

Title: A Holy Place Rev 4.11 (AA)

Age range: All ages.

Theme / Motivation

The idea for this section is that you make a 'Holy place' in your prayer room. This area is meant to be representative of the 'Holy of Holies' within the Jewish temple (as described in the Bible).

As you enter into the "Holy Place" have a torn veil that you pass through. This can symbolize the moment in Matthew's gospel, where the veil that had been separating people from God was torn & that gave us free access to God.

"And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, he gave up his spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom" (Matthew 27:50-51a.)

Inside create a 'Throne Room', make this in whatever way you visualize the heavenly throne room of God. Get creative! There are some great passages in Revelation and in Ezekiel 10 that might inspire you. Here are some suggestions to give you some ideas:

We recommend putting three beautiful colored glass lamps to represent the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Inside this space, place some Silver foil to make a crown that you can leave at the foot of the throne, as a gift of worship to God. This is symbolic of the angel's actions in Revelation as they cry out *"Worthy, Worthy is the Lord God Almighty." Rev 4.11.*

("The four and twenty elders fall down before him that sat on the throne, and worship him that length for ever and ever, and cast their crowns before the throne, saying, "Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honor and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.")

Design / Structure

In order to help you make this space perhaps start with a structure, like a gazebo. You could then make the inside of the gazebo in to your throne room, with the heart shaped veil hanging in front of the doorway. Next to the veil it may be worth having a copy of the scripture from Matthew 27 so that people can make sense of it.

Inside the gazebo you will obviously need a power source if you wish to use the 3 different colored lamps idea. You could write 'Father' 'Son' & 'Holy Spirit' on the lamps so that people will know what they represent. If you wanted, you could also have the biblical scriptures regarding the throne room, such as the Revelation verses mentioned above.

Creating a throne for your room can be challenging, try using a large chair and decorating it. If this proves overly complex just try to make the 'holy place' look as beautiful & opulent as possible. Place the silver foil for the crowns in front of the throne, perhaps with a sign saying... 'Make a crown out of silver foil and leave it as a gift of worship to God to honor Him.'

Materials

Gazebo
Veil fabric
3 lamps
3 different colour bulbs
Silver foil
String to hang veil
(Throne / chair)

Ways this could be adapted

The main purpose of this area is to symbolize the greatness and awesomeness of God and create an atmosphere of worship. As with all of the ideas in the Creative Bank you can develop and try any number of different methods in order to do that, don't feel you must use the ones we have listed. You can create all sorts of things for people to meditate on once in the 'holy place'.