



## **Sand, worship session 06/09/2020**

**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).

Living together well  
**Matthew 18.15-20**

- Jesus suggests a three-stage path for reconciliation between people.
- Those who agree together will see their prayers answered.
- Jesus promises to be present with those who meet in his name.

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

Arrange some dolls or toy figures in happy groups, e.g. close together, playing, talking to each other, and in angry groups, e.g. isolated, spaced out, backs to each other. You could play some 'angry' music followed by some 'peaceful' music, e.g. Mars (angry) and Venus (peaceful) from Gustav Holst's 'The Planets suite'. *(you can find these on youtube).*

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

We gather in your name, Lord,  
to celebrate the gift of life,  
to pray for our world,  
to listen to your word,  
and to learn to be your peacemakers.

**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*)**

#### **I will be with you**

Jesus said, 'Listen to each other.

*Cup ear.*

When two or three of you

*Put up two fingers on one hand*

*and three on the other.*

are together in my name,

*Hold hands.*

I will be with you.'

*Point to self, then around the room*

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

#### **Listen to each other**

**You will need:** a selection of toys, puzzles and games.

Invite everyone in turn to choose a toy, puzzle or game and tell the others why they like it. Encourage everyone to listen, take turns, then play with the toys together, helping them to resolve conflicts.

## **CRAFT**

### **Together in my name**

**You will need:** sturdy paper cups, or empty plastic bottles, bowls of dried lentils/peas/beans/pasta, sticky tape, stickers, praise music that mentions Jesus.

Invite everyone to decorate two paper cups, (or paper that can be stuck to the outside of the bottle) if they are using paper cups then help them to tape them together to make a shaker. Listen to the sounds the different fillings make, then praise God together along with the music. If you can't get any suitable music sing 'Jesus love is very wonderful!'

### **SONG Bind us together, Lord**

Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together  
With cords that cannot be broken  
Bind us together, Lord  
Bind us together  
Bind us together in Love  
There is only one God,  
There is only one King  
There is only one Body,  
That is why we sing.

## **PRAYERS**

May our words bring others together,  
may our actions inspire others to live well,  
and may we know the love and friendship  
of Jesus, as we journey through the week,  
with our family and friends.

**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*

If anyone has an argument this week remind them of today's session and suggest that they make peace with the person they have fallen out with.

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