



Sand, worship session 02/08/2020

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).

A taste of the kingdom

Matthew 14.13-21 At the end of the day, the crowd that followed Jesus round the lake needs feeding.

- Jesus meets their need through a miraculous proliferation of bread and fish.
- This miracle is an image of life together in the kingdom of heaven.

GATHERING ACTIVITY An active way to begin your session.

Display an empty plate with some breadcrumbs on it.

Gathering activity

Beforehand, write out the words 'YOU GIVE THEM SOMETHING TO EAT' on a piece of paper and cut it up into single words. Hide the words around your space. Invite everyone to find the six pieces of card and make a sentence. Explain that these are some of Jesus' words from today's story. Talk together about the sign. Who and what might it be referring to? Are the children the 'you' or the 'them'? Or are the 'them' people they know or others? What might the 'something' be? How could we follow the instruction?

GATHERING PRAYER

Are you thirsty to learn about God?
Are you hungry to live in God's kingdom?
Fill yourself up with the Word of God:
Jesus, the bread of life.
There is nothing to pay -
God gives freely.
Lord God, come and feed us 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

Mini Bible story with actions (*see italics*)

Enough for everyone

Many people came to meet Jesus.

Hold out hands.

They waited all day, and started to get hungry.

Rub tummy.

The disciples said, 'Send them all home!'

Sweep hand away.

Jesus said, 'No!'

Shake head.

You feed them!'

Point.

The disciples said, 'There isn't enough -

Shrug shoulders.

only five loaves and two fish.'

Hold up five fingers and two fingers.

Jesus blessed the food

Praying hands.

and shared it out.

Mime handing out.

There was enough for everyone!

Pat tummy.

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

You will need: *bread, napkins.*

Help the children to share out the bread and, before eating, pray together:

Lord Jesus,

you fed 5,000 people!

Thank you that we have food to eat.

We pray for all who are hungry.

Amen.

CRAFT

Two small fish

You will need: *fish card cut-outs ([template](#) below) things to decorate..*

Invite the children to decorate two fish, punch an eye hole in each and string the fish together.

SONG To the tune of 1 little 2 little 3 little Indians....

5 little loaves and 2 little fishes

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In the little boy's lunch.

5 little loaves and 2 little fishes

5 little loaves and 2 little fishes

5 little loaves and 2 little fishes

Jesus fed 5000 lunch!

PRAYERS

Heavenly Father,
for our laughter and learning today,
thank you.

During this week,
help us to grow in faith,
and help others to discover you.

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

Make a real effort to thank those who provide food for you this week - at home and in shops.

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Fish Patterns

