



Finally the passage talks about bearing fruit. When we trust in God and have a strong and healthy relationship with God, we start to behave in ways that show that relationship to everyone around us

Express

Praying together: how can you involve the children actively in prayer?

Creative Prayer – Roots

This prayer builds on the vine prayers used throughout this series – see previous weeks for other parts of this creative prayer resource.

- Attach string or wool to the base of the vine's pot using tape.
- Spread them out around the vine to represent roots.
- Ask your group to write the names of other group members on small squares of paper, with a punched hole in them. (Younger children may need help, or people could work in pairs if some find writing more challenging).
- Thread the names onto the string roots, praying for relationships within the group and for relationships with God to grow.
- You could also write names of other members of the church congregation to attach to the roots.

*Remember that the paper vine can be used as the basis for creative prayers
your prayer vine.*

Spoken prayer

Creator God,

Help us to have healthy roots so that our faith can grow.

Help us to bear tasty fruit and beautiful blossoms.

Let

- Water
- Rice
- Food colouring
- Clear cups

What you do:

Roll 3 paper towels into tubes and tape the middle of each one.

Make one tube into a fibrous root by cutting the bottom into strips. Turn your second tube into a “no roots” tube by cutting the bottom off. Keep the last tube whole to be your taproot.

Place your taproot and fibrous root tubes into two separate cups. Gently pour rice around their bases so the tubes stand up.

Fill the third cup with rice and gently press your “no root” tube slightly into the top of the rice.

Fill the empty cup with water and add some food colouring. Stir with a spoon or fork.

Pour some of the coloured water into each of the cups. Try to keep the water from touching the tubes as you pour it. We are going to see how the roots draw nutrients from the soil.

Watch your paper towel roots for five minutes and watch what happens.

Extra

Why not design and create your own paper towel root and add it to a fourth cup. Let your imagination run wild and create a root design you think would help a plant. What features will your root have?

What happened to each of your paper towel roots after five minutes? What was the first thing you noticed about your paper towel roots?
