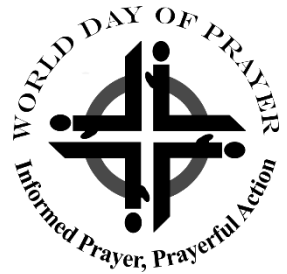


WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Charity Number SC 020446

Friday, March 7th, 2025

“I Made You Wonderful”



LEADERS NOTES FOR THE CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Prepared by the WDP Committee of Cook Islands

LEADER'S NOTES

*Goal: Give the children the sense that
we are all unique, and wonderfully made by God.*

Preparation

This programme can be used for children of different ages and for mixed groups. You can adapt the activities and the language to what is appropriate for your group, prepare accordingly.

For all ages a safe and comfortable space is important and having everything you need at hand so that the programme can flow from one activity into the next.

Where there are three little dots in the programme "... " there is time either for the children to respond to a question or time to do an activity.

Where there is bold in the programme, like with **Kia orana**, it means everybody joins in saying it.

Sea Creature Activity

For younger children use the colouring sheet with fishes, for older children let them design their fishes themselves. Have ready:

- the colouring sheets and/or white sheets
- drawing materials,
- scissors
- glue
- big blue sheet to stick the fish on

Bible Reading

Depending on the age range you are working with you can read just Ps 139:14 or Ps 139:13-18. Again, depending on the age range you can ask one of the children to read there and then or ask beforehand.

It would be good to have Ps 139:14 printed on a large poster, so it can be seen throughout the programme.

Thinking about the Story

Depending on the age range and the responses you get from children you can leave out some of the text. For younger children you will want to take out some of the complex language like "cardiovascular system" for older children you might want to take out some of the rather obvious things like "our noses allow us to smell", especially if in the conversation children already thought of those things.

Flower Festival Activity

Pick one or several of these activities based on the ages of the children participating. Please find the attached instruction sheets for each activity. All children can learn the names of the flora and fauna on the Cook Islands

Pre-primary children draw, paint or colour pictures.

P 1-3 children learn how to create neck garlands, which they call "leis."

What you'll need:

- a. Flowers/Leaves
- b. A long needle
- c. Cotton

What to do:

1. You will need cotton (heavy cotton) so it does not break when the flowers are sewn on.
2. Measurement varies. For a child, measure the cotton so it hangs beneath the breast and above the belly button for neck leis. For crowns, measure the head to form a circle.
3. Thread the flowers onto the cotton to desired length and tie off and wear around neck.
4. Tie it together so it does not slip or become undone.
5. With your flowers start laying on the band and wrap the raffia or string around the flowers and the band until all done. Tie string at the end and you are done.

P 4-7 children learn how to make flower head crowns, and also plant flowers and trees.

What you'll need:

- a. Strap
- b. Raffia
- c. Flowers/Leaves

What to do:

- * The same method can be used for either neck leis or head crowns.

Snack

If there is time, the children can learn how to make this dish and then eat it. Alternatively, the dish can be already prepared and the children can just enjoy it.

Coconut Tree Activity

If there is still time, the children can do one more colouring activity. Or you can give the picture to the children to take home and colour.

Wordsearch Activity

Option to discover words in the wordsearch grid.

Music

Aroa mai te Atua: <https://www.takai.nz/find-resources/songs/my-god-loves-me-cook-island-maori/> ;

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jO7KAh4Q9w>

I am fearfully made, and wonderfully made:

<http://www.wdpscotland.org.uk/resources>