

Intergenerational Worship

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Intergenerational Prayer

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What this is: Interactive Prayer



Where it's used: Any intergenerational gathering; Early Word; Prayers of the People



What's needed: -Sticks of different sizes.



Time: 5-7 minutes



Bible focus/theme: Exodus 17:1-7 Israelites are provided with water

In our Bible reading today God asks Moses to use his stick to strike the Rock and release water for the thirsty, frightened, desperate, complaining Israelites. This stick has already seen some adventures in the story of God but it is in the end just an ordinary stick, caught up in the amazing ways of God. This is encouragement to us - ordinary people to be part of the great things God is doing. One way to do that is in our prayers. Today we are going to take ordinary sticks to pray,

>Let each person choose a stick from a pile of random sizes and lengths.

Stand in a circle and hold sticks pointing in towards the centre.

Loving God

you have made us, out of the same stuff as the rest of the world. We belong here, where you are too, in the midst of your loving creation.

hold stick, pointing up

We praise you! We want to point out how great you are.

hold stick pointing forwards

You have shown us your good ways to live and how to walk in your paths of love and justice and hope.

cross sticks with another person

but we have not always lived according to your peace and justice. We have fought and hurt one another - friends and enemies. We have lashed out, we have been defensive, we have used the beautiful things you have given us as weapons for fighting, instead of tools for building. Please forgive us.

break stick in half - place two pieces together as a cross

Although we have broken your good laws and broken each other's hearts, you put things right again, showing us your love through Jesus life and death and resurrection.

during this next part of the prayer, bring your pieces of stick forward to the ground and join them together to make a large circle holding all our prayers for the world

We pray now for the things in our world that are broken, that are in need, that are fearful, that are in danger. *name any particular prayers or concerns you would like to share now.*

You are our God, who is in the midst of us, and you hear our prayers.
Amen.