

Worship 2 Go

Drawing School and Home Together

Thanks to all those people who have made some of the resources collated here available to share

Courageous advocacy

Bible Reading

But let justice flow like a river. Let goodness flow like a never-ending stream.

You can find this in the Bible, in the book of Amos, chapter 5, verse 24.

Younger children might enjoy this video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_ltoGTbKOWY

Prayer

*Dear God,
Thank you that each person in the world is special to you and has something to offer to others. Help each of us to notice injustice when we see it or hear about it and to be people of courage who can stand up for what is right.
Help each one of us to be people who are fair and just and who show compassion to those around us.
Amen*

Wondering

- I wonder what courageous advocacy means to you
- I wonder what the image of justice flowing like a river means to you
- I wonder what you feel strongly about
- I wonder where you think you can make a difference

Creative Prayer 1 ≈ Prayer Squares

You will need some paper cut into 4 squares, some pens or pencils, some small objects e.g. Lego, pebbles, beads, counters buttons and a cross. You may already have one but if you don't you could make one out of paper and decorate it. Write one title in each square—The World, The Nation, Our Community and The Environment. Think about each area and the problems that may affect people - e.g. climate change, somewhere safe to live, clean water, droughts, safe play zones. Write words and draw pictures to represent the problems. You could also cut pictures out of magazines or newspapers if you have them. When you have completed each square place them around the cross. Select an object and place it on one of the words or pictures in a prayer square. Say a prayer about the problem, asking God to help with that situation. Repeat selecting something from each prayer square. The next day select four more problems by placing an object in the prayer square and say another prayer. You can keep this going over a few days.



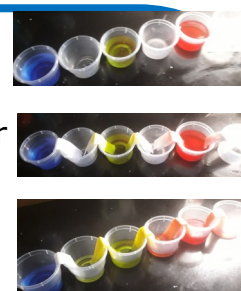
Creative Prayer 2 ≈ Prayer Walking

This is something everyone can do together. Wrap up warm it's time to go outside! Is it raining? Are there puddles? Rain is a good thing because it helps things grow but because of climate change, some of our global neighbours live in places which don't get as much rain as they used to, which can make it hard to grow crops. Other places can get too much rain, that cause floods, which again can lead to the loss of belongings or crops. Because CO2 is one of the causes of this, we can all help a little by cutting back on how much of it we use. So things that might help are switching off electrical things at the wall (maybe you can use persuasive skills with an adult), or walking or cycling instead of using a vehicle. Talk about these things together. Thank God for the rain that helps things grow and ask him to help you to remember and notice ways you can make a difference. Pray for those affected by recent flooding in this country too.

Activity 1 ≈ Walking water!

You will need: 6 small jars, plastic cups or glasses; some paper towel or kitchen roll; red, yellow and blue watercolours or food colouring or whatever colours you have); some water

- Fill three of your jars or glasses with water until they are three quarters full.
- Add a few drops of red food colouring, or watercolour paint to make the water turn red in the first jar. Repeat this using yellow and blue for the second and third jar.
- Arrange your jars in a line: Red – Empty – Yellow – Empty – Blue – Empty
- Take three paper towels or pieces of kitchen and cut them in half so you have 6 pieces. Fold each in half and then in half again so you have a long strip.
- Dip each paper towel strip into one of the colours and the connecting empty jar
- After 30 minutes, you should see the stream of water moving from one cup into another. Keep looking over 2-3 hours to see the colours mixing!
- The water moves by a process called capillary action- this is how water climbs from a tree's roots all the way to it's leaves! It reminds me of the image of the river running with justice, compassion and dignity.



Activity 2 ≈ Making a difference

If you were writing a letter to someone, like a local councillor, speaking out about something you saw in your community you wanted to change, what would you say? Maybe it's something you want to say about something in the country or another part of the world. Who would you write to? Just spend some time thinking about that imagining what you would write. Is there anything you might be able to do to make a difference. If you would like to, you could even write it in a letter from yourself or family and ask someone to help you make sure it gets to the right place or person.

Fact of the week

In 2007 Martin Strel swam the length of the Amazon, 3274 miles. It took 66 days swimming 10 hours a day! That's a long way and a long time!

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