



Activities for all ages!

While you are spending time at home, here are some activities that can help keep you connected to God and to others. You may even want to take some pictures of the things you make and share them on our Facebook page!

○ **Old book prayers or poems**

- Find an old book that you don't mind writing and coloring in. Take a page from this book and choose words from it to create a prayer or poem.
- It's really not difficult, but here is a tutorial: <https://www.teachkidsart.net/the-art-of-blackout-poetry/>
- Some other ideas to inspire: <https://artjournalist.com/found-poetry/>

○ **Prayer jars**

- Find a jar and make sure it's clean – it could be a mason jar, a spaghetti sauce jar, there are lots of options! Using popsicle sticks or pieces of paper, write different ideas for people, places or situations that you can pray for. Put them in the jar and each day pull one out and invite family members to pray for that topic. And don't forget to decorate the jar using stickers, washi tape, anything you can find!

○ **Recycled Prayer journal**

- Raid the recycling bin for printer paper printed on one side, pieces of mail and other bits of paper from around your house. Cut the paper to be roughly the same size, and secure them together with a binder clip or staples. Use this recycled book to write down your prayers. You could make one for each member of the family, or make one for the whole family to use together.

○ **Make a prayer chain.**

- Write a person or situation on strips of paper. Assemble the strips into a paper chain. Remove one link per day, and pray for that with your kids.

○ **Write letters to members of the congregation**

- Create and/or write notes to say hello to members of the congregation, and remind them that God is with them.
- Contact Pastor Lindsay for a list of names and addresses (lindsayhl@fpccle.org)

○ **Make your own kid's Bible**

- Pick a few stories from the Bible (perhaps a children's Bible) and read them. Then create a picture for each story and staple them together into a book.
- This might be good to do over the course of many days – maybe a story for each day!

○ Collage

- Collect magazines, newspapers, etc. to find pictures to glue onto a larger piece of paper to create a collage
- Ideas for a theme for your collage:
 - Things you are grateful for
 - Things God has made
 - Pick another member of the family, make a collage that represents things you love about them or things they are good at

○ Decorate Easter Eggs

- Some of these tutorials are for actual eggs, others are better with fake eggs. They sell wooden eggs at Target, also you can find wooden and paper mache eggs on Amazon
 - Dye with items from nature
 - <https://www.countryliving.com/diy-crafts/a42326/dyeing-easter-eggs/>
 - Dye with shaving cream or cool whip
 - <https://www.craftymorning.com/shaving-cream-dyed-easter-eggs/>
 - Decoupage
 - <https://www.firstdayofhome.com/decoupage-easter-eggs-diy-tutorial/>

○ Music with kids

- Jesus Loves Me
- Siyahamba - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N1KZbMprW8U>
- This Little Light of Mine - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkblZtqhyQ>
- Go Now in Peace - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7SZV-LnOE4>
- Peace like a River - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7it5W1FVtTs>
- Kumbayah - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIQq5SGA6PE>
 - Not the greatest video, but if your kids are in WE they will know it
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Kkr-WlePPI>
- Joy, Joy, Joy, Down in My Heart - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=imK7pAMf61E>

○ Bake pretzels.

- Pretzels were first baked during Lent because they can be made with only water, flour, and salt. The shape came from a posture of prayer, with arms crossed and hands on opposite shoulders. A monk made dough into this criss-crossed shape, and the pretzel was born!
- Recipe - <https://www.catholicicing.com/pretzels-for-lent/>

○ Make Hot Cross Buns

- Named for the cross on top, the seasonal British specialty is customarily made and enjoyed on Good Friday, when Jesus is said to have died on a cross, as well as Easter Sunday, the day he rose from the dead. The cross, either cut with a knife before baking or formed with frosting after serves as a religious reminder.
- Recipe - <https://cookingformysoul.com/hot-cross-buns/>

○ **Gratitude scavenger hunt**

- Take a walk through your house or around your block looking for different items. Here is a printable you can use, or you can make your own list of things to find - <https://www.naturalbeachliving.com/gratitude-scavenger-hunt/>

○ **Being kind Bingo**

- Make a bingo chart full of kinds things you can do, such as:
 - do someone else's chore, give someone a hug, make a card for someone, help cook dinner, read a book to a sibling, do something kind for the earth, clean a bathroom, put change in your fish bank