



## Satsuma Prayers

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Pray for a different person as you eat each segment

Your prayers could be:

- Short e.g. Dear God Please help and care for [name].....[name].....[name]...
- Specific e.g. asking God to help someone important to you
- Silent or out loud
- Individual or taking turns around the group e.g. praying for a person in the group and then eating a segment



## Christmas tree Prayers

Use a fun activity like decorating the Christmas tree for a creative prayer time.

Give each child in your group an outline shape – it could be a person shape –like a gingerbread man or it could be shaped like a star or candle etc. Have a hole punched at the top and allow time for the children to decorate the shape on one side.

On the other side, ask them to write or draw a simple prayer –if using people shapes prayers could concentrate on praying for family and friends and asking God to bless those we love. Ask the children to come up one by one and read out or explain their prayer and then hang their shape on the Christmas tree. A small table top Christmas tree would work well.



## Paper chain prayers

Give everyone a strip of paper and ask them to write or draw a prayer on it. You might just want to get the children to write a few words by giving them a prayer starter e.g. Thank you Lord for all the good things in my life. Thank you for...

The strips of paper are then made into a big paper chain which can be hung up to display along with the prayer starter.



## Pass the parcel prayers

Make up a pass the parcel and in each layer stick on a prayer to be read out. This could either be

- a short prayer that is simply read out and everyone says Amen
- a prayer starter which the child reads aloud and then finishes themselves and everyone says Amen
- a response prayer – there is one line of the prayer under each layer which each child reads out and everyone says the response, then the parcel is passed on e.g. here's one taken from "One hundred and one ideas for creative prayers" by Judith Merrell published by Scripture Union

Father God, thank you for Christmas cards and presents  
*But most of all, thank you for Jesus*  
 Thank you for Christmas trees and fairy lights  
*But most of all, thank you for Jesus*  
 Thank you for parties and special outings,  
*But most of all, thank you for Jesus*  
 Thank you for turkey and mince pies  
*But most of all, thank you for Jesus*  
 Thank you for carol singing and concerts  
*But most of all, thank you for Jesus*  
 Amen

## Spaghetti Praise Prayers

Die some spaghetti red and green by adding 2-3 teaspoons of food colouring to the cooked pasta. Set it out in two bowls with some paper plates.

Write out the words of Isaiah 9 v 6  
 For unto us a Child is born,  
 Unto us a Son is given;  
 And the government will be upon His shoulder.

And His name will be called  
 Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God,  
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
 Ask the children to choose a word from the bible verse which will help them praise Jesus. Give them time to write it using the spaghetti. Once this is done you could read out the verse and then say " Thank you Lord Jesus that you are.... and allow each child to read out their word.

