

Rainbow Lord's Prayer

This craft activity is designed to help young children remember the words of the Lord's Prayer.

What you need:

- A large sheet of thick white paper or card (A2 or A1 size) – use this as your base
- Another large sheet of thick white paper or card (A2 or A1 size) – cut this into eight horizontal strips
- A selection of magazines with coloured pictures
- Glue
- A Bible
- A copy of the strips of words of the Lord's Prayer

What you do:

- If working with a large group – divide the children into eight smaller groups.
 - Allocate a colour to each group – one of blue, white, purple, green, yellow, red, black and gold ribbon. Perhaps you could place a matching coloured object on their table to remind them which colour they are looking for.
 - Instruct the children to find blocks of their given colour in the magazines and rip them out.
 - Tear the larger pieces into smaller bits.
 - Give each group one of the strips of white paper. Tell them to cover it with the coloured pieces torn from magazines.
 - As the children are working, rotate round the groups, telling them the relevance of the colour they are using and giving them the corresponding words from the Lord's Prayer as follows. You could just tell the children the words or give them a written copy, depending on their age/ability.
- **Blue** reminds us of dads – we'd buy a blue card for Fathers' Day. The blue strip helps us remember the words: "Our father who art in heaven".
 - **White** makes us think of very clean or pure things, holy things. 'Hallowed means 'keep holy' so the white strip helps us remember the words: "Hallowed be Thy name".
 - **Purple** is a majestic colour – a colour for a king or queen. God is king of the whole world so the purple reminds us of the words: "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done".
 - **Green** is the colour of the grass, trees and plants on earth so the green reminds us of the words: "On earth as it is in heaven".
 - **Yellow** reminds us of the colour of wheat. And bread is made from wheat so the yellow strip reminds us of the words: "Give us this day our daily bread".
 - **Red** reminds us of Jesus' blood. When he died on the cross for us. By trusting in Jesus, we are forgiven so the red strip helps us remember the words: "And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us".
 - **Black** makes us think of really bad or evil things so when we think of the black strip we remember the words: "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
 - **Gold** reminds us of God's heavenly kingdom where he reigns forever. The last, gold strip reminds us of the words: "For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen."

If you are working with a smaller group you might prefer to concentrate on one colour at a time. Stick the strips of colour in order onto the second white sheet of paper/card and you have a colourful copy of the Lord's Prayer to display and remind children of the words. Say the prayer together.