

Diocesan Prayer Day

Resources on Prayer for Children

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Activities for a table, wall, around the Church, indoor or outdoor.

Table Activities:

Prayer Chain: Middle / Upper Primary

Equipment:

Coloured strips of paper approximately 1 by 9 inches, stapeller and textas.

Task: Write a prayer on a strip of paper. Join it up to make a prayer chain. Decorate the church or hall with the prayer chain. Read and pray using the Prayer Chain.

Prayer Pyramids: Mixed ages

Equipment:

Photocopied Prayer Pyramids, scissors, textas, glue stick.

Task: Reflect on who or what you want to prayer for. Draw or record on the sides of the Pyramid. Place on the Communion table or side table or around a cross. Read and pray using the Pyramids.

Wall Activities:

Prayer Wall: Middle/ Upper Primary

Equipment :

Textas, "Post it" stickers, a large paper with bricks painted on it or use an existing wall.

Task: Write a prayer directly onto the wall or use a "Post it" sticker. Read and pray at the Prayer wall.

Prayer Pockets: Mixed ages

Equipment:

Line (cord) with pegs, paper bags labelled home, school, community, the world etc, textas, paper.

Task: Write or draw a prayer on the paper. Place in the correct pocket. Read and pray using the prayers from the Prayer Pockets.

In Church Activities:

Prayer Litany: Mixed ages

Equipment: Clear plastic sleeve book, blank paper, paper with theme sentence, textas

Task: Write a prayer and place next to the theme sentence “We thank you Jesus for being our friend and saviour” in the plastic sleeve book. Eg Lord Jesus I pray for my friends at school ... We thank you Jesus for being our friend and saviour. Read and pray through the book.

Lord’s Prayer: Mixed ages

Equipment: Clear plastic sleeve book, coloured paper, paper with text.

Task: Read and pray throughout the book. The book has words from the Lord’s Prayer with an accompanying colour and text. This would have been prepared prior to the day. (Eg *Our Father*, white colour, text: God who is light. How dark the world would be if this light should flicker or go out, but God has promised that He will never leave us alone. *Who is in Heaven*, blue colour, text: Blue reminds us of the blue heavens above us. God watches over us from Heaven, but at the same time He is always with us wherever we go. etc)

Five Finger Prayer: Middle/ Upper Primary

Equipment: Chart with diagram and words.

Task: Read the chart and understand how to pray using the Five Finger Prayer. Pray using this prayer. Begin with hands back to back (or together). Say own prays with each finger. Each finger emerges with each pray and when both hands are together clap the Amen.

Prayer Stations in the Church: Mixed ages

Equipment: At the Cross: Post It stickers, textas. At the Lectern: a wide selection of children’s Bible stories. At the Baptismal font: sand box, candles, large candle. At the Communion Table: basket, paper and textas.

Task: Move around the Prayer stations and participate in the activity. At the Cross: write a prayer and place it on or near the cross. At the Lectern: read a Bible story. At the Baptismal font: pray and light a candle. At the communion Table: draw or write a “Thank you Lord” prayer and place in the basket.

Indoor or Outdoor Activities:

A Worship Path: Mixed ages

Equipment: Mark on the ground a pathway or labyrinth by chalk or tape. At intervals have markers with a given task. Marker with music notes – sing praises (sing a praise song silently or out loud), marker with a Bible story and picture cards (read or place picture cards in order), marker with the world globe (we pray for others), marker with praying hands (we pray a sorry prayer), marker with a listening ear (we ask God’s blessing), marker with thank you (we say a thank you prayer), we go into the world (end of path).

Task: Move along the Worship Path from marker to marker. Move to the next marker when the person in front has moved on. Complete the given task at each marker.