

Your Creative Side – Poetry

Adapted from a program by Jan Condon (Australia East Territory)

This meeting is designed to be very interactive.

Preparations: Set up display of various books of poetry
Invite women to bring along Poetry books
Ask several ladies to share their favorite poem
Make poster displays of well known poems
Pen/Paper for poetry writing
Poster paper for group poem (see # 4)



1. Rhyming Game

Play this in small groups of 3 or 4. Have a selection of words on a card. Take one word at a time and ask the group to write down as many words as possible that rhyme with the word (e.g. rain, bell, creek, day). Have a prize for the group that gets the most in the time allotted.

2. Write a Limerick

Write a limerick and give a prize for the most humorous.

A limerick is a funny poem of five lines. It has a distinct rhythm and pattern to it. For example:

There once was a woman named Pat
She always wore a big hat;
Her view was a factor
She hit a huge tractor
The policeman said, "It's a Cat."

3. Charades—using nursery rhymes

For example: London Bridge is falling down
Hickory dickory dock
Little Jack Horner
Mary, Mary quite contrary
Little Bo-Peep
Three blind mice

Jack be nimble, Jack be quick
Humpty Dumpty
Little Miss Muffet
Pat a cake, pat a cake
Rock-a-bye baby in the tree top
Twinkle, twinkle little star

4. Write a Poem

Choose a subject (e.g. school days, a season) and then go round the group and ask them to share what they feel about the chosen subject in one line.

Write these on the board and when everyone has contributed read the whole verse/poem out (for large groups, this activity can be done in several smaller groups so the finished product is several poems on various topics).

5. Share your Favorite Poem

Ask the ladies designated beforehand to share their favorite poem with the group, and to explain why it is their favorite poem.

6. “The Ten Commandments” in rhyme

Author Unknown

Thou shalt have no gods before me
Before no idol bow the knee
Take not the name of God in vain
Nor dare the Sabbath day profane
Give both thy parents honour due
Take heed that thou no murder do
Abstain from words and deeds unclean
Nor steal though thou art poor and mean
Nor make a willful lie nor love it
What is thy neighbour's – do not covet.



Devotions:

The Psalms are the most notable book of poetry in the Bible. These were written during times of celebration, sadness, absolute desolation and brokenness.

You may like to choose one particular Psalm to highlight for the devotions or choose a verse from several.

Another suggestion is to allow the women to share their favorite Psalm and why it is their favorite.

Songs:

Invite members to choose favorite songs or choruses to sing on this occasion – songs and choruses are a form of poetry.