yes, God is listening  
Yes, God is listening  
Yes, God is listening  
To prayers from everyone.*

2. Read Isaiah 56:7 aloud.

"these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

3. Talk about how you can be a "house of prayer for all peoples". Look at the section newspaper you brought to this activity. Read the title of a few articles. Discuss the pages using these questions.
  - What are some places in the news that could use our prayers?
  - Who are some people in the news that could use our prayers?
  - Are there events in the past or future that could use our prayers?
4. Make a paper seed pot using these steps.
  - Take ½ of page newspaper that includes one thing, person or event you decided needed prayer.

- Place the child's glass on its side in the middle of the piece of newsprint.
  - Roll the paper around the child's glass. Tape the edge.
  - Be sure there is overhang of newspaper over the top and the bottom of the glass.
  - Fold the bottom paper edge in like wrapping a gift and tape it.
  - Take out the child's glass.
  - Fold the top edge into the inside of your paper seed pot.
5. Plant seeds and your prayers in the seed pot.
- Fill the seed pot with soil.
  - Push your finger into the soil to plant a few seeds.
  - Lightly sprinkle water on the soil.
  - Put your seed pot in a sunny place.
6. Gather around your prayer pot and pray for the places, people and events from the newspaper you used to make your prayer pot. Each time you water your prayer pot, pray again. Remember you are a "house of prayer for all peoples".

