Let a child pray Part 1

God delights to see children learning about him through sharing in times of worship, and in several places the Bible draws our attention to this.

First, the psalmist writes, “O Lord . . . your greatness is seen in all the world! Your praise reaches up to the heavens; it is sung by children” Psalm 8.1-2 (Good News Bible).

Second, Joshua opened the sacred books of Moses and read before all the congregation of Israel “including the women and children.” Joshua 8.35 (NIV).

Third, Jehoshaphat had “the men . . . their wives and children and little ones” join in a national day of prayer. 2 Chronicle 20.13 (NIV).

Fourth, under Nehemiah's leadership, God caused Israel to rejoice “with great joy; the women and the children also rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard of afar.” Nehemiah 12.43 (NKJV).

Fifth, are our own children seeing what family prayers can do - perhaps in dealing with a peer group bully, or gaining better understanding of a difficult school subject, or wrestling with a personal problem?

One of life's greatest discoveries is learning that “the earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” James 5.16 (NLT).

Let our children be aware of this.

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How to pray could be the best thing your child will ever learn.