

THE B.L.E.S.S. PRAYER



**A coloring book
teaching children to bless family, friends, and
neighbors, through nightly prayer.**

What is the B.L.E.S.S. PRAYER?

DEAR JESUS,

**BLESS MY FAMILY, FRIENDS,
NEIGHBORS, AND MY COUNTRY**

BLESS THEM WITH . . .

▶ **HEALTH,**

▶ **WITH WORK,**

▶ **WITH HAPPINESS,**

▶ **WITH LOVE FOR EACH
OTHER...**

▶ **AND ESPECIALLY BLESS
THEM WITH LOVE FOR YOU.**

FOR YOUR SAKE, AMEN

B – BODY- HEALTH

Draw and color a picture for each word.

L- Labor-- Work

Draw and color a picture for this word.

E-EMOTION -- JOY

Draw and color a picture for this word.

S-SOCIAL-LOVE

Family

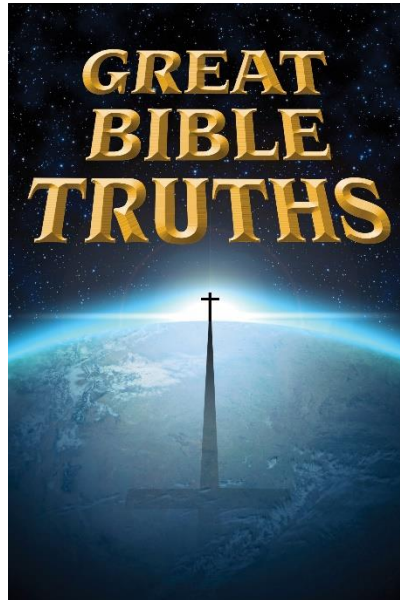
Draw and color a picture for this word.

S-SPIRITUAL-
LOVE FOR
JESUS

Draw and color a picture for this word.

Now Start Praying. . .

- ▶ **Pray five nights a week for five weeks. . .**
- ▶ **Praying the BLESS prayer for five neighbors. . .**
- ▶ **After five weeks, visit your neighbors with mom or dad. Give them the BLESS prayer and a copy of Great Bible Truths.**



I've been praying the BLESS prayer for YOU!

BODY- YOUR HEALTH

LABOR- YOUR WORK

EMOTIONS-YOUR JOY AND HAPPINESS

SOCIAL-YOUR LOVE FOR OTHERS

SPIRITUAL-YOUR LOVE FOR JESUS

Dear Jesus,

**Bless my neighbor with health, with work
and income, with joy, with love from and
for others, and with love for You. Amen**

**Please accept my prayers for you and this book as my
gift to you.**

Name _____



Instructions

1. Introduce this special ministry to your Sunday school kids as a ministry project that will take place before Christmas or Easter.
2. With the help of their parents, ask the kids to commit to prayer 5 neighbors or 5 people they know who need Jesus in their lives.
3. Introduce the BLESS prayer to the kids by reading Matthew 8:1-4 about the leper Jesus healed. Explain to the kids that the leper was healed in five ways:
 - a. Jesus healed the leper's body.
 - b. The leper could return to work so that he could labor and provide for himself.
 - c. Because Jesus healed him, the man was full of joy.
 - d. The man's healing also enabled him to fit back into society, so his social life was healed.
 - e. The final transformation came as he met Jesus and experienced His healing power. Even though Matthew doesn't specifically say so, we can assume the man became a disciple of Jesus.
4. Copy pages 1-9 for each child who is participating. Ask the kids to color the words on pages 3-7 and draw then draw a picture for each blessing. For example, for the "B" the kids could draw a picture of someone who is in the hospital. For the "Emotions" blessing the kids could draw a picture of someone who has a happy face. Encourage the kids to hang up these pictures in their rooms, or wherever they pray.
5. Ask the kids, along with their parents, to start praying these 5 blessings for the 5 neighbors, family or friends who do not know Jesus. Encourage the kids to do this for 5 weeks.
6. At the end of the 5 weeks, gather the kids together and give them all 5 copies of page 9, signing their names at the bottom of the page. Also, give each child a copy of the book *Great Bible Truths*.
7. Along with mom or dad, have the kids personally give their signed sheets with a copy of *Great Bible Truths*, to the people whom they have been praying for these past five weeks. If they have been praying for someone who lives far away, have the parents send the signed letter and a copy of the book to these people.