

Hope Blossoms

This fun activity encourages students to think about their hopes and dreams unfolding over time.

Equipment needed:

Shallow water paddling pool
Water
Paper squares
Pens or pencils
Waterproof mat/sheeting

This resource was designed by a year 6 class at Potters Gate Primary School in Farnham.

Instructions:

This activity encourages students to think about their hopes and dreams.

Put the water-filled pool within an area away from walk-ways and plug sockets. Outside is probably best, but if the prayer space is inside, you will need a waterproof mat or sheet underneath the pool to collect any spills. Put the pens and paper nearby.

Encourage the students to think about their hopes and dreams and to write or draw them in the middle of the paper squares. Ask them to fold each corner into the centre, until all four corners are touching in the centre - young children might need some help with this. Encourage them to carefully place their folded square onto the surface of the water, with the folded-corners facing upwards. And then wait.

Encourage the students to think about how they feel as they watch their 'hope prayer' slowly blossoming. This activity works best with a team member alongside.



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Below is an example of the instructions you could use for this activity. Please feel free to copy these and adapt as you wish. If your prayer space has a name you might wish to add your own logo.

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What do you hope for in the future?

What do you hope the world will be like?

Write or draw your hopes and dreams on a piece of paper. If you want to, you can do this as a prayer to God.

Fold the four corners of your square so that they meet in the centre. (Ask someone to help if you need to.)

Carefully place your square onto the water with the folded corners facing upwards. And now wait as it slowly unfolds.