

## **Aloha:**

### **Linking Lei: Why: Leis are a symbol of welcome.**

#### Supplies:

- Construction paper slips in a variety of colors \*\*Prepped ahead of time by camp or church
- crayons or markers--choose from sending out or as a 'home supply'
- stapler or tape
- Bible

**How:** Beforehand, cut construction paper into slips for delivery to home or send the paper with instructions to cut the strips.

Instructions: On your slips of paper write each family members' name, name of friends or loved ones, and the word Jesus. Children can also draw the people or even do strips with things they love. Do as many strips per name as you have people in your household. You will also need some blank strips

Read the story in Luke 14:7–24 or listen to it on the camp video. Explain that Jesus told that story to help people understand that God wants all to be a part of God's party, and that, in Hawaii, people give leis to celebrate things big and small.

Using the strips of paper you created, put them together in a chain. Be sure everyone has a Jesus strip of paper. Link the strips together with tape or a stapler.

Jesus' big love is what holds us all together in aloha as you place each persons' paper lei over their head.

This activity could also include a prayer of blessing for each person as you begin this digital day camp together. As the lei is put on each person, give one another this blessing:

"God invites you, welcomes you, and is excited to have you as a part of this faith experience together during the summer. Bring leis to dinner and maybe have some Hawaiiin themed food!  
or  
combine all the leis into one giant linked chain to decorate your common space.