

# CHILDREN'S PRAYER GUIDE

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### LIVING TREE ORPHANAGE CHINA

The birth of a baby is a happy time. But sometimes babies are not born healthy and strong. Babies born with a condition known as cerebral palsy have difficulty making their muscles work together properly. Some have trouble learning to sit up and to walk. Others have difficulty learning to do things like tying their shoes. Some children with cerebral palsy need help and care all their lives.

In China, sometimes parents of disabled children cannot provide the healthcare and support their children need. They leave their children at orphanages, hoping the orphanage can provide better care than they can. Few disabled children are ever adopted. Living Tree Orphanage cares for children with cerebral palsy whose parents cannot take care of them. They give these children a safe place to live, provide the care they need, and teach the children about Jesus. And as they grow, the children help other people understand God's love.



# MEET DAVID

A volunteer from Living Tree Orphanage found David in a Chinese orphanage when he was about two years old. His health was poor and he had severe cerebral



palsy. A special doctor in America said that he might never even be able to laugh. They took him back to Living Tree Orphanage to give him therapy and proper care.

Four months later, David learned to laugh. He continued to make progress. He learned to

grip objects and to take off his shoes and socks. He began to make friends and communicate with people. When he started school, David was able to answer questions in class and play games with other students.

David eventually had to have surgery on his hips, but he continued to learn and grow. Today, he wants to learn about computers and to learn to speak English. He wants to be a computer engineer or an English translator, and he hopes to have a good, independent life. God used Living Tree Orphanage to work a miracle in David's life.



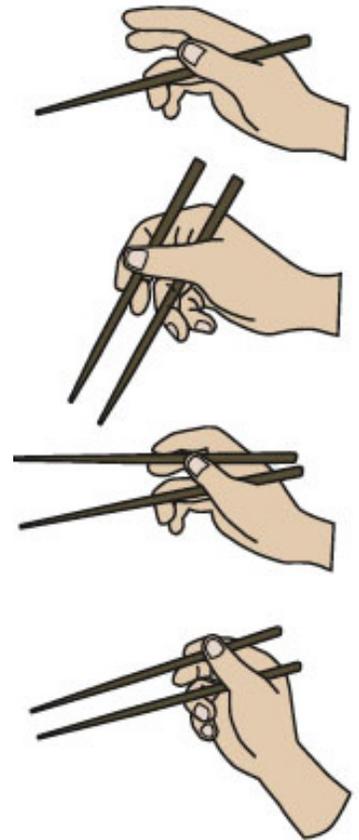
## HOW TO PRAY:

- Pray that the children at Living Tree Orphanage will know how much God loves them.
- Pray that God will provide the resources the orphanage needs to provide the right kind of care for these children.
- Pray that the children at Living Tree Orphanage will grow healthy and strong.
- Pray that God will send volunteers to help Living Tree Orphanage care for the children.

## HANDS-ON PRAYER CHALLENGE: USE CHOPSTICKS

Have you ever tried to eat with chopsticks?

In China, many people use chopsticks to eat their food. Try using chopsticks at home. You might start by using the chopsticks to pick up something like grapes, marshmallows, or pieces of dried fruit. Children with cerebral palsy have difficulty making their muscles work together to do things like tying their shoes, coloring—and using chopsticks. As you practice with your chopsticks, pray for the children at Living Tree to learn about God's love.



## TRY CHINESE FOOD: FRIED RICE

- 3 cups cooked rice
- 2 Tablespoons sesame oil
- 1 small white onion, chopped
- 1 cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed
- 2-3 Tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 2 Tbsp chopped green onions (optional)

Preheat a large skillet or wok to medium heat and pour oil in the bottom. Add onion, peas, and carrots and cook until they are tender.

Push the vegetables to one side of the skillet and pour the beaten egg on the other side. Use a spatula to scramble the eggs until they are cooked. Once the eggs are cooked, mix them with the vegetables.

Add the rice to the veggie and egg mixture and pour the soy sauce on top. Cook and stir until the rice is heated through. Add chopped green onions if desired.