



Sand, worship session 20/09/2020

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).

Are you right to be angry?

Matthew 20.1-16

- Jesus tells a parable about the owner of a vineyard.
- The owner is concerned to hire as many workers as possible, all through the day.
- The owner pays all his workers the same, irrespective of when they started work.

GATHERING ACTIVITY An active way to begin your session.

Hang some grapes or tape small pictures of grapes (see below) around the space just above everyone's head height. Invite them to gather the grapes, bringing each bunch/picture to you to put in a basket/bowl before looking for anymore. At the end, ask everyone to help you count how many grapes you have collected, to check they have found them all. This activity should help everyone understand what the vineyard workers in today's story were doing.

GATHERING PRAYER

We come to you, loving God,
with mixed-up feelings:
anger, happiness,
sadness, hopes,
concerns, dreams.
Thank you for understanding.
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*)

The last will be first

Jesus said, 'Don't just think about yourself.

Point to self.

I will share what I have with everyone.

Hold out arms.

Don't be jealous!

Shake head.

When you come to my kingdom,

Make 'crown' with hands on head.

people who are first now

Hold up one finger in front.

will be last.

Point behind.

And people who are last now

Point behind.

will be first.'

Hold up one finger in front.

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

You will need: *a toy, game or puzzle with lots of pieces or components.*

Invite the children to help you share out the pieces 'fairly' and play together.

CRAFT

Share with everyone

You will need: *grapevine (template below) green, brown and purple tissue paper, PVA glue and spreaders. Or you can colour in the templates below and cut them out.*

If you have tissue paper, scrunch up small pieces and stick them on to the grapes.

SONG Magic Penny

Love is something if you give it away,

Give it away, give it away.

Love is something if you give it away,

You end up having more.

It's just like a magic penny,

Hold it tight and you won't have any.

Lend it, spend it, and you'll have so many

They'll roll all over the floor.

For love is something if you give it away,

Give it away, give it away.

Love is something if you give it away,

You end up having more.

PRAYERS

May the generosity of God inspire us,
the justice of God encourage us,
and may the way God does things
enable us to see the bigger picture
and not get too angry too soon.
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 times when they can be generous this week, e.g. sharing a snack or a toy.

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