

Pray Ground Guidelines and Suggestions:

- ❖ The Pray Ground, located at the front of the Sanctuary, is designed for children **ages 3 to 8** to transition from the nursery to the pew in a meaningful way.
- ❖ Utilize the lectionary-based **Children's Bulletin** and coloring page each week. These can be activities during the service or resources to take home and discuss what everyone heard in church.
- ❖ There are age appropriate materials provided for all to share. Please consider leaving **personal toys** and materials in the pew or at home.
- ❖ To be accessible to your child, please **sit on the same side** of the Sanctuary as the Pray Ground. This way your child does not have to cross the center aisle and distract others in their worship experience.
- ❖ Although small **snacks** discretely in the pew are certainly acceptable, we ask that no food or drink be taken into the Pray Ground space.
- ❖ Laminated copies of the **Lord's Prayer** are available as a resource for early readers to follow along. As the children become more comfortable with prayer, we encourage parents and guardians to help them use their bulletins to follow the service in the Hymnals and The Book of Common Prayer.
- ❖ After the announcements, consider having your child sit with you and point out the **acolytes and ushers** as well as lay readers. These are some of the many opportunities for children to be active participants in the worship service.
- ❖ Consider a **hand signal** to give your child if they need redirection. While the Pray Ground is a place for children to be among their peers, encouraging a reverence for the experience rather than a social time will help them all to emulate each other in a positive way.