

Please

Asking for God's help

Purpose

This activity gives pupils the opportunity to reflect on things that are worrying them. These may be about the move to a new school, their family, or global issues. Their 'please' thoughts and prayers are presented to God in the service later.



Note that if a pupil expresses a worry that gives cause for concern, the school's safeguarding procedure must be followed.

Equipment

Each pupil will need:

- Coloured pens
- An A5 piece of paper, a variety of colours would be effective.

Each pupil will need access to:

- Instruction card (Provided on the website)
- A decorated box to gather the please prayers or thoughts.

If you prefer you could make a hands banner to put at the front of your worship space or assembly. For this you will need:

- Scissors
- Glue sticks
- A large piece of paper, big enough to take all the hands with minimum overlap.

Instructions for the pupils

- Is there something that you are worried about; something that you want God to help you with? It may be about your new school, about your family or about the world.
- On a piece of coloured paper and draw around your hand.
- On your hand shape write or draw the thing that you want to put into God's hands.

Either (you decide which of these options you will use)

- Put your please hand into the special box of prayers and thoughts for us to give to God later.

or

- Cut out your hand shape.
- Stick your hand prayer or thought onto the big paper to make a banner of prayers.