



Rocks & Pebbles worship session 28/06/2020

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).

In the name of..... 28/06/2020

Matthew 10.40-42 Jesus concludes his teaching on mission by stressing the close identification between Father God, Jesus himself, those who go in his name, and those who receive his followers in the right spirit.

An active way to begin your session

Look up different ways in which other cultures welcome people. For example: Tibetan monks greet each other by sticking out their tongues; in Japan they greet each other with a bow; and in Kenya, the Maasai tribe greet with an elaborate jumping dance! Share the different ways we might greet each other, and perhaps pick a favourite from the other cultures you have explored.

GATHERING PRAYER

Rejoice in Gods names....

Invite everyone to shout out names for God, e.g. Father, Creator, Holy One.

Rejoice that God knows your name too...

Invite them to then shout out their own name.

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

Read through the text and stop when you reach the word 'welcome', 'welcoming' or 'welcomes'.

Each time, ask everyone to think of a modern-day example of welcoming and act it out. For example:

welcoming a new or lonely child at school

helping a child who is being bullied

answering the phone or the door politely

preparing food or drink for a guest

tidying the house before visitors arrive

welcoming people at church by giving out service sheets or saying 'hello'.



Jesus said to his disciples, "Wherever you go, if people welcome you, then they are welcoming me, too. And if they welcome me, then they are also welcoming God."

He continued, "If someone welcomes a prophet and welcomes them because they are a prophet, then they will receive the same reward as a prophet. If someone welcomes a good person and welcomes them because they are good, then they will receive the same reward as a good person."

And if someone helps one of these little ones - if they give them only a cup of cold water because they are one of my followers - then they will certainly be rewarded."

Talk together (Connect faith with everyday life)

What does it mean to welcome someone?

How do you welcome someone who comes to your home?

What might you be able to do to offer a welcome to someone at home, school or church?



- How do you feel when someone knocks on your door and you're not sure who it is?
- Describe the best welcome you have ever received in someone's home.

SONG

Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all,
Healing pain and sickness,
blessing children small,
Washing tired feet and saving
those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands,
doing good to all.

Take my hands, Lord Jesus,
let them work for you;
Make them strong and gentle,
kind in all I do;
Let me watch you, Jesus,
till I'm gentle too,
Till my hands are kind hands,
quick to work for you.

PRAYERS

May we go in God's name
with the peace of God:
a peace that the world cannot give,
and a peace that the world cannot
take away,
to offer peace to all we meet.

Let's share the peace of God
with one another,
with a smile, a handshake or a hug.
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 - Pray this prayer together

We ask, Jesus, that you show us how to welcome. That...
Everyone is accepted. That we...
Love all whom we meet. That we know we are...
Called in your name! We know that...
Our names are important to you. Help us to...
Meet people with open hearts and minds. That we are able to see
that all are...
Equal in your eyes. Amen.

LIVE YOUR FAITH

Can you make up our own prayer using the letters above?

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