



Sand, 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 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).

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.

GATHERING ACTIVITY

An active way to begin your session.

Lay a table with toy cups and plates and lots of play food. Encourage everyone to take turns to prepare a feast and welcome each other to it.

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.

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

Share this story together, following the actions (*in italics*):

Jesus said this: 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me (*shake hands with the children sat next to you*). Anyone who welcomes me welcomes God, who sent me (*point upwards*). Anyone who gives even a drink of cold water to one of my friends (*mime giving a cup of water to the children next to you*) will be rewarded.' (*shake hands again with those sat next to you.*)

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

Teach the children the words of this song to the tune of 'Bobby Shaftoe' and sing together:

**I am welcome, so are you (x3)
welcomed all by Jesus.**

CRAFT

Write 'welcome' in block letters across the middle of a large sheet of paper. Pour paint onto large, flat plates. Ask everyone to use the paint to make handprints around the letters. Or everyone can draw around their hands and colour them in.

SONG Jesus' hands were kind hands

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

Live your faith

Try and smile at everyone you meet this week even if it is just around your home!

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