



Sand, worship session 10/05/2020

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).

I am the way 10/05/2020

John 14.1-14 Jesus reassures his disciples that they will be with him. He explains that he is the way, the truth and the life and that anyone who has seen him has seen the Father. He promises that he will do anything asked in his name.

GATHERING ACTIVITY

A quiet way to begin your session

If you have a dolls' house, furniture and dolls then explore it together. If not look at the picture together (*below*).

Ask everyone to think about how the rooms are arranged. What is in each room? Who lives with whom? How many people could live in the house?

An active way to begin your session.

Display a sign in one part of your house marked 'Home'.

Give the children a list of instructions as to how to get there, e.g. 'Take three steps forward, turn left, go upstairs, take two more steps...' Ask the children if they can find their way 'home' using the directions.

GATHERING PRAYER

God, you know our every thought,

(point to head)

every feeling in our hearts,

(place hands on heart)

every passion in our souls,

(spiral hands forward)

every worry that we carry;

(place both hands out in front)

thank you for loving us

just as we are.

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

Touch head

to the tips of my toes;

Touch toes

from the lobes of my ears

Touch ear lobes

to the end of my nose;

Touch nose

from my back, to my front

Turn round

to my wiggly fingers,

Stretch out arms, wiggle fingers

God loves me!

Jump up and down

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

Take a large piece of paper and place it in the centre of everyone.

As you tell the story, draw the images (*see italics*).

Jesus said to his disciples, 'In my Father's house there are many rooms. And I will prepare one for you.' (*house outline*)

'How will we get there?' the disciples asked. (*question mark*)

Jesus replied, 'I am the way, the truth and the life. (*road leading to the house*)

The way to God is through me. (*signpost*)

You have seen me and so you have seen God.' (*write 'Jesus' on signpost*)

Ideas to explore the story further... These are just ideas, use whatever you have to hand to explore the story!

1 Encourage the children to decorate arrows with 'Jesus' on one side (*template below*). Display these on the wall to resemble a signpost.

2 Provide everyone with a drum (or a pan or anything they can pretend is a drum). Drum out the rhythm as you say: 'Jesus, you will show us the way.' Invite the children to drum the rhythm back to you. Repeat this chant a few times.

3 Give everyone a piece of play dough each (if you have any) and ask them to flatten it out, then to walk their fingers across the dough, as you pray:

Jesus, show us the way.

Help us to follow you.

Be our guide.

Amen.

SONG Jesus is the way (Tune: Row, row, row your boat, words by Emily Hoe-Crook)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is,

Jesus is the way,

Never feel alone again,

He is here to stay.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is,

Jesus is the life, Jesus shows us how to live,

Jesus is alive

PRAYERS

Filled with the Spirit,
(make a bird with your hands)
giving glory to God,
(lift your cupped hands above your head)
send us to others
(arms open in front)
until Jesus returns.
(hands raised and outstretched)
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

LIVE YOUR FAITH

Every time you see a signpost this week, pray that Jesus would show you the way he wants you to go.

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