

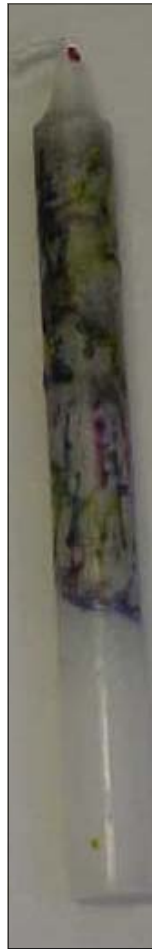
Coloured Candles

You will need:

- ♦ white kitchen candles, 1 per child
- ♦ various coloured oil-based crayons
- ♦ newspaper (to cover tables)
- ♦ several candles standing in solid holders for melting the crayons
- ♦ **Optional:** cardboard squares with crossed slits for candle holders

What to do:

- ♦ Hold a crayon in the candle flame for only a few seconds, then dribble or draw with the softened crayon on the surface of the candle.
- ♦ Use different colours to make a rainbow-coloured candle, or to create patterns on the candle's surface.
- ♦ Be careful not to hold the crayon in the flame too long, as it will melt and dribble down the lit candle. However, it cools down very quickly and will no longer be at dribbling consistency by the time you get the crayon to the candle you want to draw on.
- ♦ Push finished candle into cardboard holder for easy holding, especially if you want the children to use them in a service of worship after making them.



Before you start, you will need to remind the children of safety issues when dealing with fire/ candle flame, especially with regard to the SAFETY of those around them, and the FLAMMABILITY of the newspaper on the table. Enforce STRICTLY the rule that anyone who steps out of line is OUT of the activity



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