

THE BLESSING FOR MILLIE'S CORE CURRICULUM

THE POWER OF BLESSING

Words are creative and powerful. In every child is garden where words are planted. These words, like seeds, lie there for a while, germinate and begin to sprout and grow. Some words grow into worthless weeds that choke life and purpose out of the child. However, blessing words grow into God's big purposes, like fruitful trees. When we bless children, we are planting good seeds and teaching them to bless others.

That's the reason I start every class by blessing each child. It always amazes me that even 18-month-old children will wait their turn to be blessed with excited anticipation. Soon they are saying the blessing with me as I bless other children.

If a child's parent is in the class I will invite the child to bless his or her parent.

This boy is blessing his mother.

Parents report their children go home and bless their dolls, siblings, even pets.

My mother planted a strong seed of blessing in me from the time of my birth. Every time she picked me up, she called me, "God's girl!" The first words I ever tried to mouth was "God's girl!"



THE BLESSING INSTRUCTIONS

Start by either holding the child's hands or letting them hold your fingers. If the child doesn't want to, don't insist, gently tap the child's knees or shoulders instead. If the parent is present, bless the parent, then have the parent bless their child.

WORDS	ACTIONS
<p>[Tune: Are you sleeping? Are you sleeping? brother John - use child's name]</p> <p><u>GIRLS</u></p> <p>_____ is God's princess.</p> <p>_____ is God's princess</p> <p>Jesus loves _____</p> <p>Jesus loves _____</p> <p><u>BOYS</u></p> <p>_____ is God's man</p> <p>_____ is God's man</p> <p>Jesus loves _____</p> <p>Jesus loves _____</p>	  <p>Bounce/sway hands in time with song beat. Notice the eye contact! Very important.</p>
<p>Spoken: Give me ten!</p>	<p>Hold up both hands for "high ten"</p>
<p>[Spoken]</p> <p>God's Kingdom come. God's will be done in _____'s life as it is in heaven.</p>	  <p>Tap hands in time with the words.</p>

WORDS	ACTIONS
Hands up high. Holy Spirit come.	 <p data-bbox="683 541 938 590">Arms up high</p>
Give _____ POWER!	 <p data-bbox="683 863 911 905">Power arms</p>
Give _____ LOVE!	 <p data-bbox="683 1209 850 1257">Hug self</p>
Give _____ a sound, happy mind.	<p data-bbox="683 1268 1403 1467">If the child is comfortable with you, put your hand on the child's head. Alternatively, put your hands on your own head, child will usually copy.</p> 