

Lenten Craft: Paper Flower Prayers. for SUNDAY, March 22nd

This is a fun craft for Lent. Follow these easy steps:

- Before you start folding and cutting the tissue paper, have the kids think about a prayer they want to share for Lent. It can be a prayer of praise, petition (supplication), intercession, or thanksgiving. There is no wrong prayer.
- Here is the tricky part- either write the whole prayer or a word from the prayer using a magic marker on the tissue paper- don't worry if you have some tearing- the flower is intended to be fluffy and it will all be okay!
- using their prayer tissue paper, make the flower:

STEP 1

Take one sheet of tissue paper and fold it in half, then fold it in half again. Cut it down so that you have a 10" square.

STEP 2

Starting at one edge, fold all the layers over about ½". Flip tissue over and fold it back on the other side. Continue to fold this way, alternating sides, so you have an accordion fold.

STEP 3

Fold the accordion folded tissue in half. If desired, cut the ends rounded or in a point. Wrap and secure a chenille stem around the stack with one end. The remaining chenille stem will be the stem for the flower.

STEP 4

While holding your stem, gently open up the flower accordion. Start by gently pulling the top layer straight up towards the middle, while holding the other layers and gently pulling them down. Repeat with each layer until you have one half of the flower done. Repeat for the other half of the flower.

STEP 5

Fluff the flower with your fingers once all of the tissue layers have been pulled up.

