

Day 3 Craft

Prayer Jars

Craft Connection:

These prayer jars are designed to help everyone practice leading prayers. Sometimes, we don't know what to pray for or where to start. These prayer jars will be filled with prayer prompts and suggestions to make leading prayer more fun and less scary.

Materials needed:

- Canning jars
- Paint (liquid watercolor, acrylic or washable paints will work), brushes and small cups
- Elmer's glue
- Decoupage sealant and finish (such as Mod Podge) [See recipe included in bag](#)
- Markers
- Jumbo craft sticks
- Twine
- Scissors
- Colored paper and other small items to decorate the jars

Directions:

- 1) Invite the children to add color to their jar with paint. Below are a few ideas:

For a sea-glass look: Pour glue into a paint cup. Add a few drops of liquid watercolor paint. Mix it into the glue. Add more watercolor if you want a darker color. Next, use a paintbrush to brush the mixture onto the jar. NOTE: It will look streaky at first but dries smooth.

For an opaque, shiny look: Pour acrylic paint or washable paint into a paint cup. You can mix colors if you'd like. Paint the entire jar, then wait until it dries. Add a coat of Mod Podge to add some shine and prevent the paint from chipping off the glass.

- 2) Invite the children to decorate their jars. You can add craft trim, fabric scraps, gems, ribbon and other items. Cut triangles from the colored paper and write the letters P-R-A-Y on them. Glue the triangles to the twine and, when dry, attach to the jar.
- 3) Use the craft sticks to fill your prayer jar. Invite the children to write a prayer suggestion/prompts on each craft stick. Here are a few suggestions to get you started:
 - Pray for someone in your family.
 - Pray for first responders.
 - Name three things for which you are grateful.
 - Pray for an ELCA World Hunger project.
 - Recite the Lord's Prayer.
- 4) When all are done, place the sticks into the jar. At your next meal or bedtime, draw one stick and use the prayer suggestion on the stick.