

INTERGENERATIONAL ACTIVITY:

Wilderness Pathway

AIM:

To help all ages engage with the theme of wilderness, preparation, and God's nearness.

MATERIALS:

- Large sheet of paper or floor space.
- Paper footprints, stones, or leaves (cut-outs).
- Pens, crayons, tape.

Activity Steps

- **Creating the Wilderness**
Together create a wilderness. Invite everplaces where life feels uncertain or stripped back.
- **Personal Reflection**
Give each person one paper footprint or leaf. Ask them to write or draw one way they experience "wilderness" in their own life, or one thing they want to let go of this Advent.

Younger children can draw a face, a storm cloud, a broken line, or a question mark.

- **Preparing the Way**

Invite each person to place their footprint or leaf on the pathway.

Say together:

"We prepare the way for God to come close."

- **A Path of Hope**

Now give each person a second footprint or leaf. Ask them to write or draw one sign of hope: something good, kind, just, or beautiful.

Place these along the same path—turning the wilderness into a pathway of hope.

- **Say together:**

"We walk in hope because God is near."

- **Closing Moment**

Gather around the path and offer a simple prayer:

God of the wilderness,
Walk with us as
we prepare your way.
Help us see hope,
Help us share hope,
And help us welcome
your coming
and to your love.
Amen.