



Teach  
ME TO  
Pray

**FAMILY NIGHT 2**

**COLOURFUL PRAYER  
CHAINS**

# FAMILY NIGHT - COLOURFUL PRAYER CHAIN

Parent Preparation:

Gather all the resources

If you have younger children pre-cut the papers into 4 strips, longways.

## Resources

7 sheets of different coloured paper

pencils/pens/textas

scissors

sticky tape/stapler

bluetac

## Activity

(Praise, God's will, His Word (Bible), Daily Provision, Showing love to others, forgiveness, resisting sin)

Using one of each colour make your headings for each prayer 'type.'

Then going around the table each person can think of a prayer that

have prayed or would like to pray and write or draw the prayer onto a strip of paper.

Discuss which colour it should be with each prayer, and use that colour.

Loop the first prayer into a circle and staple together.

Each new prayer is then looped through the last one and stapled to make a chain.

Bluetac your prayer chain under their headings on a wall.

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## Discussion

The bible tells us that we can talk to God about anything. Not just big problems, but small ones too. Not just other people, but ourselves as well. God desires to hear about all things in our lives and in our world.

When we read passages in the bible about people praying to God, we read about a whole range of different things being brought to the Father. Sometimes we can fall into a bad pattern of only coming to God for certain things and we can treat Him like a fairy god mother or candy machine.

We ask only for things we want or for things that will benefit us. Prayers like "Dear Lord, help me to pass this spelling test." Well, did you study for the test? Or "Dear God, I want a new car." Why? Why do you want a new car?

If you are ever unsure about your prayers, you can do 2 things. Firstly, write your prayers into categories, like we have done with our prayer chain. Are your prayers colourful like God's Rainbow? Or are they all one colour?

And secondly you can ask yourself if the thing you are asking for will glorify or please God. You can add to your prayer chain periodically, and when you get an answer to prayer, you may like to tie a ribbon to that loop.



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## Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank you for the great gift of prayer. You are the God of all creation and we are humbled to come into your presence. We ask, dear Lord, that your will would be done in our lives and that you would give us your wisdom in the decisions we make each day. We thank you that we can study your Word and know you more.

As we go about the things we need to do in the coming days, please help us to show your love and grace to those we met, and help us to remember each day of Your great love for us. Please help each of us to make wise choices and to resist sin with it tries to bring us down. In You Name we pray, Amen.

