

The Way I Should Go

Stories for Training Your Child Volume 3



“Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” - Proverbs 22:6 KJV

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Boldness

1 Peter 3:15 - But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. NIV



Boldness

"Kara, could you pass me that red crayon next to you?" Ella asked her sister.

"Here you go," Kara replied, handing over the crayon. "And Sasha, could you give me the pink one once you're finished?"

"Sure," Sasha answered as she added the last bit of pink to the flower on her page.

"When do you have to go home, Sasha?" asked Ella, "Do you think you have time to go play outside for a little while?"

"My mom said to come home by 4," Sasha replied.

"Well I'm finished with my picture," said Kara, "Are you guys finished? Maybe we should just go outside now."

"Fine with me," replied Sasha and Ella.

As the girls picked up their crayons and stacked the coloring books back into a pile, Sasha pointed to the wall where a large wooden plaque was hanging. "What's that?" she asked.

Kara and Ella turned and glanced at the wall where their neighbor was pointing. "That's the Lord's Prayer," answered Kara. "You know, from the Bible. My grandparents gave it to my parents after they got back from some trip. I don't remember where."

"I've never heard of it," Sasha replied. "What does it mean?"

Kara and Ella looked at each other and shrugged their shoulders. "We learned it in Sunday school," Ella answered.

"Jesus used it to teach us how to pray," added Kara.

"I really don't know anything about Jesus," answered Sasha, "and my family doesn't ever pray."

Kara and Ella looked at each other, unsure of what to say. "Well, let's get outside before you have to go home," Kara suggested.

"Sounds good to me," said Sasha, and the three girls headed to the backyard.

A little while later Kara and Ella's mom opened the back door and called, "Girls, it's time for Sasha to go home; it's almost 4 o'clock."

After the girls said good-bye to Sasha, they walked back into the house where their mother was handing their two-year-old brother Matty a cookie. "Want a cookie girls?" she asked.

"Sure!"

"Hey, Mom," said Kara as she and her sister settled down in some chairs at the table with their cookies, "Did you know that Sasha doesn't know anything about Jesus?"

"Yeah, and her family never prays!" added Ella.

"How did you find all of that out?" asked their mother.

"She asked us about the Lord's Prayer sign in the living room."

"And what did you say about it?" Mom asked.

"That it was from Grandma and Grandpa," answered Ella.

"No," laughed Mom. "I mean, what did you tell Sasha about the Lord's Prayer? And Jesus?"

"Just that Jesus used it to teach us how to pray," said Kara. "To be honest, Mom, I didn't really know what to say. I felt a little confused and kinda nervous too."

"I did too!" said Ella. "It was kind of weird. I felt like I just wanted to stop talking about it."

Mom nodded her head, "It's sometimes hard to have boldness in your faith."

"Boldness? What's boldness?" asked Kara.

"It's having the confidence to speak or act," answered Mom.

"Boldness in faith means that you have confidence to tell people about Jesus, sometimes by your actions, but also using words. The thing is, most people usually get nervous when they're talking to someone else who doesn't believe in Jesus. And then they don't want to say anything at all. That's not boldness."

"Well I definitely had no boldness this afternoon," admitted Ella. Kara shook her head in agreement.

"Like, I said, it's not an easy thing," replied their mom. "But it's a really important thing. Just think if no Christians had any boldness to talk about their faith. How would anyone else learn about Jesus if we won't talk about Him?"

Both girls nodded their heads. "I can see why boldness is important," said Kara. "I just don't know where to get it."

"Well the first thing you can do is pray about it," suggested Mom. "We can pray as a family too. The other thing is just to practice. Use every chance you can to talk about your faith. The more you do it, the easier it gets...and before you know it, you'll have boldness!"

"I'll try," said Kara. "Me too," added Ella.

A couple days later, Sasha was over again to play. "Hey, Sasha," started Kara. "You said before that you had never heard of the Lord's Prayer. Would you like Ella and I to teach it to you?" Sasha paused for a moment and thought about it, "Yeah, I would." All three girls smiled and headed into the living room.

