

Kites

Julia Bettencourt



I loved flying kites when I was a kid. We would take them out in the country fields and fly them. It was always so much fun, although I'm not sure I really never got the hang of it too well. Mine seemed to either get tangled up with my brothers and sister or just would flop. But still, I have fond memories of flying them. We didn't get kites too often, so it was always a treat to have one.

I'm reposting the Kite Event Theme today. I used to have it geared for "Flying High with Prayer", but you could go so many directions with it. How cute would

a little boy's birthday party be with kites as the theme. Or how about a baby shower with lots of pastel kites for decoration. So fun!

Please Use Caution: I want to interject here, that if you participate in actual kite flying, use safety precautions. You have to check your local laws. I know in some parts of the world it is banned because of injury to birds, other wildlife, and other things. I think in the U.S. the restrictions are that it has to be less than so many pounds and can't go only so high, but look up any kite laws and ordinances and use common sense by only flying them in empty spaces with no trees, power lines, or wildlife. For a party, you probably are just going to use kites as a theme and for decoration, but I just want you to be cautious.

Kites Party Theme Concept

—Originally posted March 06, 2004

—Originally titled, “Flying High with Prayer”

—Updated January 24, 2022

The event themes on the website can be used for showers, parties, women’s ministry retreats and activities, or church functions. Each theme will have one or several possible spiritual applications. *I give you lots of info and ideas—You pick just a few to enhance your event. More ideas can be used for showers and parties, but less is always more for ministry events.*

Theme Title Ideas

- Blue Skies Ahead
- Bright Kites & Bright Spirits
- Catch the Wind
- Clear Skies
- Delight in Flight
- Flying High with Prayer
- Friendly Skies
- Happy Days are Here
- Instant in Prayer
- Into The Wind
- Let's Fly a Kite
- Lord, Lift me Up
- Mad about Kites (March Madness)
- March into Friendship
- March into Joy
- On the Wind
- On The Wings of Prayer
- Pray Without Ceasing
- Prayer Changes Things
- Prayer Express (Prayer Stations)
- Prayer Lifts
- Prayer Matters
- Prayer: The Highest Kite You Can Fly
- Praying from the Heart
- Raise Your Game
- Rising Winds
- Shine Bright. Take Flight.
- Soar Into Living
- Soar Into Prayer
- Soar with Friends
- Soar with God’s Word
- Soaring with Joy
- Take Flight
- The Sky’s the Limit
- Time to Fly
- Up and Away

Spiritual & General Applications

- Focus on tapping into the uplifting power of prayer.
- Focus on the uplifting encouragement of the Word of God.
- Focus on the power of the Holy Spirit (mighty wind) making our lives soar.
- Focus on the uplifting force of friendship and fellowship in Christ.
- Focus on a birthday party or baby shower using kites as inspiration.

Theme Verse Suggestions

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16 (KJV)

But thou, O LORD, art a shield for me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head. Psalm 3:3 (KJV)

Devotional Starter & Workshop Ideas

- My "Higher Lord", "Panic Room", and "The Secret Garden of Prayer" devotionals are located in my "Trained & Able" Devotional Collection, available on Amazon.

<https://www.amazon.com/Awed-Amazed-Devotional-Collection-Devotionals/dp/1724944282>



- Kite Devotional Ideas
 - “Fly in the Face of Danger” (Obstacles to your faith. temptation, your past, your failures, etc.)
 - “Soar with God's Word” (It lifts you. It is quick & powerful—the ultimate bright colored kite! It soars on its own. (John 1:1)
 - “Lift up Your Heart” (in prayer)
 - “Catch the Wind” (Study the Holy Spirit).
- Look on the *Kites* theme blog post under “Devotional Starters/Workshop Ideas” for several prayer related downloads.
<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/blog/kite-party-event-theme/>

Simple Decorating

- Kites of various sizes
- Make scrapbooking ones with cardstock and pretty scrapbook papers and ribbon.
- Balls of string.
- String with ribbons or scrap material strips for bows to make garland.
- Simple Décor: Tray with spring objects such as small watercan with flowers, small birdhouse, small garden décor, cardstock/scrapbook kites.

Icebreakers

Table Discussion

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/icebreakers/1ST-QUESTION-LIST-general-get-to-know-you.pdf>

Music

- *God Answers Prayer (Edwin Hatch)*

- *Standin' in the Need of Prayer*
- *Whisper A Prayer (Traditional Chorus)*
- *Tell It to Jesus (Jeremiah E. Rankin)*
- *Must Tell Jesus (Elisha A. Hoffman)*

Favor Ideas

- Spring items
- Kite
- Personal journal
- Prayer journal
- Bookmark
- Garden knee pad (for prayer)
- Pretty Kleenex/tissue pack
- Kite treat holders. See tutorial for directions for lace up and clip styles.

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/downloads/Crafts/kite-treat-holder.pdf>



Door Prize Ideas

- Book on prayer
- Prayer journal
- Bible
- Gift certificate for a Christian bookseller or Amazon
- Bible cover
- Gift certificate for coffee shop

Just for Fun

Group Craft

Make a kite craft from cardstock and scrapbook paper. Add string/ribbons.

Kite Shape Items

Use kite shape name tags or invitations.

Prayer Emphasis

- Have a prayer list already typed out with current needs of your church or group.
- Have a prayer list of your city officials.
- Have a prayer list of your missionaries with specific needs.
- Have a prayer challenge such as praying for you wife (30 days) or switch names between all the group and give them that person to pray for the next month.
- Hold Prayer Stations.

<https://www.juliabettencourt.com/womens-ministry/christian-helps/prayer-stations-for-womens-ministry.pdf>

Food & Serving

- Kite shaped rice crispy treats
- Kite shaped sugar cookies

Photo Source

Want the photo used for the page title of this theme? Find the original at Pixabay here. https://unsplash.com/photos/t_qNsbAg1I0

Copyright Permission

You may print this material for planning purposes in hard copy only. You may not reprint any part of this material online in any way or transmit digitally or electronically in any way such as reposting on blogs, offering for downloads, through emails, through social media platforms, etc.