Prayer Sticks



Prayer requests written on craft sticks encourage children to read what is on the sticks as reminders to pray.

Materials:

- Craft sticks (or strips of heavy paper)
- Pen/marker

Instructions:

1. Provide the children with a writing pen or marker and a collection of craft sticks, recycled popsicle sticks or even strips of heavy paper.
2. As the teacher and children talk about the importance of prayer, the children (or the teacher) can write prayer topics on the craft sticks. Write only one request on each stick.
3. Collect the sticks and place them in a mug or any container.
4. During prayer time, have each child choose a prayer stick. Each child will pray for the request that is written on the stick he or she has drawn.

Adaptations:

1. Use this prayer method over a number of weeks. As the prayers are answered, move the sticks to a different container.
2. From time to time, pull the sticks out of the “prayers answered” container and praise God for how He heard and answered your group’s prayers.

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