



Sand, worship session 14/06/2020

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).

Call to action 14/06/2020

Matthew 9.35-10.8(9-23) Matthew gives an overview of Jesus' ministry - teaching, proclaiming the gospel and healing people. Then Jesus gives his disciples the commission and authority to replicate and extend this ministry more widely.

GATHERING ACTIVITY

A quiet way to begin your session.

Prepare slips of paper with phrases from the reading on them: Tell the good news; Heal the sick; Raise the dead; Help others; Don't take spare clothes; Be wise as a snake; Be innocent as a dove.

Place these signs around your space and ask the children to walk around and collect them all. Then ask if they can work out what today's story might be about.

An active way to begin your session.

Set up a simple obstacle course, with objects such as a skipping rope for walking along, or an egg and spoon walk. Or simply use chairs, boxes whatever you have around.

This can be made more difficult for older children as needed, e.g. using only one arm or hopping. Today's story is about the disciples being sent out, but Jesus says that there might be obstacles in their way.

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

Lay out a piece of cloth and some teddies or small toys/animals. Place one figure on the cloth as you start the story. Then add 12 figures, one at a time, as you introduce the disciples. *(if you prefer use and cut out the templates below).*

Jesus was busy travelling around the towns and villages, making people well and teaching people all about God.

There were so many people wanting to meet Jesus.

So, Jesus called 12 disciples to help him. They were called Simon Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas, Matthew, James, Thaddeus, Simon and Judas.

He sent them out to do as he had done: to make people well and to teach people about God.

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

CRAFT

Write each child's name in large bubble letters on a sheet of card. Provide a range of craft materials and encourage them to decorate their name. Use these in the following prayer.

God wants each of us to be his disciples. He calls...*(name each child as they lay their name plaque down)*. Continue until everyone has been prayed for. Conclude by saying **Amen** together.

SONG

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

As you go, proclaim the good news:
Jesus Christ is Lord,
the kingdom of God is near.
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

Every time you go through a doorway in your home this week, think about being sent out by Jesus to share the good news – who could you share some good news with?

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