

PRAYER CANDLES

This idea will help your youth group pray together more effectively, and pray for each other. Have the entire group sit in a circle (in a darkened room or outdoors at night) with everyone holding a candle. One candle is lit, then the person holding that candle silently or aloud prays for one other member of the group in the circle (preferably someone across the circle). After completing the prayer that person goes over to the person he or she just prayed for and lights that person's candle, then returns to his or her seat with the lighted candle. The one whose candle was just lit then prays for another in the circle and does the same thing. This continues until all the candles are lit and the leader closes in prayer. All the candles can then be blown out simultaneously. The symbolism involved can be very meaningful.