

## PRAYING AS A FAMILY

Over lockdown we have realised the importance of praying together as a family.

Sparked from Churches Together in England asking people to pray at 7pm one Sunday evening and lighting a candle in their window, every night over WhatsApp or Zoom we would come together.

We would light the candle, then each of us would read a passage from our Bible and pray. Then my six-year old would dance and sing to a song - usually "Every move I make I make with you, you make me move, Jesus" by CJ and Friends.

Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

What happened in this time was that my six-year old learnt to pray and read a Good News version of the Bible that had been given to her by an older lady in our church.

Using the teaspoon prayer method - tsp (thanks, sorry, please) - this is the prayer she prayed:

"Dear God,

Thank you for my friends and family. I'm sorry for some of the things I have done today and please look after us with this coronavirus. Amen."

My prayer for Education Sunday is that more families come together to pray; that more children learn how to pray and have a fresh desire for the Bible, learning from their parents, aunties, uncles, grandparents or wider church family. I pray that more families come closer to Jesus, are strengthened and encouraged by learning to pray together.

Amen

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