

This activity is part of a series of legacy-building and memory-making activities offered through Hospice. Most of the activities are suitable or can be adapted for children of all ages. We encourage all members of the family to participate in any of the activities you select.

Family Finger Print Tree

Use water-based paint to capture individual fingerprints as leaves on the tree. All who visit the dying person can be part of this legacy activity. One can use a sturdy paper or canvas art boards for this activity.

Included Materials:

- Paint brushes
- Sturdy Paper or Canvas
- Water-based paints

Needed Materials

- Glass of Water
- Newspapers
- Pen/marker

Instructions:

1. Cover your work surface with old newspapers.
2. Place the sturdy paper or canvas with the tree trunk on it on the covered surface.
3. Ask each family member to pick a colour. Colours can be mixed to create new colours.
4. Paint the finger tip of a family member, and press the finger onto the end of a branch to create the "leaves".
5. Rinse paint brush in water before painting another family members fingertip.
6. Each family member can add their fingerprint to the tree, or every time someone visits, they can add their fingerprint to the tree.
7. Print each person's name over their finger print.
8. Allow to dry completely.
9. If using sturdy paper, the art piece can be framed and hung/displayed. If using a canvas, the art piece is ready to hang.