

Answered Prayers Chain



‘My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.’ (Mark 5:23)

‘If I can touch even his clothes,’ she had told herself ‘I shall be well again.’ (Mark 5: 28)



In today's gospel 2 people ask Jesus for healing and are healed.

Just as Jesus responded to the needs of Jairus and the sick woman, so he will respond to our needs if we but ask and are ready to trust and believe in the depth and power of his love.



Discussion:

- When have you had a prayer answered before?
- What would you like to ask Jesus for today?

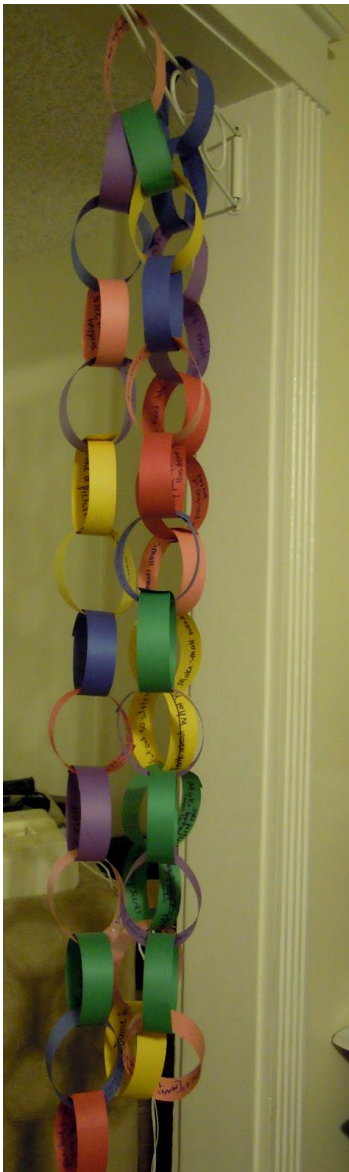
Activity:

You will need:

- Long paperchain strips of paper
- Glue
- A box to put the strips of paper in



1) Everyone in your family should take a strip of paper and write down one thing they need right now. It might be for yourself or for someone else. It might be a character trait, like patience or trust, or it might be healing physical or mental. It might be quite specific or more general.



- 2) Place all these prayer requests in the box.
- 3) Everyone in your family should then take another strip of paper and write down one prayer God has answered for you. (Remember when God answers a prayer this may not always be in the way we expect.)
- 4) Attach these answered prayers together in a chain and hang this somewhere where you'll notice it.
- 5) Leave a pen and some more strips of paper next to the box
- 6) Over the week add to the prayer requests in the box
- 7) Next weekend, look through the prayer requests and see if there are any you could add to your paperchain.
- 8) Keep doing this.

Over time your paperchain will grow and this will be a great reminder about God's action in your life. It can also be something you talk to friends and family about when they visit and this can encourage them to also bring everything to God in prayer and to trust in his great love for them.