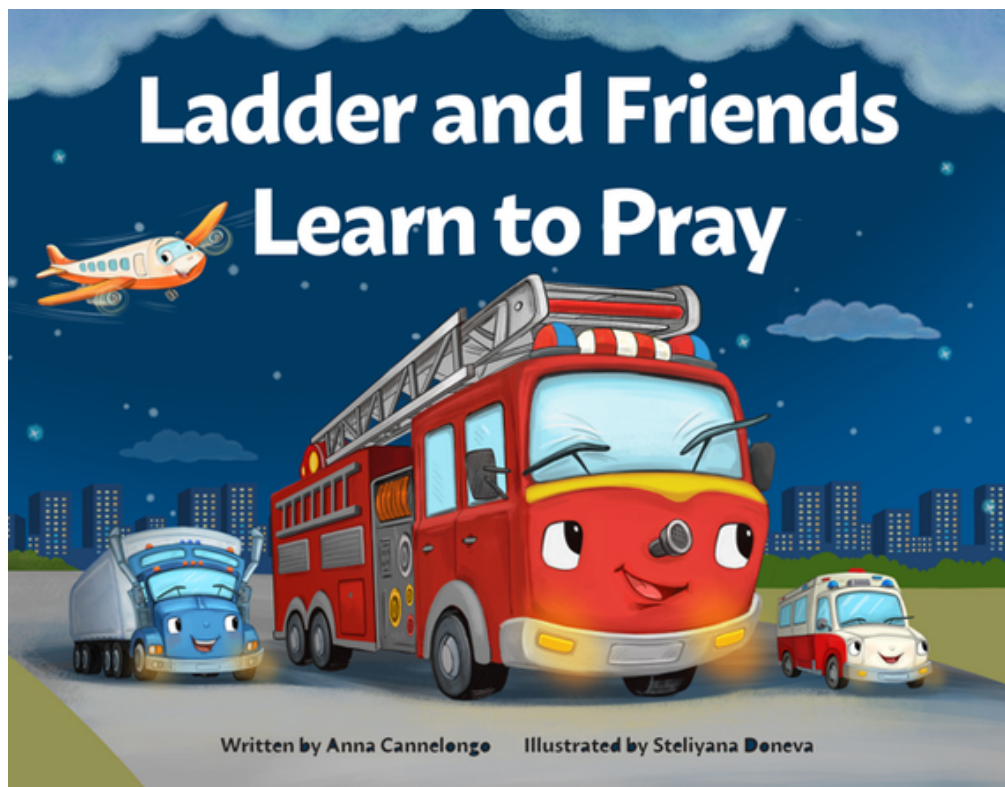


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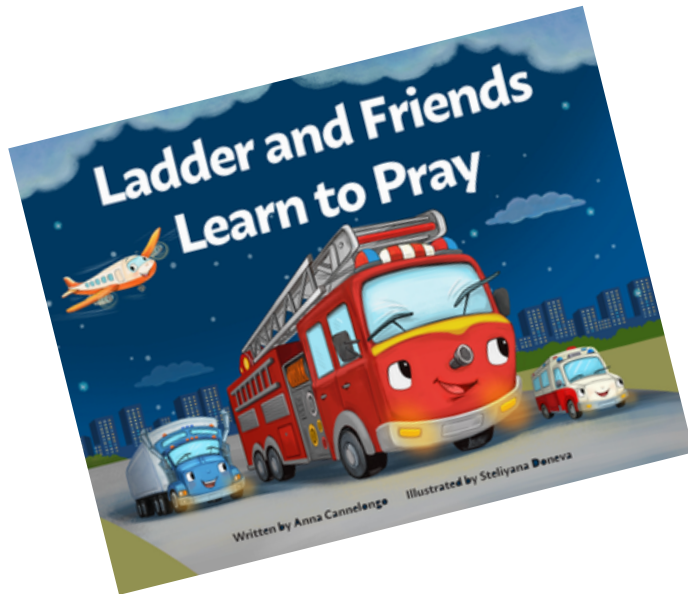


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Ladder & Friends Learn to Pray

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Are you looking for a fun and engaging Christian book to help with your nightly bedtime routine? Meet Ladder, Amby, Semi, and Jet as their community helpers (parental figures) teach them how to pray. Join Ladder as he learns about bravery and sacrifice. Amby discovers how to help others. Semi has to persevere and be faithful when things get hard. Jet learns to obey God and to encourage others along the way. This book is targeted towards young boys ages 18 months to 6 years of age. (Their sisters might like it too!) *Ladder and Friends Learn to Pray* includes the following features:

- 4 vehicle prayers (Ladder, Amby, Semi, & Jet)
- Rhyme, meter, and repetition
- Vibrant illustrations
- Positive character traits unique to each vehicle
- Call-out boxes to help foster age-appropriate spiritual conversations



About Word & Numbers

WORDANDNUMBERS.COM



Word and Numbers is a blog for learners and educators—anyone who wants to keep growing in faith, knowledge and understanding. It is especially beneficial for parents of public or homeschooling children, professional educators, students of the Word, or anyone who disciples other women! The goal of this blog is to help people grow in faith and give them the tools to become better learners or educators in whatever capacity that may be. Specifically, it aims to do the following:

- Inspire women to reflect on God's Word and His created world, including the underlying language of mathematics;
- Equip parents and educators in teaching mathematics, STEM, ELA, and/or the Bible; and
- Help children be excited and grow in their faith and knowledge of God's Word and His world.



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OUR FATHER, WHO IS UP ABOVE,
LOOK DOWN UPON US WITH YOUR LOVE.



Prayer One

Our work is finished for the day.
It's time to teach you how to pray.

Our Father, who is up above,
Look down upon us with Your love.

Lord, keep us ready for the call
To face our fears that seem so tall.

Help us be brave in all we do
And trust that You will see us through.

Grant us the courage to lay down
Our lives for each one in our town.

O Jesus, in Your name we pray.
It's time to sleep and end our day.

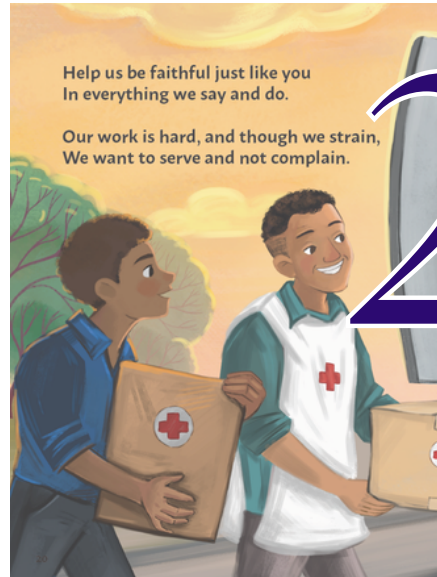


5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT Ladder and Friends Learn to Pray

Ladder and Friends Learn to Pray was written with the child in mind. Attention was given to questions such as “What would hold a child’s attention?” “How do children learn through stories?” and “How can Ladder and Friends help parents disciple their child?”

Engaging Truck Theme

Many young children love trucks and vehicles. Having a Christian book involving vehicles keeps kids engaged during the daily bedtime routine.



Rhyme, Meter & Repetition

What child doesn’t love rhyme and meter? But it has a greater purpose as it aids in memorization. Repeating the same lines at the beginning and end of each prayer teaches children a prayer structure.

Parent/Child Theme

In each prayer the community helper is teaching the child-like vehicle to pray, mimicking how Jesus taught His disciples to pray.

Ladder Learns to Pray Living God & Encouraging Others

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... teach you how to pray.

...ther, who is up above,
... down upon us with Your love.



Guidance for Spiritual Discussions

Each prayer contains “What does this mean for me?” call-out boxes to help parents have age-appropriate spiritual conversations with their child.

Positive Character Traits

Each prayer focuses on positive character traits such as bravery and sacrifice, helping others, faithfulness and perseverance, and obedience and encouragement.

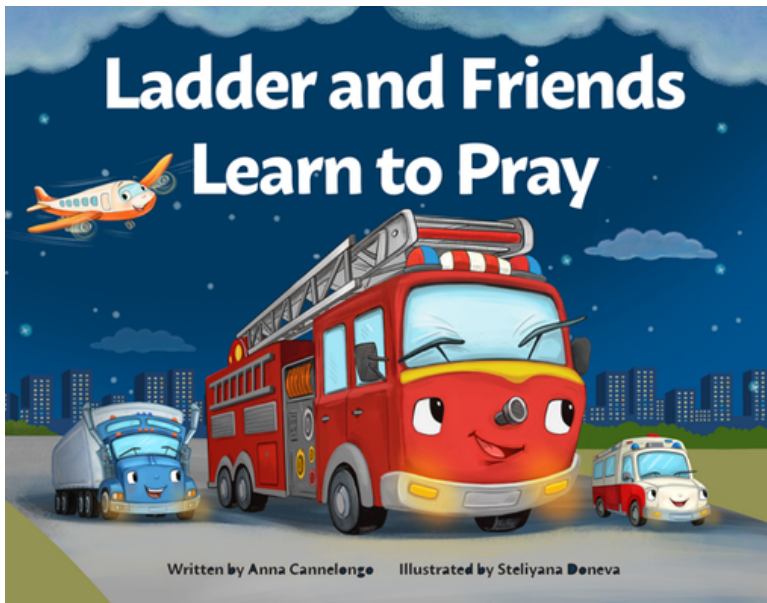
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How to Use This Book

Take your child and pick out a prayer to read each night. Read it through without stopping, so your child can memorize the words and get a sense of the rhyme and rhythm. The “What Does This Mean for Me?” sections are included to help you have spiritual conversations with your child. They are **NOT** meant to be read every night. Use them occasionally as needed for discussion and reflection.





Ladder and Friends Learn to Pray

It's time for bed! Join Ladder and his friends as they learn to pray while exploring positive character traits along the way. Meet Ladder, Amby, Semi, and Jet as their community helpers (parental figures) teach them how to pray. Learn about bravery and sacrifice with Ladder. Amby discovers how to help others. Semi has to persevere and be faithful when things get hard. Jet learns to obey God and to encourage others during his journey. This book is targeted towards young boys ages 18 months to 6 years of age. (Their sisters might like it too!)

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INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

What was the driving force behind writing *Ladder and Friends Learn to Pray*?

During our nightly bedtime routine, we tried using *The Little Golden Book of Prayers*. But my son was not interested in the book because of the girly illustrations. He was only interested in the cross-promotional train on the back cover. So, when I went searching on Amazon for a prayer or devotional that targets young boys, I couldn't find anything. Therefore, I decided to write my own!

How does *Ladder and Friends Learn to Pray* teach children to pray?

To help children understand the structure of a prayer the first two stanzas and the last stanza repeat through all four prayers. There is a simple rhyme pattern and meter throughout the prayers to aid in memorization. Additionally, there are call-out boxes for parents to help initiate age-appropriate spiritual conversations with their child.

What do you hope readers will take away from *Ladder and Friends Learn to Pray*?

I hope to help families incorporate faith-based practices into their daily routines. Finding any way to engage little ones to pray is a win. Incorporating character traits while doing so is like adding a little chocolate sauce to the sundae. Giving parents tools to engage in age-appropriate spiritual conversations is like the cherry on top.

What is your connection to emergency vehicles?

First and foremost, my son is a truck-obsessed kid. He likes all things trucks, but I also come from a working-class family. My dad and uncle were firemen. My stepdad is a police officer, and my brother joined the military to pay off his college loans. So, writing about emergency workers and community helpers seemed like a perfect fit!

Note: There is a police cruiser prayer, and it will appear in volume 2 if this book is successful.

How did your background in education help you write the book?

I taught both math and language arts. I know that it's important to keep kids engaged because if they aren't paying attention they can't learn anything. That's why having a theme to engage boys is vital. Stanzas intentionally repeat to promote retention. Kids live up to what you expect of them. I'm not afraid to use bigger words at times, but I make sure there is room for age-appropriate explanations.

What was the most challenging part of writing *Ladder and Friends Learns to Pray*?

Time! I have a small child at home, so I can only work during his naps (which he stopped taking) and in the evenings. Plus, there are a billion other things to learn and do. For example, I had to learn how to be a blogger which includes learning how to run a website. Then I had to learn how to help people find my blog, so I had to learn aspects of marketing. The list goes on!

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Will there be a sequel? We would love some more prayers!

I hope so! It depends on how my debut book is received. My original concept included six prayers and since then I've written a few more.

Unfortunately, I could only fit four prayers in a 32-page book, so we had to cut some. My goal would be to have a second book that includes a police cruiser, school bus, mail truck, and a garbage truck. Then have a third volume featuring military vehicles.

What is your son's favorite prayer?

Currently, my son loves Humvee, a military vehicle. This prayer focuses on truth and lies and God's protection. It's not published in this current book, but I'm hoping to eventually publish a sequel that focuses on military vehicles.

What resources do you have on your blog Word & Numbers?

There are over 90 inspiring blog posts helping educators, parents, and students of the Word. Plus, there are over 30 free lessons plans (Math, ELA, STEM, and Fine Arts) and over 70 Bible Studies. Subscribers have access to rubrics and 7-Day Memory Devotionals. Additionally, I have information about ordering *Ladder and Friends Learn to Pray*.

What did you do at the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce?

I led the Ohio Math Standards and Model Curriculum Revisions and the High School Math Pathways Initiative (including developing Algebra 2 equivalent courses). In addition, I wrote the instructional strategies for the Grade 6 through Geometry Model Curriculum and led professional development opportunities for teachers across the state of Ohio.



Thank You

Thank you for your support for *Ladder and Friends Learn to Pray* and *Word and Numbers*! May my resources bless you and your family in your educational journey!

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