

Messy Church: The Lord's Prayer

Lord's Prayer Booklet

Print out simple booklet with pages the children can colour.

E.g. try this one: <http://www.dltk-bible.com/crafts/m-itsy-bitsy.htm>.

Prayer Candle

Decorate little glass jars with tissue paper and glue, sequins and stars, etc. and a sign that says 'Hallowed be your name'. Put a tealight in the jar.

Daily Bread

Provide dough for the children to shape as they wish and then bake.

Note: scone dough is much quicker to bake than proper bread dough.

As always with baking activities, it's a good idea to place the children's creations on baking paper, draw pencil dividing lines and name each section so that you can easily identify whose work it is when it comes out of the oven. Then provide named paper plates/bowls to transport it all home.

Forgiveness Card Holder

Provide little yogurt pots, with plain white stickers around them so that they can be decorated with felt-tip pens. Put a lump of plasticine in the bottom to support a lolly stick to which a clothes peg has been pre-glued. The children can also use felt-tips to decorate the lolly stick and clothes peg. Add a piece of card/paper on which 'Sorry' can be written, or something that the children are sorry for doing.

Glory Box

Decorate little cardboard boxes with shiny/glittery stars, sequins, sparkly paper, felt-tip pens, shiny letter stickers, etc.

Kingdom Cards

Make cards to send via Open Doors to children of persecuted Christians. You will need to provide card/paper and felt-tips.

It can also be helpful to provide suggestions/guidance for messages and perhaps even stickers that the children can include.

You will also need a current list of the names and ages of children to whom Open Doors are sending letters of encouragement, which you can access via their website: http://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/letter/letter_recipients.php