



NAIDOC WEEK 2024 – INTERGENERATIONAL SEGMENT

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING! BLAK, LOUD AND PROUD.

Intergenerational worship is a critical element for the healthy growth of faith communities and individual faith development. This segment is an opportunity for all members of your church to learn and grow together.

To maximise impact:

- Choose volunteers/participants from different generations
- Ask everyone to participate in discussions
- Involve everyone in interactive activities

Before the meeting, set out lots of candles on a low table.

Tell everyone that you are about to dim the lights and light a candle.

If you usually invite the children to the front, let them know that they can move to the back or sit with their parents if they are worried. Have extra adults close to the children for this segment.

Dim the lights. Light a candle.

This little spark of fire doesn't give much light, does it?

And, (blow on it), it's very easy to put out.

Relight the candle.

But we can take this little spark, and light another little fire (use the candle to light another). Slowly, this candle can light more and more others (use the original candle to light several more). Slowly, from one spark, the fire spreads.

Now, each of these little fires (point to the burning candles) can light other fires too. (Ask several adults to help you use the burning candles to light others.) Now, the fire spreads more quickly and it creates a much brighter light. It's also much harder to put out. Demonstrate by trying to blow out the candles with one quick breath.

A verse in the Bible, James 3:5, tells us that a spark of fire can set a whole forest on fire. And, it says that our words are like a spark of fire.

I'm going to tell one person a message. (Speak to one of the children quietly, don't whisper, but say the words, "Keep the fire burning," so that they can be heard clearly only by those who are very near. Ask the child to quietly repeat the words back to you.)

Ask someone in the congregation if they heard the message.

Ask the child to quietly tell the message to another child — each time, ask the listener to say the words to check they have heard correctly.

Ask the second child to then go and say the words quietly to someone in the congregation.

Now, ask everyone who has heard the words to say them quietly to two other people near them.

Continue until everyone has heard the message.

Ask everyone to say the words out loud together.

During NAIDOC Week, we listen, learn and celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, their culture, language, wisdom, stories and traditions.

When we listen and learn about these things, we can also share it with others so that more and more people learn and celebrate together. When we do this, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture will shine brightly and will not be easily 'put out' or forgotten like a single spark of light.

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7-14 JULY 2024**

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