

2018 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power (Ex 15:6)

CHILDREN'S RESOURCE

This is a list of possible children's activities, one of which can be used as a resource within the Order of Worship (see the Tips for Preparing the Worship Service resource, available on weekofprayer.ca, for suggestions), or outside the Order of Worship as a separate program for children.

Children's Activities

- Begin with the hymn *Weave*, found in the Chalice Hymnal page 495, or another song (see the *Hymn Suggestions* resource, available on weekofprayer.ca, for suggestions).
- YouTube animated movie *Prince of Egypt* is a good movie to watch with adults and children.
- Use a brightly-coloured pillowcase or a pillowcase with large, bright designs to hold all props.
 1. Use ribbons of many colours, each representing a different tradition. Have the children “weave” back and forth in the group, creating a weaving of many threads of tradition.
 2. Ask the children to place their hands one on top of the other signifying solidarity.
 3. Have each of the children hold a piece of a blue cloth and raise it up and down representing waves. (Remember the Israelites crossing the Red Sea – rough water but a safe shore.)
 4. Prepare a long chain with aluminum foil. Wrap this chain around all the children to represent enslavement. Ask the children to break free of the chain.
 5. Use a long rope and tie the children together in a group – enslavement. At the end, untie the rope so the children are free to move about.
 6. Symbol of cleansing – have the children wash each other's hands in a clear plastic bowl.
 7. Speak about Miriam as a female prophet. The Bible contains stories about both male and female prophets.
 8. The children walk down the aisle of the sanctuary carrying a banner OR the children can carry small lanterns (IKEA has small lanterns for sale) while singing *We Are Marching in the Light of God* (see the *Hymn Suggestions* resource, available on weekofprayer.ca).
 9. Action songs (refer to the *Hymn Suggestions* resource, available on weekofprayer.ca)
 - I'll Lift You up on Eagle's Wings (refrain only)
 - Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (refrain only)
 - This Little Light of Mine
 - Let My People Go