



Prayer Space Themed Activities

Theme: *Narnia*

Themed Narnia activities

Choose 4 activities for Primary School prayer spaces and 7-8 for Secondary School prayer spaces

1) Lamp - Identity (Thank you)

(Lamp post, white paper, scissors and string)

Lucy stepped through the wardrobe into Narnia and found herself standing by a lamp post like this one. Everything around her was new and beautiful, all covered in snow. Lucy met a faun called Mr Tumnus and they soon became friends even though they were very different.

Did you know that every snowflake is unique? No snowflakes are the same as each other, but they work together to form a beautiful blanket of snow. Lucy and Mr Tumnus were unique, so are you! No one in the whole world is like you!

To remind you how unique and special you are, make a snowflake out of white paper and hang it up with the others. Spend some time thinking about who you are and how you can celebrate differences with others.

2) White Witch's Sleigh (Sorry)

(Throne, witches' crown, trays of white sand and fake box of Turkish delight)

Have you ever been tempted to do something you knew was wrong?

In Narnia, the White Witch was very unkind – she tricked people and made them do bad things which spoilt Narnia. She tricked Lucy's brother, Edmund into betraying his family. In the Bible we read how Judas betrayed Jesus. In our world there are temptations all around us.

If you would like to, write the word 'sorry' in the white sand as you think about something you regret doing. Afterwards, brush it away, either as a 'sorry prayer' or as an opportunity to decide to not do it again.

OR

If you would like to, use the pens to write the word 'sorry' on your icicle. As you dip this into the water and watch it disappearing, think or pray about how great it feels to be forgiven for things we do wrong and ask for help to avoid doing this again.

3) Stone Table - Broken World (Please)

(Low table and pencils)

Lots of things happened in Narnia that weren't good because of the White Witch and people's actions. Edmund was going to be killed because he betrayed his friends, but Aslan the Lion took his place.

As Aslan died on the stone table it broke into pieces. This reminds us of all the broken things in the world, places where there is war, or not enough food, or people who are sick. Christians believe that Jesus cares about all those things too. They also believe that Jesus died on the cross for the things we do wrong and for the things that are broken in our world.

What broken thing in our world would you want fixed? Write your thought or prayer on the stone table.

4) Christmas tree - Hope (Please- others)

(Christmas tree, coloured card baubles and hooks)

Because Aslan died in Edmund's place, the White Witch's bad magic was broken, and Aslan came back to life; this gave hope to the people that lived in Narnia. The spell was broken and the snow started melting!

Christians believe that Jesus came back to life three days after he was put on the cross, which gives them hope today.

Decorate a card bauble and attach a hook. Hold it in your hand and think of someone you know who's going through a difficult time at the moment. As you hang it on the tree say a thought or a prayer in your head for that person, that they might know hope and love this Christmas.

OR

Decorate a yellow crown and staple the edges, punch a hole and thread some string through this. Hold it in your hand and think of someone you know who's going through a difficult time at the moment. As you hang it on the tree say a thought or a prayer in your head for that person, that they might know hope and love this Christmas.

5) Mr Tumnus' House- Friendship (Please- others)

(table, fireplace, painting of a faun, dinner set, cake, rug and chairs)

When Mr Tumnus and Lucy meet in the snow by the lamp post, they strike up a friendship straight away. Lucy offered to help Mr Tumnus to carry his many Christmas parcels and he invited her to have tea at his house, to chat and get to know each other. Lucy even forgave Mr Tumnus for trying to hand her over to the White Witch. Christmas is a time when we can think about how we can help and encourage our friends in lots of different ways.

Choose a friend, write a label for them and attach it to their gingerbread man. Spend some time praying or thinking about how you can help them, by saying something kind, offering to do something for them, perhaps forgiving them for something or simply spending time with them. Remember to give them their gingerbread man!

6) Christmas Activity Table- Jesus as the Light of the World

What gives you hope?

At this time of year, Christians remember the Christmas story because it gives them hope. They believe that Jesus is the light of the world because he came to this world and gave up his own life. This was so that he could save people from the mistakes they've made, the 'darkness', and become friends with God, putting 'light' into their lives.

Take a tea light holder and decorate it with the coloured sharpie pens. Put a tea light candle in it and when you light it at home, consider or prayer about the hope that you have for the year ahead.

7) Santa Claus' Gifts- Generosity (Thank you)

At Christmas time, many of us like to give gifts. In Narnia, because the White Witch ruled cruelly, she banished Christmas. Imagine a Christmas without presents! But as things began to change and Aslan started to appear, the snow began to melt and Santa Claus appeared! He gave gifts to suit each of the four children, so that they could help others with their gifts.

Think about a person, they could be your friend or someone you don't really get on with. Think of something that you are good at which you could use to help that person and write this on the squared card. Then tie a ribbon around it. Give this to them as a 'gift promise', that you will help them with something. Perhaps you would like to think about or pray for help to be more generous to others, spotting people's needs.

8) Santa Claus' Gifts- Sharing (Please- others)

We often enjoy receiving and giving presents to others at Christmas time...but what if we didn't get any presents at all? What if we didn't have tasty Christmas food to eat? What if we couldn't wake up in a warm house?

Sadly, this is true for many people in our country and around the world, who have nothing to call their own at Christmas time and during the rest of the year.

Choose some items for a girl or boy and place them into an empty shoe box. Perhaps you would like to think about or pray for the shoe box to reach them safely and ask for God's help to provide them with other things that they need.

9) Aslan's Mane (Please- others)

A lion named Aslan created the world of Narnia to be an amazing, beautiful place. Christians believe that God created our world to be an amazing, beautiful place, created for us to look after and enjoy. They also believe that God loves each part of His creation, including each one of us.

Is there a situation or someone in our world that you would like to think about or pray for?

If you would like to, take a hand and write down a thought or prayer for that situation or person and add it to Aslan's mane.