

 **Prayer**

Follow the steps to guide children through the prayer on page 96.

Children's Page

Prepare Pray the prayer in advance to become familiar with it.

Pray Have children bring their books to the prayer center and sit quietly. Say: **Take a few deep breaths and relax. Focus your attention on God's presence.**

Assign volunteers to read one sentence of the prayer each. Then read aloud the first paragraph. Say: **Now take turns reading aloud the prayer.** Afterward, read aloud the last paragraph. Say: **Reflect for a few moments on the words you just prayed, listening closely for God's response in your heart.** After 20 seconds of silent reflection, conclude by praying the Sign of the Cross.

Say: **Think about people you know who are like prophets. As we continue the session, ask God to show you how to be more like the prophets and share his message with others.**

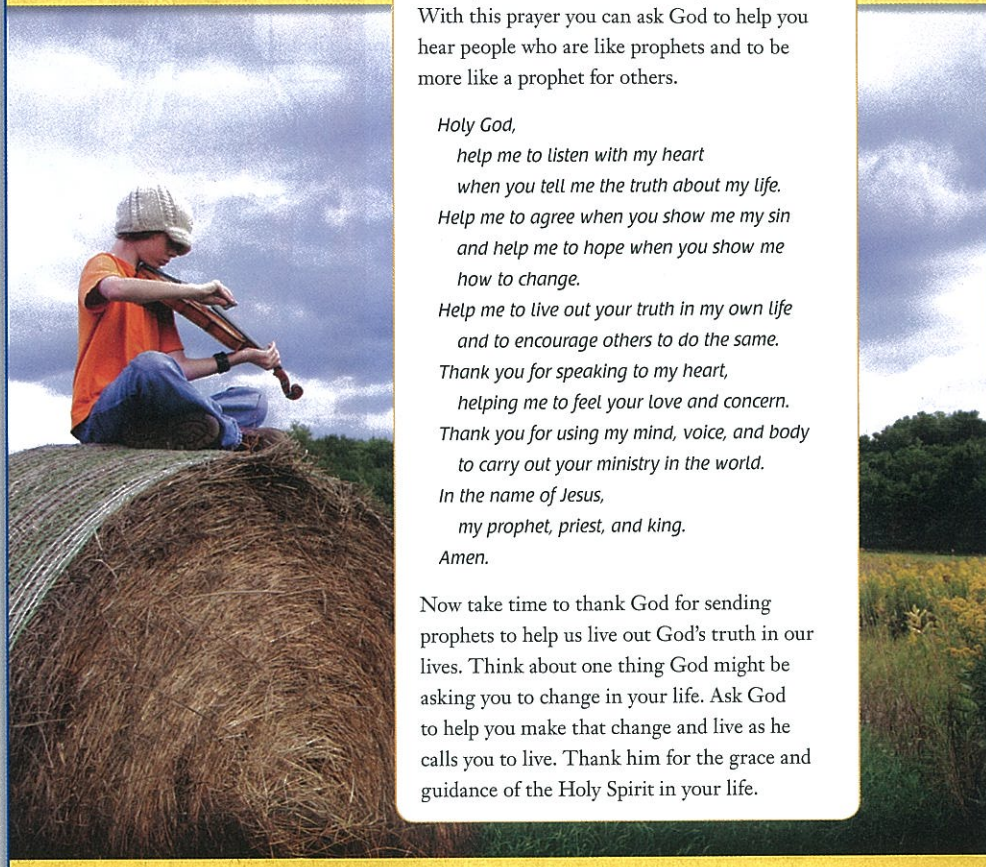
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Send Me, Lord

Prophets have always helped us relate the issues of the present to God's everlasting message. With this prayer you can ask God to help you hear people who are like prophets and to be more like a prophet for others.


*Holy God,
help me to listen with my heart
when you tell me the truth about my life.
Help me to agree when you show me my sin
and help me to hope when you show me
how to change.
Help me to live out your truth in my own life
and to encourage others to do the same.
Thank you for speaking to my heart,
helping me to feel your love and concern.
Thank you for using my mind, voice, and body
to carry out your ministry in the world.
In the name of Jesus,
my prophet, priest, and king.
Amen.*

Now take time to thank God for sending prophets to help us live out God's truth in our lives. Think about one thing God might be asking you to change in your life. Ask God to help you make that change and live as he calls you to live. Thank him for the grace and guidance of the Holy Spirit in your life.



IF TIME ALLOWS

Lord, You Have the Words

 **CD 2, Track 3** Invite children to sing along as you play "Lord, You Have the Words." Then ask children to reflect on the words of the song and tell how they relate to the prophets and to their own lives.

FYI

Coaching Children to Pray

After praying the prayer, remind children that the prophets in the Bible are people who witness for God and for the sake of the people. Emphasize that the prophets lived out God's truth in their daily lives. Point out that the Holy Spirit is with us every day to help us witness to God's love and truth.