

# Leading Your Children to Connect with Your Community



Are you looking for helpful hints to get your kids involved in praying for and blessing those in your neighborhood? Try one if the ideas from the list below. Share your experience with us!

- Go on a walk as a family. Be specific in time and duration.
- Have your kids play in the front yard while you watch or even participate.
- Start hosting or organizing a weekly playdate in your yard or at the local park.
- Host an activity in your front yard/driveway. Yard games, Lemonade Stand, Sprinkler, Holiday Gathering (Halloween, Christmas, Easter, New Year...)
- Go to story times at your local library and invite your neighbor.
- Pass out baked goods. Depending on how adventurous you are, have your kids help you bake cookies and make cards then pass them out in your neighborhood.
- Create a space to sit in your front yard and do homework in your front yard or have family time
- Help your children organize a charitable drive. (Food for a local pantry, coats for the homeless, food for local animal shelters)
- Create a prayer board to hang in the home. Spend intentional time with your children praying for your community and those specific things on the prayer board.
- Build a prayer box for your front yard.

In all these situations encourage your children to make friends with those around them. As you hang out with the parents in the neighborhood you do the same. If you find that you have an opportunity to pray for that family do so. Later, when home with your children use the prayer wall to keep track of how you are praying for your community.