

10 ways to celebrate queer youth in your faith community



1. Panel Discussion

Host a panel discussion with members of the faith community, including LGBTQ+ individuals, clergy, and allies. Topics can include acceptance, inclusion, and creating affirming spaces for queer youth in faith communities.

2. Share a Pride-themed Sermon

Invite faith leaders to share sermons with their congregations that uplift and empower queer people, especially youth.



3. LGBTQ+ Testimonies

Invite queer youth to share their testimony with their congregation on their experience as a queer person and a person of faith. Invite them to share their queer faith journey.



4. Affirming Prayers

Invite congregations to pray for the lives of queer people. These prayers should provide love, acceptance, and gratitude over the lives of queer people.

5. Talent Showcase

Host a talent showcase where queer youth can display their talents and passions. Whether it's singing, dancing, poetry, or storytelling, provide a platform for them to express themselves authentically.



6. Affirmation Cards

Invite congregations to create personalized cards filled with affirmation that can then be given to queer congregants.

7. Dance Party

Invite congregants to host a in-person dance party, where congregants can connect with other queer people and allies in a fun way.





8. Faith-Based Allyship Training

Offer allyship training workshops for members of the faith community who want to learn how to be better allies to LGBTQ+ individuals. Cover topics like active listening, inclusive language, and supporting LGBTQ+ youth.

9. Inclusive Faith Study Groups



Organize inclusive faith study groups that explore LGBTQ+ affirming interpretations of scriptures and religious teachings. Encourage open dialogue and critical reflection on traditional interpretations.



10. Faith Healing Circle

Host a healing circle or virtual gathering where LGBTQ+ individuals come together to share stories of resilience, healing journeys, and strategies for spiritual well-being. Incorporate elements like guided meditation, affirmations, and communal blessings.

10 fun crafts to do for Queer Youth of Faith Day



1. Ampersand Poster DIY Craft

Design a DIY poster of the ampersand symbol and decorate your poster in whichever way that feels authentic to you (you can color it rainbow, put verses in it, etc). Share and tag us on IG (@beloved_arise)

2. Friendship Bracelet DIY Craft



Build your own friendship bracelet with strings and beads. Customize your bracelets to include language of "&" (____ and queer, etc.). Share and tag us on IG (@beloved_arise)



3. QYFDAY Photo Op

Shares how you embrace your queerness and faith journey on Instagram. Share and tag us on IG (@beloved_arise)

4. QYFDAY Text Chain



Start a text chain. Your assignment is to text one or more queer person they know and simply share a message that they are loved, wanted and that their queerness and faith can coexist.



5. Rainbow Art Project

Create rainbow-themed art projects using various mediums such as painting, drawing, or crafting. Display your artwork in your homes or community. Share and tag us on IG (@beloved_arise).

6. Cooking/Baking Challenge



Create rainbow-themed dishes or desserts. Share your recipes, photos, and cooking experiences on social media. Share and tag us on IG (@beloved_arise).



7. Playlist Creation

Create your LGBTQ+ pride playlists featuring songs that resonate with their experiences of faith and queerness. Share the links with others!



8. Outdoor Adventure Challenge

Explore nature and connect with your spirituality by organizing an outdoor adventure. This could include hiking, camping, or nature photography focused on themes of self-discovery and acceptance. Share and tag us on IG (@beloved_arise)

9. Affirmation Jar Crafting



Decorate a jars and fill them with affirming messages, quotes, or prayers related to embracing both faith and queerness. This jar can serve as daily reminders of self-love and acceptance. Share and tag us on IG (@beloved_arise)



10. Tie-Dye T-Shirt

Create your own vibrant and unique shirts that represents your power of AND! Share and tag us on IG (@beloved_arise)

