

CHILDREN'S PRAYER GUIDE

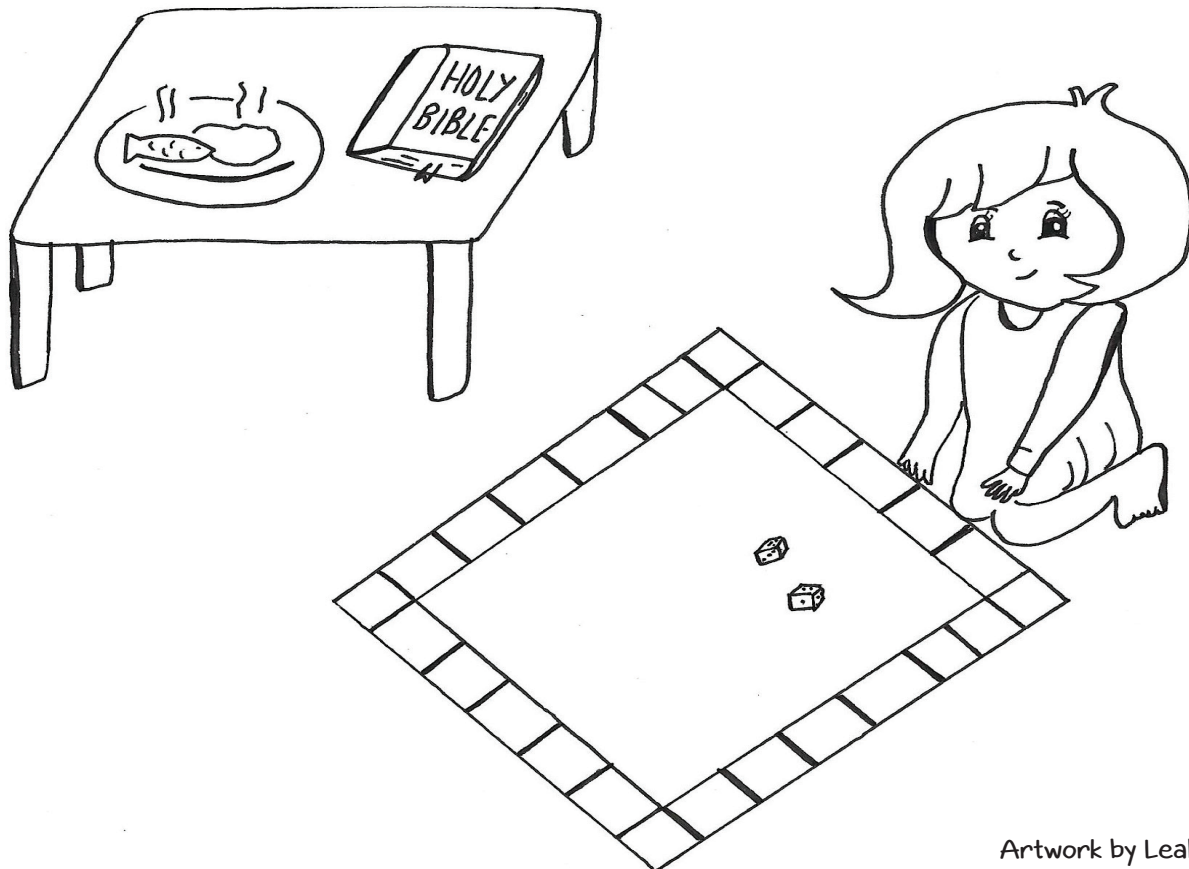
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ROBLEALTO CHILD CARE ASSOCIATION COSTA RICA

Who are the special people in your life that take care of you? Who fixes you supper and tucks you into bed at night? Who takes care of you after school and helps you with your homework?

You probably have special people in your life like parents, grandparents, teachers, and friends who help take care of you. Sometimes poverty makes it hard for parents to take care of their children. Children may have to work to help support their families instead of going to school. Sometimes, they live on the streets or in other places that are unsafe.

In Costa Rica, Roblealto Child Care Association works with children living in extreme poverty. At their four child care centers, Roblealto helps feed hungry children. They give them a safe place to go to school and learn about God's love.



MEET LARISSA

Larissa is one of the children at the Roblealto Child Care Center. She is eleven years old and lives with her parents and little brother.

Larissa goes to the Roblealto Child Care Center every day. She likes to play board games like Clue and Monopoly at the center. She eats meals at the center and likes it when they serve her favorite food—mashed potatoes and fish. She also gets help with her schoolwork and enjoys helping her teachers.

Larissa's favorite thing to do at Roblealto is to learn about God. She enjoys the devotionals they have in class and likes learning how to have alone time with God. Her favorite Bible story is the story of Jesus' temptation in the wilderness. Larissa likes this story because it gives us an example of how to resist evil and beat temptation.

HOW TO PRAY:

- Some of the children who go to Roblealto have never attended school before. Pray their teachers will have wisdom, creativity, patience, and love.
- Pray God will send volunteers to help the children at Roblealto.
- Pray that Roblealto will be able to open a training center where people in poverty can learn the skills they need to find good jobs.
- Thank God that children like Larissa have a safe place like Roblealto to learn about God's love. Pray that they will grow in their relationships with God.

HANDS-ON PRAYER CHALLENGE:

Larissa and her friends at the Roblealto Child Care Center like playing board games. Play a board game with your family. Thank God for the special people in your life who take care of you and for the chance to have fun with your family. Pray for the families of the children who attend Roblealto. Pray parents will be able to learn the skills they need to get good jobs and take care of their children. Ask God to show the children at Roblealto how much he loves them.



FRIED PLANTAIN:

Have you ever been at the grocery store and seen a long green thing that looks like a banana? That's a plantain! Plantains are related to bananas, but they are more starchy and have to be cooked instead of eaten raw. Fried plantain is a common food in Costa Rica. Here's how to make it at home:

Make this recipe with a parent's help.

Heat oil in a skillet to medium heat. Peel a ripe, brown plantain and slice it into half lengthwise. Then slice the halves into small pieces. Fry the plantains in hot oil until they are browned and tender. Remove the plantains from oil and drain them on paper towels. Eat them by themselves or enjoy your fried plantains with a side of beans and rice.

