



Sand, worship session 31/05/2020

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).

Let anyone 31/5/2020

Acts 2.1-21 On the day of Pentecost Jesus' disciples experience being filled dramatically with God's Holy Spirit, the culmination of many centuries of waiting for the fulfilment of God's promise, made known through Old Testament prophets.

GATHERING ACTIVITY

A quiet way to begin your session.

Visit www.freebibleimages.org (follow link) and find the pictures relating to today's story from Acts 2.

Either display them using a laptop or print them out so that the everyone can have a good look before the story happens.

GATHERING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, you are welcome.

Come among us like a wind,
like a fire, like a dove.

Come gently or come boldly.

We are waiting for you.

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

Use the simple actions (*see italics*) as you tell the story of Pentecost.

Lots of Jesus' friends were together. (*interlock your fingers*)

Suddenly they heard a noise like the wind filling the room. (*blow into your cupped hands*)

Then they saw flames dancing above everyone's head. (*hold both hands up and wiggle your fingers*)

God had sent his Holy Spirit to be with them always. (*put both thumbs up*)

Everyone rushed outside. (*push your hands away*)

They all began speaking in different languages, so everyone could understand them. (*make chattering hands*)

They told everyone about Jesus. (*sweep both your arms out wide*)

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

1 Provide plates of paint or coloured pens in flame colours. Everyone can create a circle of handprints on a large sheet of paper. Write 'The Holy Spirit is for everyone' in the centre.

2 Encourage the children to choose an instrument. (if you have one or use an empty tub or bottle with dried rice or pasta) Ask everyone to rest their instrument on their knees. Invite each person in turn to play their instrument. Then all join, as you play your instruments to praise God!

SONG

The Spirit lives to set us free

The Spirit lives to set us free
Walk, walk in the light.
He binds us all in unity,
Walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.

The Spirit lives in you and me,
Walk, walk in the light;
His light will shine for all to see,
Walk, walk in the light.
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light,
Walk in the light of the Lord.

PRAYERS

Who can dance for God?

Anyone!

Who can sing to God?

Anyone!

Who can play for God?

Anyone!

Who can serve God?

Anyone!

Who belongs to God?

Anyone! Anyone? Everyone! 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

Think about how you can tell other people about the Holy Spirit this week, just like Peter did.

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