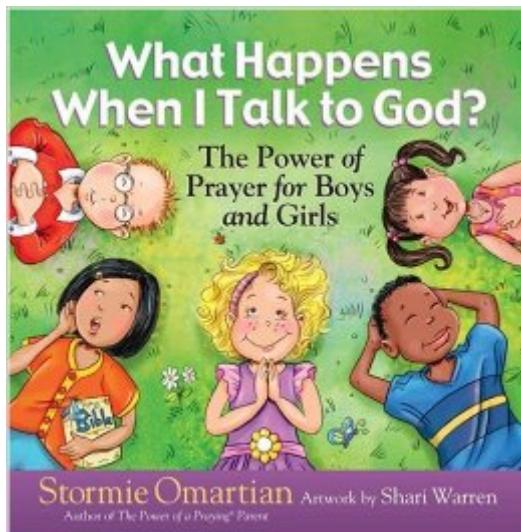


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# What Happens When I Talk To God?: The Power Of Prayer For Boys And Girls



## **Synopsis**

Combining her passion for prayer with her love for little ones, beloved writer and speaker Stormie Omartian teams with talented illustrator Shari Warren to share an important message: "It's never too early to teach a child to pray." Stormie encourages children to develop the life-changing practices of talking to God every day and explains prayer in easy-to-understand ways. With examples taken directly from the lives of young boys and girls, she helps kids get to know God, thank Him for His love and care, and ask for His help in tough times. Stormie also touches upon forgiveness, the power of praying with others, and having a relationship with Jesus as she assures children that their prayers do make a difference. Bright, contemporary watercolors depicting a broad spectrum of children accompany the text to present a beautiful picture of growing closer to God in prayer. For children ages 3 to 7.

## **Book Information**

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Summary: What Happens When I Talk to God? What is prayer? (p.5) Praying helps us know God (p. 6). Thanking God for my family (p. 9) Thanking God for his good gifts to us (p. 10) Thanking God for his creation (p. 13) Talking to God as a friend in prayer (p. 14) God listens no matter what I pray about (p. 17). God listens no matter where I talk to him (p. 18). God listens no matter when I talk to him (p. 21). God listens no matter how loudly or quietly I talk to him (p. 22). God listens no matter how long or short my prayer is. I should pray with and for others (p. 25). When I do wrong, I can ask

God to forgive me. He will always forgive (p. 26). When I pray, I pray in Jesus' name (p. 29). When I pray, I have faith that God will answer, and I patiently wait for his answer (p. 30). Rather than reading the book as a whole, I would recommend reading a page at a time (perhaps at bedtime prayers) and discussing it. Splitting up the book into parts would help engage a child's attention and keep the breadth of content from being overwhelming. If used in this way, I think that *What Happens When I Talk to God?* would make an excellent guide for parents wanting to teach their children to pray.

Have you ever tried to explain to a child what praying is all about? Have you ever attempted to explain the importance of having daily conversations with the Lord, and come away knowing you didn't get through? It can be frustrating to say the least, but rejoice help is finally here in the outstanding book, *What Happens When I Talk To God?*, by author, Stormie Omartian. In this book a child is taken into the world of relationships with their Creator in a colorful, down to earth, easy to understand manner. It is like a breath of fresh-air. The storyline is based around the daily living of a child and in these situations Ms. Omartian weaves the many ways the child can interact with the Lord during them. For example, a baseball accidentally going through a window and the emotions the child is feeling, fear and sorrow. The story tells them how God is always ready to forgive us no matter what we do, if we will just go to Him and talk and ask for forgiveness. Through these situations they begin to understand that God longs to share their lives with them, in both good and bad times. They realize praying is freely talking with God, and not some scary thing Believers are required to do. The illustrations are priceless and truly bring the story to life with brilliant color and great facial features. I really enjoyed them. I loved this book and would highly encourage every one who has a child in their life that they would like to see have more communication with the Lord. and more understanding of the importance of talking with Him, to purchase this book. This book is a real faith builder! A great fun learning experience and a must for every young believer, and I sincerely mean that. Exceptional!

I was hoping that this book would open up a good conversation with my 7, 5 and 4 year old about "what happens when I talk to God," because it was written by Stormie Omartian who wrote all those prayer books! I was severely disappointed because it simply reiterates lessons on HOW to pray, but it does NOT say what happens when a little person talks to God honestly and maybe not the "right way" or for the "right things." It tells what we can pray for and how we can pray and when and where we can pray; it tells us at the end of most pages to be thankful for something that was described on that page. The only page that begins to address "What Happens When I Talk to God?" in my

opinion, is page 30, the second to last one, which talks about God hearing and answering and dwells on "me" being patient for those answers. I suppose I was hoping for a book that was more illustrative of how God has worked through people's prayers, through the prayers of children, not just a book that goes over practical biblical application. I know I would have liked to have heard how Stormie would talk to a child about the transformative power of prayer in the soul of the pray-er, or how we even know that God is there listening to us and isn't just some made up thing (which are the good questions my kids are asking), but that wasn't touched on. It didn't specifically talk about what the "power" of prayer was, though it did state that "praying with other people is very powerful" and "my prayers have power because I am valuable to God." Prayer is an intangible kind of thing. I don't have a problem telling my kids HOW or WHY we pray. Like this book shows, the bible gives us lots of instruction on it, and I can relate that to my kiddos. When we finished reading it for the first, second and third time, my kids were just "meh" about it. They've heard all those things. I'm not saying we have it all down, but the book just didn't answer the questions I was hoping to have answered by someone who has spent way more time than me thinking about, talking about, and writing about prayer. So who benefitted in our family? My four year old, who isn't asking very specific questions about prayer seemed to get the most out of it, which again, was simply the repetition of true statements like 'God loves me' and 'God wants me to talk to Him' (however, there weren't any citations from the Bible anywhere, even just for parents to ponder). This book would have been better titled, "Talking to God: How to Talk Him" or "What I Need to Know About Prayer" or what would have been better yet, "What the Bible Says about Prayer for Kids: with Citations!" :)

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