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HOW TO USE

These simple activities are designed to help keep young hands busy while simultaneously engaging their brains and hearts in the service and in the sermon text. This component is multifaceted for the sake of flexibility based on context.

Print off each week's activities and provide the necessary supplies for each kid. You may want to provide kids with a hard writing service, like a clipboard or a piece of sturdy cardboard. To keep things fun, provide Magic Scratch paper and scratchers instead of plain paper for any of the activities that require writing or drawing.

If used during adult worship, you may want to focus the child(ren) on quiet crafting and ignore the discussion prompts (or save the prompts for after-church conversations, perhaps on the car ride home).

If used during children's church, you may want to use everything or pick and choose elements that fit naturally with the flow of your children's service.

Or, if you aren't using the *Advent Paper Chain Take-Home*, these family worship activities could be sent home so families can engage with them together, either around the Sunday dinner table or throughout the week to keep the ideas fresh in kids' minds.



WEEK 1

Psalm 25:1–10



Hope



SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- Bible
- Paper
- Crayons and colored pencils



TRY *this*

Read Psalm 25:1-10. This psalm is an acrostic poem. In the original language, each line started with the next letter in the alphabet. Create your own acrostic poem with the letters **H-O-P-E**. Include names or places or things that make you feel hopeful or think hopeful thoughts. The words might be unrelated, or they might flow together. For example:

Hearts
Overflowing
Praise the
Everlasting God

H _____

O _____

P _____

E _____

Next, try an acrostic with the letters of your name. What other letters and words can you use to create poems about hope?

TRY this

Read Psalm 25:4-5. Close your eyes and imagine walking along a path. Where does it lead? Through the forest? Along a beach? Up a mountain? After you open your eyes, draw a picture of the path you imagined. Walk your fingers along the path.

ASK

What do you think the Psalmist (the author of this psalm) meant when he asked the Lord to show him God's ways and teach him God's paths?



TRY this

Read Psalm 25:4-5. Complete the maze handout.

ASK

How is life like a maze? Do we sometimes run into unexpected problems in life? How can following God's paths give us hope even when we hit a dead end?

