



Rocks & Pebbles worship session 24/05/2020

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 the children 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).

Glorify my name 24/05/2020

John 17.1-11 Jesus says that the hour has come for him to glorify the Father. He prays for those who have kept God's word and so belong to God. He prays for their protection in the world as he leaves it, and that they may be one.

An active way to begin your session.

Warm up

Agree together a definition for the word 'glorify', providing dictionaries and thesauruses as well as the young people's own knowledge. Generate a list of as many synonyms for glorify as you can.

Ask everyone to share any chants they may use to cheer on their favourite football teams. Ask them what it means to 'lift up' their team or perhaps an individual sports star, musician, YouTuber or similar. Discuss how we 'lift them up' or 'glorify' them, perhaps referring back to some of the words generated in the *Warm up* activity.

GATHERING PRAYER

Light a candle (if safe to do so)

We light this candle to remember
that the light of Jesus Christ is with us.
Let us glorify his name.

Amen.

The lord be with you
And also with you.

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 these actions to respond to the following words:

Father/God/Jesus - give a round of applause

Glory/glorify/glorified - whoop and cheer

You - point at the sky in triumph.

Then read the passage and ask the children to use the actions at the right moments.



Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: '**Father, the hour has come.** Now is the time for me to be glorified. You have given me power over everyone. I will give eternal life to all those you have given to me. They will know you as the one true God and they will know me as Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

'I have brought glory to you in the way I have lived my life on earth. **But now I have finished the work you gave me to do.** And so, Father, the time is right for you to glorify me in heaven.

'I have told the people that you sent me and that you are God. **They believe in you and have been faithful to you.** They know that the things I have taught them come from you, and that everything I have comes from you.

'I am not asking for the world's sake, but for the sake of those who belong to me. And all those who belong to me are yours. Now I am no longer in the world, but they are still in the world. I am leaving them to come to you. **So I ask you, Holy Father, to protect them in your name,** so that they may be as one, just as you and I are one.'

Glossary

to glorify: to praise or honour greatly

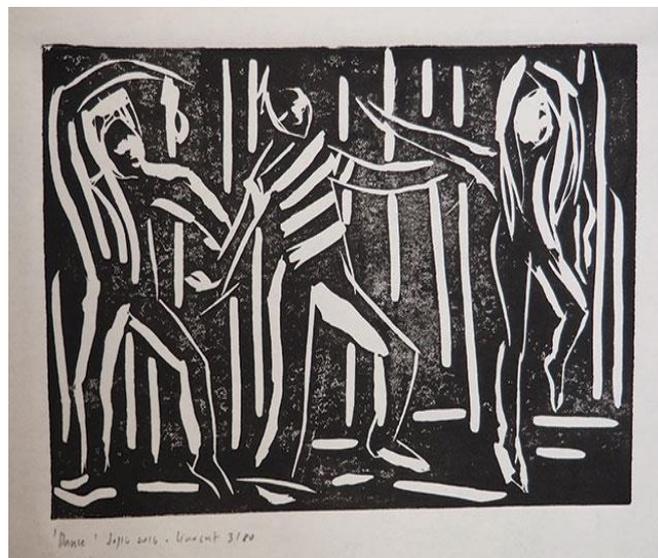
eternal life: fullness of life in God's presence, both now and after death.

Talk together (Connect faith with everyday life)

What does it mean to glorify someone or give them glory?

How do you think you could give Jesus glory in your life?

How does God demonstrate his glory in the world today?



- What do you think these three figures are doing?
- What sort of things do you 'glorify' by the way you live?
 - How best can you, as a family, lift each other up?

SONG

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.

(Repeat)

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, marching,
We are marching in the light of God.

(Repeat)

We are clapping in the Light of God.

We are jumping in the light Of God.

We are waving in the light of God

PRAYERS

On Good Friday,
Jesus died on the cross.
On Easter Sunday,
Jesus came back to life.
At the ascension,
Jesus went to heaven.
Now we wait for Pentecost;
Father, send the Holy Spirit
to fill our lives
and to be with us always.
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

For older children - Find a space where they you can be still and quiet. Listen to the following song that uses the word 'glorified' to praise Jesus. Play the song 'Glorified' by Parachute band, (on you tube) reflect on the lyrics in prayer.

LIVE YOUR FAITH

Begin each day by praying that your actions that day will glorify, or lift up, God.

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