



Sand, 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 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).

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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.

GATHERING ACTIVITY

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.

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

Tell the story, encouraging the children to join in the actions all together (*see italics*).

Jesus' disciples went to the mountain. They were going to meet Jesus. (*walk across the room*)

When Jesus arrived, they worshipped him. (*kneel down*)

Jesus told them that, because they loved God, (*cross hands across heart*)

they should go and tell others all about God. (*walk forward*)

They should teach people everything Jesus had taught them. (*lift up arms*)

Then Jesus told them something very special - that he would always be with them. (*put hands together as if praying*)

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

1 Give each child an inflated balloon. Encourage everyone to pat the balloons around the room to each other as you shout out this praise: Thank you, God, that we can all know you. Thank you, God, that we can help others to know more about you.

2 Invite the children to stand together in a circle holding hands. Remind them that God loves each of them. Then pray:

May God help us all
to share his love with others.
Amen.

CRAFT

Lay out play dough in different colours and people-shaped cookie cutters. If you don't have them to hand encourage the children to draw and cut out lots of different people to represent all those wanting to find out more about Jesus. (*Templates if required below*).

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

Live your faith

Think about who you might share news about Jesus with this week and then do it – using words or action.

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