Intergenerational Worship

Risen and Real: Resources for Intergenerational Worship
Pentecost Year B

Bible Art Image Extension Activity

What this is: Bible Engagement

Where it’s used: In any intergenerational gathering; Early Word, Bible Reading

Time: 5 minutes

Bible focus/theme: Pentecost; Acts 2:1-21;

What’s needed:
- Text of Acts 2:1-21 displayed with selected highlighted words on screen, or printed copies for your gathering. https://www.dropbox.com/s/j7d96a93ma1i1imp/UCA%20Easter%20proclaiming%20%281%29.jpg?dl=0
- Art Image ‘Proclaiming’ displayed on screen and in large poster form
- Display board or Easel
- White butchers paper covering a trestle table.
- 20-30 different coloured cardboard cones (see template below)
- 20-30 round/oval face shaped discs (see template below)
- Black markers
- Sticky tape
- Lengths of wool in colours roughly corresponding to the coloured cones.

Instructions

Display the poster in an accessible and highly visible position on a display board or easel.

Place a trestle table covered in white butchers paper in front of the displayed poster, making sure the bottom of the poster is at least 20 cm above the table.

Make up a few ‘cone’ people attaching faces to the cones.
Attach the cone people firmly to the poster in the space below the ‘eye’ (below the other ‘cone people’ in the poster.)

Use a piece of stickytape across the face and from inside the base of the cone.

Using sticky tape, attach a corresponding colour end of yarn to the mouth of each cone person.

Attach a corresponding colour piece of card to the other end of each piece of yarn.

Following the bible reading, as the rest of your gathering proceeds, invite participants to make more cone people to add to the crowd. The pieces of yarn represent their languages; different colours for the many different languages and dialects that are spoken.

Invite participants also to add a word or message of Goodnews on the card at the end of the yarn - in any language they know.

As there are more strands of yarn added, invite participants to gently and loosely weave the strands of yarn together.

At the close of your gathering, highlight the way the poster and the extra people and the woven languages captures the ongoing story of Pentecost.

Say something like:

“Pentecost affirms the faith of all people. Pentecost celebrates the way the Spirit gives many different languages of expression - all of which proclaim the good news of God’s presence and power.

Our many different ways of expressing and communicating our stories of God’s spirit among us can be woven together - we don’t need to make all of our voices or stories sound the same. Our differences are beautiful and helpful in proclaiming the fullness of the wonder of God’s life and love for the whole colourful cosmos.”
Cut random oval shapes from different skin tone paper for faces. If you don’t have paper in these colours, mix a little water colour paint in various shades and paint some paper scraps. Water colour dries quickly.

Cut various sizes and colours. Overlap straight edges and secure with sticky tape. Vary the size of the base by overlapping more or less.