

# "Burning Bowl Celebration"

## I Light the Way As a Peacemaker.

### Pre-session Activity

#### **Symbols of Peace**

*Materials: White tacky glue, puffy paints, plastic wrap, loose glitter, cardboard, string for hanging, and paper patterns.*

Invite the children to create symbols of peace using the patterns included or creating one of their own.

Place the pattern on top of the cardboard then spread the plastic wrap on the pattern. Using the tacky glue or puffy paints – draw or fill in your pattern shape. While still wet cover the glue with glitter. With another color of paint write a message for peace. Allow to draw 24 hours then peel off the plastic wrap, attach the string and hang as inspiration for the coming New Year.

### Gathering Circle

- ♥ Welcome
- ♥ Share the Daily Word
- ♥ Announcements
- ♥ Collect the Love Offering

### Prayer Focus

#### **Bible Quote:**

#### **Romans 15:10**

"Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may bound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

# LESSON INTENTION

Our purpose today is release the past and to set our intentions for the new year.

**Issue:** What do I want to create this year?

**Unity Principle:** #3 - "I create my experiences by what I choose to think and what I feel and believe."

**Affirmation:** This is the best year of my life!

**1 2 Powers:** **LIFE:** I flow with the fullness and abundance of life.

## Lesson - All *"I Envision a Wonderfilled Year"*

### Releasing the Old..

*Materials: Sheets of flash paper, pencils & burning bowl.*

Give each child a sheet of flash paper and a pencil and invite them to list what they would like to release. Light the burning bowl and one by one invite the children to drop the paper into the flame. **IT IS FLASH PAPER SO IT WILL BURN QUICKLY. PLEASE ASSIST THE YOUNGER CHILDREN.**

**AN ALTERNATIVE WOULD BE TO NOT LIGHT THE BOWL – INVITE THE CHILDREN TO DROP THE PAPERS INTO IT THEN TAKE THE BOWL OUTSIDE AND LIGHT THE PAPERS ALL AT ONCE.**

After this is completed invite the children to come up with one positive word or thought that they can hold for the New Year.

## Setting New Intentions...

### The Circle of Light

*Materials: A glow stick for each person, 3 candles, matches, a table and table cloth.*

**Let the children know that they will receive a glow stick when they enter the Sanctuary and they ARE NOT TO CRACK IT UNTIL THEY ARE TOLD TO!!!**

Place the table with the cloth and candles in the front of the Sanctuary. **Dim the lights.** As the children are entering Choose 3 children as readers/candle lighters. The 3 readers lead the children into the Sancturay with the 3 readers gathered around the candles. The rest of the children create a line facing the congregation.

The 3 readers read their statements and each light a candle. Then the first reader will crack their glow stick and say their word or statement and the rest of the children will follow.

When we have finished I will invite the congregation to join us in our intentions and in song.

## Prayer Circles

*This can be done in individual classrooms or the group can come back together at the end of class time. Assign someone to speak aloud a prayer from the heart.*

Invite everyone to form a circle and join hands and then invite each person to state a simple prayer affirmation (they may pass if they need to.)

Prayer Circle Affirmation: ***This is the best year of my life!***

**Close with the Prayer for Protection.**