

## Fragrant offering

### AIMS AND OUTCOMES

- To consider what it means to be an imitator of God.
- To think about thank offerings.
- To use fragrance as a tool to remember to thank God.
- To think about Jesus as sacrifice and fragrant offering for us.

Heavily adapted from *Multi-sensory Ideas for Worship*, by Irene Smale published by David C Cook. This book is available to borrow from Shelley Porter.

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### RESOURCES.

- Carrier oil e.g almond or grapeseed
- Freshly cut Rosemary

**In advance** put rosemary cuttings into carrier oil and leave for 48 hours.

- More sprigs of rosemary for the rosemary rope.
- Paper cut into A6 size
- Pens
- Scissors
- Crepe paper (or rope)
- String or wool
- A Bible

### Read together Ephesians 4:32-5:1

- Ask the children the following or similar questions
- Suggest ideas as to what these verses might mean.
- How might they use the verses as part of their everyday lives?
- What does it mean to imitate God?
- What does fragrant/offering/sacrifice mean?

**Input:**

In the Old Testament we read about people making sacrifices to God for a number of reasons. One of the sacrifices or offerings was called a 'thank offering'. This is where people would give thanks to God and make a sweet or fragrant offering.

Rosemary is a herb that grows in lots of gardens and it is known as a herb for remembrance. Let the children see, touch and smell the rosemary sprigs.

**Activity:** Making a rosemary rope.

If using crepe paper:

Give out folded crepe paper and scissors and show the children how to cut across the folds to make streamers. Then join the streamers together and try on sprigs of rosemary.

If using rope, just tie on the sprigs of rosemary.

Hang the rope over chair-backs to make a circle. Sit the children on the floor in the middle of the circle so that they are surrounded by the fragrance and hand out paper and pens.

**Input:**

Ask the children to think about something they would like to offer thanks to God for and then write it onto their A6 piece of paper.

After they have finished writing get an adult to sprinkle each piece of paper with the scented rosemary oil.

We have so much to be thankful to God for and we often forget to thank him for all that he gives us. This piece of paper which smell of rosemary can help us remember to bring a thank offering to God every day.

**Read the verses** again, spending time in quiet afterwards.

**Pray together**, the children may want to read their thanks prayers.



**Sing:**

‘Father God I wonder, how I managed to exist’

by Ian Smale