



## **Sand, worship session 23/08/2020**

**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).

### Identity

#### **Matthew 16.13-20**

- The truth of who Jesus really is comes out in conversation.
- Simon is given the new name of 'Peter, the rock'.
- Jesus expresses a vision of the future Church.

**GATHERING ACTIVITY** An active way to begin your session.

I will build my Church

**You will need:** *building blocks. (if you don't have blocks, use lego or maybe you could make a Church out of old boxes etc. you may have lying around).*

Invite the children to build a church out of the blocks/lego/boxes.

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

Faithful God, loving God,  
we are glad to be here.

We meet in your name.

Help us to ask bold questions  
as we share your Word.

**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*)

Who am I?

Jesus said to his disciple, 'Who am I?'

*Point to self.*

Simon said, 'You are the Son of God.'

*Point up.*

Jesus said, 'You will now be called Simon Peter - the rock.'

*Clench fists.*

I will build my Church on you.

*'Build' with hands.*

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.'

*Mime turning a key in a lock.*

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

## CRAFT

Keys to the kingdom

**You will need:** *large cut-out of a key (template below) sparkly bits, glitter, glue sticks. (or anything you have to hand to decorate them, maybe just colour them in).*

Invite the children to decorate a key to the kingdom of heaven.

## SONG

Be bold, be strong  
For the Lord your God is with you.  
Be bold, be strong,  
For the Lord your God is with you.  
I am not afraid,  
I am not dismayed,  
Because I'm walking in faith and victory,  
Come on and walk in faith and victory,  
For the Lord your God is with you.

## PRAYERS

God be with us,  
wherever we go and whatever we do.  
God be with us,  
whoever we meet and whatever we say.  
God bless us and keep us safe,  
today and always.  
**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** Suggest that the children look for an opportunity to start a conversation about Jesus with someone this week.

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