

Crafts

Hands-On Craft: Prayer Hands Collage

Materials List:

- Colored construction paper
- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- Markers or crayons
- Child-safe scissors
- Stickers (hearts, stars, etc.)
- Pre-cut paper shapes (circles or other simple shapes)
- Copies of a simple prayer (optional)

Instructions:

1. Prepare the Materials:

- Pre-cut hand shapes from construction paper for each child. These can be traced from the child's own hands or pre-made.
- Cut out various shapes like circles or hearts for additional decoration.

2. Introduce the Craft:

- Explain that prayer is a way to talk to and thank a higher power for all the good things in our life, such as family, friends, and safety.

3. Create the Base:

- Give each child a large sheet of construction paper as a base.

4. Attach the Prayer Hands:

- Have the children glue two hand shapes in the center of their paper with the fingers of each hand pointing upward and the palms facing each other, simulating praying hands.

5. Decorate the Collage:

- Provide markers, crayons, and stickers for the children to decorate around their prayer hands. Encourage them to draw or glue shapes that represent things they are thankful for like a sun, trees, or people they love.
- If using a simple prayer, they can glue it below the hands or write words like "Thank you" and "Love" with your assistance.

6. Personalize their Craft:

- Encourage each child to add their name to their collage and any additional writings or drawings that make it special to them.

Reinforcement of the Lesson:

This activity reinforces the lesson of prayer by:

- Providing a visual and tactile representation of what prayer can signify.
- Encouraging a discussion about gratitude and the elements in their life they cherish.
- Offering a creative way to express feelings and ideas associated with concepts of love, thanks, and peace, which are fundamental to the practice of prayer.