



Sand, 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 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).

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.

GATHERING ACTIVITY

A quiet way to begin your session

Display a large piece of paper with 'Jesus' written on it in large bubble letters.

Ask the children to use coloured pens and stick-on jewels to make it look as amazing as possible. As they are decorating the letters, talk together about the word 'glory' and what the children think it might mean.

An active way to begin your session.

Play some high-energy worship music and encourage the children to dance and praise God.

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.

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

Take a sheet of black card, chalk and some glitter or paper and coloured pencils. As you tell the story, follow the directions (*see italics*).

This is Jesus (*draw a person*). He is talking to God. (*write 'God'*)

Jesus looks up to heaven and says, 'Give glory to me, your Son, (*sprinkle glitter or just make him very colourful around Jesus*)

so that I can give glory to you. (*sprinkle glitter or again make him very colourful around God*)

My friends here will give glory to my name also.' (*draw a few people and sprinkle glitter or make more colours around Jesus and God again*)

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

1 Create a treasure box full of shiny items for everyone to explore and play with. You could include pieces of glittery cloth, a child-safe mirror, tinsel, shiny ribbon, bells, old CDs, giant sequins.

2 Give everyone a piece of play dough. Provide pots of glitter and show the children how to knead the glitter in to make sparkly play dough. Compare the sparkly and the plain play dough.

3 Take a large piece of shiny material, paper or a silver running blanket. Gently move it up and down together. Say each line below as you do this and ask the children to repeat after you:

Jesus, we love you.

Jesus, we praise you.

Jesus, we give glory to you.

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

Live your faith

When you are out this week, or if unable to go out look out of the window or look in the garden and point to things in creation. Talk about how amazing God is to have created them.

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