

CHILDREN'S PRAYER GUIDE

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Do you have a favorite smell? Maybe your mouth waters at the smell of your favorite cookies in the oven, or maybe you have a favorite scented candle or love smelling your mom's perfume.

The Bible says that we spread the aroma or fragrance of God everywhere we go (2 Corinthians 2:14). In India, that's just what the Sugandh Society does! Sugandh means "fragrance," and the Sugandh society spreads the aroma of Christ by telling people about Jesus.



Sugandh works in New Delhi, India. Many children in New Delhi are poor and cannot go to school. The Sugandh Society works with children living in the slums. Many of these children are from migrant families and have parents who work in low-paying jobs like rag-picking and rickshaw pulling. Sugandh gives these children a chance for an informal education and provides them with free textbooks, mid-day meals, writing materials, uniforms, shoes, school bags, and other supplies. They also teach job skills to teenagers and women, help disabled people, take care of orphans, and help provide medical care. They spread the fragrance of Christ to people in need.

TRY AN INDIAN FOOD: SAMOSAS

Samosas are a type of pastry stuffed with spiced potatoes. Try making them with your family.

Ingredients:

Pastry:

- 2 cups flour
- ¼ cup melted ghee or oil
- ¼ cup + 2 tbsp water
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- ¾ tsp salt

Potato filling:

- 4 medium potatoes
- ½ cup green peas
- 6 to 8 cashews (optional)
- 2 tsps of raisins (optional)
- 1 tbsp ghee or oil
- ¾ tsp cumin
- 1 tsp minced ginger or ginger garlic paste
- 2 green chilies chopped (skip for kids)
- ½ to ¾ tsp red chili powder
- ¾ tsp garam masala



Instructions:

Boil potatoes just until done. Crumble them and set aside. For the samosa covering, mix together thyme, salt, flour and ghee. Rub the flour well between your hands to incorporate the ghee well. Add water little by little and mix the flour until it forms a dough. Cover and set aside until the filling is ready.

Heat a pan with oil. Saute cumin until it begins to sizzle, then add ginger and green chili and saute until it begins to smell good. Add cashews and raisins if using. Fry for a while, then add crumbled potatoes and other spices. Mix everything well and saute for 3 to 5 mins. Set aside to cool.

To make the samosas:

Separate dough into four or five portions and roll it into balls. Grease the rolling area and then flatten a ball. Roll the ball into an oblong or oval shape. Cut into two. If the edges are too thick, gently roll it to thin down. Smear water over the straight edge and join the edges to make a cone. Press gently to seal the cone.

Fill the cone with potato masala and smear water on the edges. Bring the edges together and make a pleat on one side. Bring back the pleat and seal it. Make sure the samosa has been sealed well.

Finish making all the samosas, then deep fry them in medium hot oil until golden. Drain on paper towels, then serve.

HOW TO PRAY:

- Thank God that Shiva and the other children at Sugandh have the chance to learn about God and get an education.
- Sometimes the children who come to Sugandh get into bad company who pressure them to take drugs or make other poor choices. Pray that they will stay away from people who encourage them to make bad choices and instead make friends who help them know God better.
- Pray that the children who come to Sugandh will do well in their schools and get good jobs in the future.



MEET SHIVA

Shiva is a 12-year-old boy who lives in Madanpur Khadar, one of the rural places in Delhi. He lives with his parents, his sister, and his brother. He attends the informal school at Sugandh. His favorite game to play is kabaddi, a wrestling game where teams take turns sending players to tackle members of the other team. He goes to school in the morning and then helps his mother at home later.

Shiva's favorite Bible verse is "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). He loves to hear the word of God and even shares it with his friends.

HANDS-ON PRAYER CHALLENGE:

Sugandh means "fragrance." Give yourself a smell test. Ask a parent to stand on the other side of the room and spray a little perfume or air freshener. See how long it takes before you can smell the scent. Fragrance spreads out to fill the room. Even if you weren't standing next to the perfume when it was sprayed, eventually you'll be able to smell it because the perfume spreads.

That's what it's like to spread the fragrance of Christ. Jesus doesn't have a smell like perfume, but when we obey him and tell other people about him the good news spreads—just like perfume sprayed in a room.

Pray for the Sugandh Society as they spread the good news of Jesus in New Delhi. Pray for the children they care for. And ask God to help you spread the good news about Jesus where you live. You can spread the fragrance of Christ, too!