

Washed Away Prayer Service

Materials

- washable markers
- basin of water
- soap
- towels

Instructions

1. Give each person a washable marker.
2. Have them write a sin they want washed away on the palm of their hand.
3. If the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available, they should go at this point. Otherwise, they can just spend some time in quiet prayer.
4. Then they can go to the basin and wash off the sin written on their hand. (Alternatively, a youth minister or core team member can wash their hand for them. In this case, they should be instructed to keep their palm down if they don't want the person washing their hand to see what was written.)
5. Close by reading the excerpt below from Psalm 51 together:

Psalm 51: 3-4, 7, 12, 17-19

Have mercy on me, God, in accord with your merciful love;

in your abundant compassion blot out my transgressions.

Thoroughly wash away my guilt;

and from my sin cleanse me.

Behold, you desire true sincerity;

and secretly you teach me wisdom.

A clean heart create for me, God;

renew within me a steadfast spirit.

Lord, you will open my lips;

and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

For you do not desire sacrifice or I would give it;

a burnt offering you would not accept.

My sacrifice, O God, is a contrite spirit;

a contrite, humbled heart, O God, you will not scorn.