



Sand, worship session 09/08/2020

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).

Fragile faith

Matthew 14.22-33 Jesus' disciples are in a boat, battered by wind and waves, when they see Jesus.

- Peter goes to Jesus, but struggles to remain standing because of his lack of faith.
- Back in the boat, the storm over, the disciples acknowledge Jesus as 'Son of God'.

GATHERING ACTIVITY An active way to begin your session.

Play storm sounds, e.g. wind blowing, rain, thunder, keep playing the sound clips and talk to everyone over the noise. Explain that there is a storm in today's story. Ask everyone how their week has been and encourage them to talk to you over the noise. Then stop the sound clip suddenly. Leave it for as long as you can without anyone speaking, then comment on how quiet it is when the noise stops. Today's story is about finding God in the silence after the storm.

GATHERING PRAYER

Living, loving God,
may your words be so near to us
that we can taste them on our lips,
hear them in our minds,
and feel them in our hearts.

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*)

Troubled waters

Jesus went away to rest and pray.

Praying hands.

The disciples rowed the boat on the lake

Mime rowing.

when suddenly there was a storm!

Move hands like waves.

They were very frightened.

'Chew' fingers.

Jesus came walking over the water to help them,

'Walk' fingers.

calling, 'Don't be afraid!

Shake head.

I am here!

Wave hand.

Peter tried to walk on the water to Jesus,

'Walk' fingers.

but he began to sink.

Drift hands down.

He called out, 'Save me, Lord!'

Cup mouth.

and Jesus rescued him.

Hold out hand, then pull in.

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

Walking on water

You will need: *a large blue cloth, toy boats, people figures.*

Invite the children to retell the story, shaking the cloth to make the storm.

CRAFT

If you have any egg boxes make the boat craft below, if not you could make a collage of the story using things from around the house or the garden!

SONG This song is about another time Jesus saw his disciples in their boat

Peter, John and James in a Sailboat

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Out on the deep blue sea.

Fished all night and caught no fishes,

Fished all night and caught no fishes,

Fished all night and caught no fishes,

Out on the deep blue sea.

Jesus came walking down by the water
Jesus came walking down by the water
Jesus came walking down by the water
Out on the deep blue sea.

Now their nets are full and breaking,
Now their nets are full and breaking,
Now their nets are full and breaking,
Out on the deep blue sea.

Called their friends to come and help them,
Called their friends to come and help them,
Called their friends to come and help them,
Out on the deep blue sea.

PRAYERS

Jesus, Son of God,
give us faith in your power
to move the mountains
that get in your way,
and to calm the storms
that threaten to sink us.
Jesus, Son of God,
bless us with your peace.
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

Challenge the children to find time this week to be still and silent and talk to God in their hearts.

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