

Activity 6



Writing a Litany

With the children, create a litany based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The United States is one of only two member States that has not ratified the Convention. The other is Somalia, which does not have a recognized government.

Give each child a copy of the main points of the Convention. Read it aloud, having the children take turns reading each point.

Plan together a response that can be prayed after each point. Examples are: *Caring God, bring this to all children. God of all, let this be.*

When the response is written, pray the litany together. The children can take turns reading the line from the Convention.



Alert the worship planners in your congregation that the children are preparing this litany. Perhaps they can include it in congregational worship.



For more about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, go to this website: www.unicef.org/crc/crc.htm

For more about the UN, go to www.un.org and click on cyberbus.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child

All children have the right

to affection, love, and understanding.

to healthy food and medical care.

to protection from danger and cruelty.

to education and to leisure and play.

to a name and nationality.

to special help and care, if they are disabled.

to protection and care in times of disaster or armed conflict.

to their own identity and the freedom to express their thoughts and ideas.

to their own culture, language, and religion.

to live in a world without pollution.

to be free from discrimination of any kind.

to live in a society where there is peace and friendship among all people.