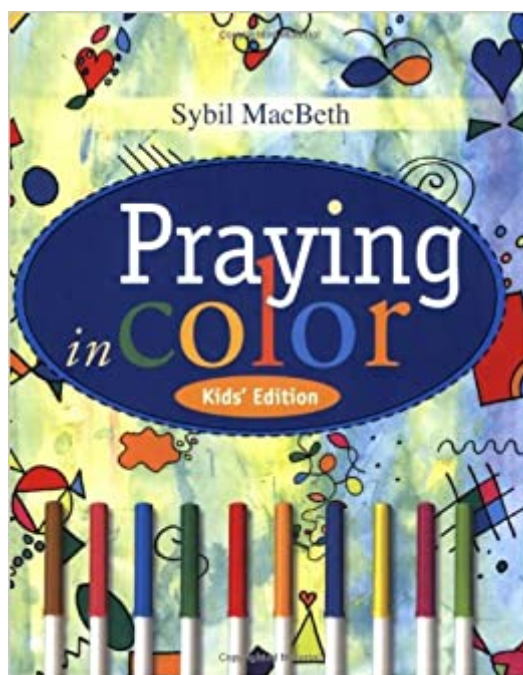


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# Praying In Color Kids' Edition: Kid's Edition



## Synopsis

Now kids can pray in color, too! This first-of-its-kind resource will forever change the way kids pray - and how adults try to teach them to do it. This is prayer that makes sense to kids. One minute a day will do. Any time of the day will work. Drawing with markers or crayons is half the prayer; the other half is carrying the visual memories throughout the day. Ages 5-11. Praise for *Praying in Color*: "Just as Julia Cameron, in the *Artist's Way*, showed the hardened Harvard businessman he had a creative artist lurking within, MacBeth makes it astonishingly clear that anyone with a box of colors and some paper can have a conversation with God." *Publishers Weekly*, starred review

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*Praying in Color: Kids' Edition* will forever change the way that kids pray, and how adults try and teach them to do it. This is prayer that makes sense to kids. One minute a day will do. Any time of the day will work. Drawing is half the prayer, the other half is carrying the visual memories with you throughout the day. The first book, *Praying in Color* (ISBN 978-1-55725-512-9), has seen four printings and thousands of lives changed in its first eighteen months of publication. Now Sybil MacBeth has created the ideal kids' version. From the book: "Our words make great prayers. But words don't always seem to be there when we need them most. They are sneaky. Words play hide and seek. Just when we're searching for the ones we want, they go missing like socks under the

bed. On some days, "Thank you," "Help," "I'm sorry," and "Please" are the only prayer words we can find. "Praying without words is another option. But what do you do, if you're not using words? How do you pray for yourself or other people without words? How do you get quiet and listen to what God might say?... Look at the drawing on the next page. Believe it or not, it is a prayer. It is a prayer doodle for Ben, Keisha, Matt, Ashley, and Taylor."

Sybil MacBeth is the author of *Praying in Color: Drawing a New Path to God* (2007) and *Praying in Color Kids*™ Edition (2009). *Praying in Color* uses doodling and coloring as a way to get still and listen to God. Sybil combines her lifelong love of prayer with her experience as a community college mathematics professor to offer workshops and retreats throughout the U.S. and Canada. Her workshops, both prayerful and playful, engage people of varied learning styles. Sybil is married to Andy MacBeth, an Episcopal priest, and is the mother of two adult sons. *Praying in Color* has been translated into Spanish, Italian and Korean. Her 2014 book *The Season of the Nativity: Confessions and Practices of an Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany Extremist* (Paraclete Press, Fall 2014) invites people to experience the richness of the holiday season at home. Learn more at Sybil's website and blog: [prayingincolor.com](http://prayingincolor.com).

I often find myself reading books to our girls, playing with Play-Doh, and coloring pictures. Of course I'm not able to sit down and do these things with them all of the time, but I always enjoy when I have an opportunity to spend good quality time with them. I recently read this little book to our daughter, and it made me realize I could turn all of this time over to God. *Praying in Color: Kids Edition* by Sybil MacBeth is a great resource for parents, CCD class instructors, vacation bible school leaders, and homeschool families. It's full of bright, colorful pages, and it meets your child on his or her level, introducing an alternative method of prayer. As parents, it's helpful to realize that we can give all of our playtime with our children over to God. But this book takes that a step farther, and helps kids learn to color out their prayers to God. Children are first encouraged to come up with their own personal way of addressing their Creator. Then, MacBeth walks them through or rather, draws them through a fun way to talk to God: praying in color! This book is a colorful toolkit. It introduces a variety of brush stroke and squiggle options, a variety of names kids can use to address God, a variety of Bible verses, and a variety of types of prayer! You can read it with your kids, and refer back to it as you go about your coloring adventures together! If you do have a lot of teaching experience, I'm sure you'll have no trouble creating a lesson plan from this well-laid out book. But if you are unsure of how to do this, or if your

parish would like to educate its educators on how to conduct little Praying in Color workshops, The Teaching DVD would also be a valuable resource.

I have given this book along with finger paints, crayons, marker pads of paper... etc. I packed the gift boxes with all kinds of artsy supplies .4 different families received this type of gift -1 gift box went to a Pastors family and he brought this to a prayer group who had a hard time getting started. He told me the class exploded with participation from everyone. They enjoyed explaining their colorful prayers. He was pleasantly surprised

Children are capable of serious prayer. Too often they are only taught rote prayers and given no instruction in any other way to pray. This book, based on the author's wonderful book for adults "Praying in Color," remedies that. It teaches children to use simple coloring materials to focus their attention as they pray for others. I have used the technique with older elementary children and can confirm they take to it immediately and continue to practice it at home. In fact, their parents often express surprise at how interested their children become in prayer after learning this technique. I recommend it very highly. There is also a DVD that is not aimed at children, but is rather an instructional video for adults who want to learn how to teach this method of prayer to children. The DVD includes excerpts of an actual children's class. I recommend both this book and the companion adult book for anyone who wants to learn a way of prayer that helps focus mind, eyes, heart, and hands on God.

Prayer can be in many forms, but praying in color is a wonderfully creative concept. I bought the original book for myself and used it. As the children's director for my church, I adapted it for my children last summer and they loved it. You can imagine my delight when the author actually published a version for children (which could be just as easily used with adults.) I highly recommend this book for anyone who struggles with wandering thoughts during prayer, doesn't know how to pray for others, has a hard time praying or just wants to enlarge their prayer life. In my book - this book is a "must!"

This book is amazing! I bought the adult version to help me pray as I am easily distracted and have ADD. This was so helpful for me that I shared with my church family and they asked me to teach the kids and so I bought this book. You WON'T be disappointed. You will love this beautiful, Gina be easy way to focus on the people and things you are praying for.

I got this from my grandsons. We read through it together. They started their prayer journals with me. It became an artistic prayer diary for my 10 year old grandson. I would recommend it as a basic addition any children's library. It takes prayer to another level of consciousness, & creative release. Takes prayer from boring to exciting and hopeful.

I love this prayer method and the stress relieving properties it has.

Praying in Color has literally revolutionized how I approach praying with formation groups. MacBeth's friendly, honest, and inclusive approach I've found Praying in Color to be equally effective with children, teens and adults; it has become a welcome part to a variety of group prayer sessions, individual prayer, and formation opportunities.

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