



Sand, worship session 26/04/2020

Welcome to Junior Church! we pray the following helps you to worship as a family at home, on a regular basis.

These sessions will follow a similar pattern to that you experience on a Sunday morning. Maybe different members of the family can lead your service? (All words in bold, we encourage you to say together).

Moments of revelation 26/4/2020

Luke 24.13-35 Two disciples walk back from Jerusalem to their home in Emmaus. They are in despair about the death of Jesus. Jesus appears and walks beside them, but they do not recognise him. He teaches them from the Scriptures and they see who he is when he breaks bread with them.

GATHERING ACTIVITY

An active way to begin your session.

Describe some children's characters and see if the children can guess who they are? Elsa from Frozen, Thomas the Tank Engine, Marshall from Paw patrol, etc.

GATHERING PRAYER

Jesus of Nazareth,
we all come with our own stories to tell,
we've all made different journeys here,
but we all come to hear your story
and to understand how our stories and journeys fit with yours.
Walk and talk with us, Lord Jesus.
Amen.

The lord be with you
And also with you.

ACTIVE PRAYER (*encourage everyone to stand up and join in!*)

From the top of my head	<i>Touch head</i>
to the tips of my toes;	<i>Touch toes</i>
from the lobes of my ears	<i>Touch ear lobes</i>
to the end of my nose;	<i>Touch nose</i>
from my back, to my front	<i>Turn round</i>
to my wiggly fingers,	<i>Stretch out arms, wiggle fingers</i>
God loves me!	<i>Jump up and down</i>

Lord you want us to be with you,
Thank you for inviting us

Lord you chose each one of us to be your friend,
Thank you for inviting us

Lord we love being with you
Thank you for inviting us
Amen

WE SAY SORRY TO GOD (*can you remember the actions?*)

We're happy when we're close to God, since that's where we belong, (*hug yourself*)

But sometimes we go far from God and everything feels wrong.
(*turn away and hands by your sides*)

But if we say we're sorry then, God's love is sure and strong,
And he will draw us back to him and that's where we belong.
(*turn back around and hug yourself again*).

Dear God, we want to follow you
When we let you down,
Forgive us and fill us with your love.
When we are selfish,
Forgive us and fill us with your love.
When we are greedy,
Forgive us and fill us with your love

When we want to do things our way instead of yours,

Forgive us and fill us with your love.

Dear God, we want to follow you,

Forgive us and fill us with your love.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in His image. To the praise and glory of His name. Amen

SONG My God is so Big

My God is so big so strong and so mighty, there's nothing that he cannot do! Repeat

The mountains are his, the rivers are his, the stars are his handywork too!

My God is so big so strong and so mighty, there's nothing that he cannot do! For me, and you and you.

STORY

Use the images (*see below*) to help you tell the story.

Some friends were travelling along the road to Emmaus (*footprint*), talking about the sad story of their friend Jesus' death.

Then they met a man; he couldn't understand why they were so sad, so they explained that the women had gone to the tomb, but Jesus' body had gone. (*stone*)

The stranger began talking to them about all the stories in the Old Testament (*Bible*) and explaining how Jesus was meant to die, but that he would rise again. (*sunrise image*)

They reached Emmaus that evening and the two friends invited the stranger in to share some food.

The strange man took the bread (*bread*) and suddenly they realised they had been talking to Jesus and he had been telling his own story. (*storybook about Jesus*)

Ideas to explore the story further...

Cover up large pictures of simple objects, e.g. a tree, a house, with smaller pieces of paper. See if the children can guess the object as you slowly reveal it.

Go for a walk together outside or around your indoor space and help each other to tell the story again through words and actions.

Craft

Make a book from A4 paper. Draw things inside that are important to you e.g. Mummy, Daddy, family members, toys you take to bed.

SONG *Jesus love is very wonderful*

Jesus' love is very wonderful, Jesus' love is very wonderful,
Jesus' love is very wonderful, Oh, wonderful love!
It's so high you can't get over it, So low you can't get under it,
So wide you can't get round it, Oh, wonderful love!

PRAYERS

Almighty God,
we pray for people
who don't know you when they see you:

Open their eyes.

We pray for people
who have read the Bible,
but haven't understood...

We pray for people
who haven't heard your story yet...

Amen.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom the power and the glory are yours now and forever, Amen.

JUNIOR CHURCH PRAYER

Thank you for each other. Thank you that we can learn together, play, laugh and pray together. Bless us Lord, as we remember how much you love us. Amen

