



Rocks & Pebbles worship session 07/06/2020

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).

Worship and witness 07/06/2020

Matthew 28.16-20

Jesus has summoned his disciples to a mountain in Galilee. He tells them that all authority is his and that they should make disciples all over the world, baptizing them and teaching them to obey his commandments. He promises to be with them always.

A quiet way to begin your session.

Provide scissors and a piece of paper for everyone. Let them cut the paper in half and then cut the halves in half; then cut the quarters in half and then the eighths. Continue until the pieces are too small to cut up anymore.

GATHERING PRAYER

Glorious God, present in creation;
Jesus Christ, risen and ascended;
Holy Spirit, inspiring and transforming;
be present among us,
as we worship you today.

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

Make some paper and pens available and let everyone help to draw the story as you tell it. Think about: who was present, where they went, how they felt, what was said and what happened next. See if you can write and draw the 'next chapter' together.



Jesus' eleven disciples were on their way to Galilee. Jesus had told them to meet him on a mountain there and that is where they were heading. As they approached the mountain, they saw the risen Jesus standing there and many of them worshipped him. But others doubted - they weren't sure it was Jesus. Jesus came to them all and said, 'I have been given all power in heaven and on earth. So go from here. Tell people about God. Make disciples all over the world. Baptize people in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Share with them all that I have taught you and help them to obey my commandments. And remember, I will always be with you, until the very end of time.'

Glossary

commandments: a set of rules to follow in life, given by God.

Talk together (Connect faith with everyday life)

What kind of feelings did Jesus' disciples have in the story?

How did you first hear about Jesus?

Is it easy to tell people about Jesus? Why or why not?



- Does this scene look like something you could get 'caught up' in?
 - What encourages you to become a witness to others?
- What is the most powerful experience of worship you have had?

SONG

Be bold, be strong
for the Lord your God is with you.
Be bold, be strong,
for the Lord your God is with you.
I am not afraid,
I am not dismayed,
because I'm walking in faith and victory,
come on and walk in faith and victory,
For the Lord your God is with you.

PRAYERS

Jesus said, go and make disciples.
With our friends, we are friends of Jesus;
with our families, we are friends of Jesus;
at school, we are friends of Jesus;
everywhere we go, we are friends of Jesus.
Jesus, give us actions and words
that show others we are your friends.
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 -

Modern missionaries

Share some stories of missionaries living today who share the gospel of Jesus. You will find example on the internet that you can share, or you could share some of the stories of the Eden workers, working for the Message Trust.

<https://www.message.org.uk/category/eden>

LIVE YOUR FAITH

Challenge yourself to find more opportunities to talk to the friends you are praying for, about Jesus, this week.

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