



No maximum number
depending on adequate
supervision



90 minutes

Lord's Prayer Collage Evening

Aim: To help familiarise the boys with the Lord's Prayer and also to help them understand what each section of the prayer means

This activity is different to the other 'Programmes a on plate' ideas as it is one long activity, which should take up all evening, or the activity could be split over 2 weeks.

Equipment:

- Old magazines
- Fabric of different colours
- Paper/card
- Felt tip pens
- Colouring pencils
- Glue
- Scissors
- Photos
- Sweet wrappers
- Other food packets

Preparation:

- Split the boys into eight groups.
- For each group obtain a large piece of card or paper. It is recommended that this should be the size of flip chart paper and possibly larger.
- Set up eight different workstations on which there should be pens, pencils, scissors and glue.

Instructions:

- Boys in their groups should each be given one of the large sheets of paper.
- Before they start creating the collage they should divide the paper up as shown below.

- Missing out the top left box write in as a title at the top of each starting from the top row one in from the left
 - Our Father in Heaven
 - Your name is Holy
 - Your kingdom come
 - Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven
 - Give us today the food we need
 - Forgive us the wrongs we have done
 - Do not lead us into temptation
 - For yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen



This activity requires the
use of scissors and glue.
Leaders should exercise
appropriate caution

- On each table the boys fill in one section of their collage. In each box they will add pictures that they think relate to this section of the prayer and what Jesus is trying to tell us.
- The first box left without a heading should be filled with the words 'The Lord's Prayer'. The boys can do this however they like and decorate it as they wish.

Below are some suggestions of ways the areas can be filled. It is important that at every different work area a member of staff explains the meaning of the line to the boys.

- **Our Father in Heaven.** Explain to the boys that it is an amazing thing that we are able to call God 'Father' and that we are able to speak to him in such a way. One idea for this section is to ask the boys to cut out people shapes and attach to them speech bubbles filled with things that we can talk to God about.
- **Your Name is Holy.** Talk with the boys about how special God's name is. One way to convey this is to ask the boys to think of different words to describe how great God is and ask them to cut out the words in fabric, letter by letter. You could provide pictures of things the boys understand as Holy: Church, cross, etc.
- **Your Kingdom come.** Explain to the boys that this part of the prayer is talking about how Christians want God's family to grow. A suggestion for this could relate to families by cutting out pictures of groups of people from magazines. It is important to explain to younger boys what is meant by the use of the word 'family'.
- **Your will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.** Tell the boys about how God wants us to live our lives in ways that he guides us. Possibly, this time, ask the boys to decorate the section with words that they think describe the ways in which God wants us to live.
- **Give us today the food that we need.** This is simple and the boys should need little explanation for this line. A possible collage suggestion is to draw some foods or to stick food packets or sweet wrappers onto the paper.
- **Forgive us the wrongs that we do.** Explain to the boys how God understands that it is not possible to be perfect all of the time. All he asks is that we are sorry and try our hardest not to do the wrong thing again.
- **Do not lead us into temptation.** Talk to the boys about how sometimes doing the wrong thing seems like a good idea and this is called temptation. In this part of the prayer we are asking for help from God to stop us falling for this temptation.
- **For yours is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.** In this part of the prayer explain to the boys that we are telling God how powerful he is and that he owns the whole world. For this section the boys could fill it with photos of famous places and grand landscapes e.g. Niagara Falls or Mount Everest.

Devotions

Reading: Matthew 6 verse 5 – 14 which includes The Lord's Prayer

Talk with the boys about the reading. Explain to them further about prayer and the way Jesus said how, when, where and why we should pray.