



St. John's GIFT Family Pages

Create a Prayer Corner in your home with items you already own. The following is a guide by Miss Kate and Cordelia Dominguez, age two. Inspired by our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium and CGSUSA.

You will need:

A Table

A low table where your children can sit or kneel (You may have a low table at home, I used a cardboard box)

Prayer Space Articles

Your child will assist you in finding beautiful items from around the house, to place on the prayer table: a simple cloth, a crucifix of the risen Christ, a statue of the Good Shepherd or the Madonna and Child, and a vigil light or a small vase with a flower.

Basket or Tray for Prayer Table Articles

It is a good idea to have a small basket or tray so that your child can readily select the appropriate article and art images for the prayer table.

Your child can help you choose the color of the prayer tablecloth (Purple for Preparation in Lent and Advent, White for Celebration at Easter and Christmas, Green for the Growing time or Ordinary time, and Red for Pentecost). I found a piece of purple felt, you can use a scarf, a pillowcase, or another small piece of fabric.



*Note: When not lighting a candle, keep matches where only an adult can reach.

Making Prayer Cards

Your child can help make prayer cards for the prayer table.



For prayer card making, I gathered scissors, tape, paper, colored pencils, and a Sharpie marker. Use whatever art supplies you'd like! I found some Christmas cards and donation envelopes with religious images to cut out, you could do the same or draw your own pictures.



Our finished prayer cards:



Your child can set the prayer table with the cloth for the liturgical season. Then they can add a prayer card of their choice and the Holy Bible. (You may want the Holy Bible to sit on a nice stand or cushion to emphasize how special it is. Here we used a soft, yellow hand towel as our golden cushion).



Cordelia puts the prayer card stand onto her prayer table and chooses a prayer card.



In the Atrium, when we read Scripture, we light a candle, to recall that God's Word is a light for us. Cordelia loves snuffing the candle! Happy praying!

