

MAKER OF THE MOON

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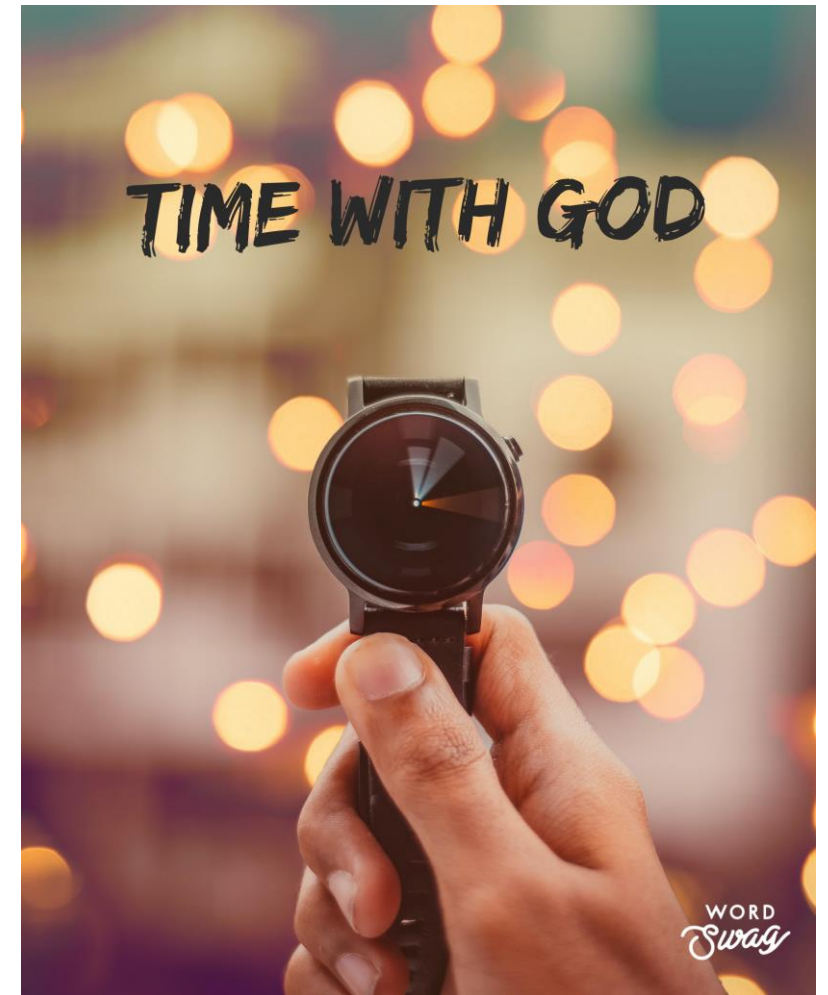
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TIME WITH GOD

There are times when we want to spend time with God – but we don't know where to start. Or perhaps there are times when we are feeling far from God and don't know how to get closer.

This week I would like to share with you one of the ways I spend time with God.

I hope it inspires you and in following weeks the leaders will share other ways and methods that we use.



TIME WITH GOD — BE INTENTIONAL

Find somewhere comfortable and quiet where you won't be disturbed for 30-45mins.

Get your Bible, some paper, pens/pencils etc. and any other crafty things you may like to use.

It is important to take time to be **intentional** with God. We set aside time to see our friends and family — so why not our Heavenly Father?

Is He not worth it?



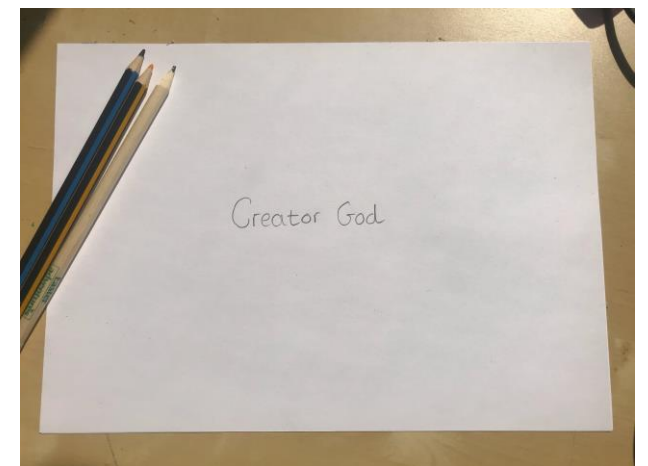
MAKER OF THE MOON - LISTEN

Firstly, we are going to listen to a song called “Maker of the Moon” by Elle Limebear

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NnzRdNfzUhk>

As you listen try not to be distracted, you may even want to close your eyes. Think about the lyrics you hear. What images or words do they bring to mind? How does it the song make you feel?

On a piece of paper write down a key word or phrase that the song expresses or that you thought of e.g. Creator God

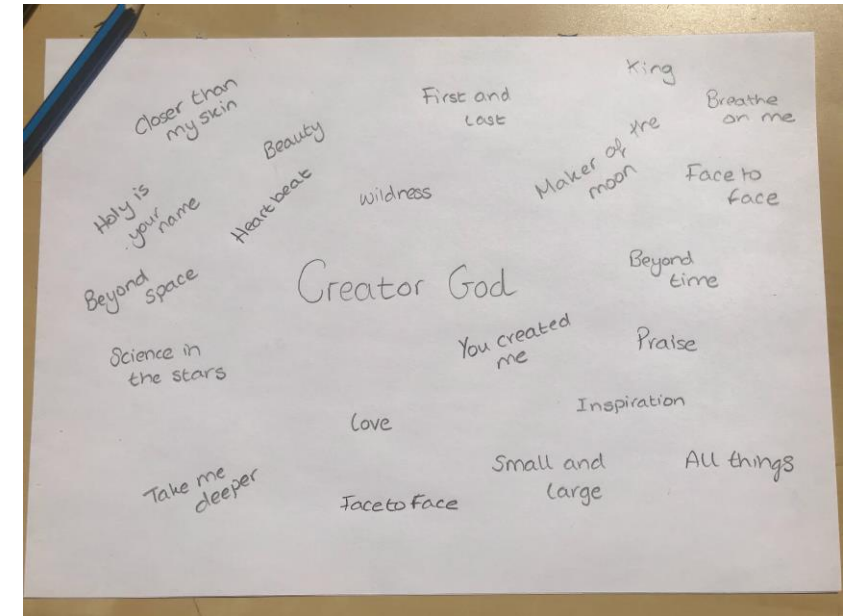


MAKER OF THE MOON - LOOK

Now we are going to listen to the song again but this time we will **look** at the lyrics.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7ZkBE8c4UM>

As you listen, **write down** any words that stick out for you, or which come to mind e.g. science in the stars, praise, beauty.



MAKER OF THE MOON — LOOK: LYRICS

Hello Maker of the moon
Your creation has inspired my every move
You're the science in the stars
There is beauty, there is fire in Your eyes

Here we are, face to face
Lost in wonder at the God of time and space
The universe declares Your praise
Singing holy, holy is Your name!

Hello Tamer of the tides
Every day You're moving deeper in my life
You're the wildness in the wind
And I feel You so much closer than my skin

I can feel Your heartbeat beating
I can hear my God is speaking
King of creation
Breathe upon me

You can feel my heartbeat beating
You can hear my spirit screaming
King of creation
You amaze me

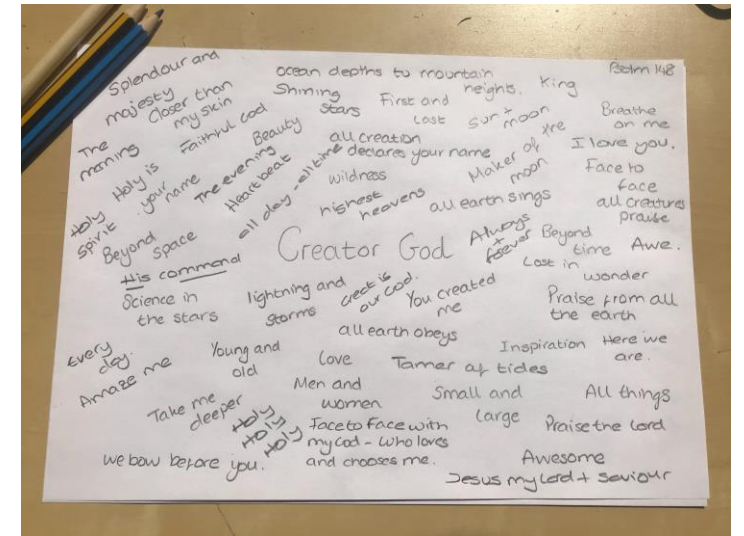
Hello Maker of the moon
You were there
When I was in my mother's womb

MAKER OF THE MOON - READ

Next, **find** a passage in the Bible that relates to the song and the words you have written down. In this case, it would probably be about creation and I would usually pick a Psalm.

Read through the Psalm or passage, look at different translations and pick out any key words or phrases and add them to your list. Continue to add any other words that come to mind.

I often put the song on repeat or listen to similar songs as I do this.



MAKER OF THE MOON — RESPOND: PRAYER

You are now going to use your words to **respond** to God.

Firstly, we are going to respond through **prayer**.

Use the words you have written down to help you thank and praise God. Your prayer doesn't have to be complicated or use fancy words.

E.g. Lord I praise you for ...

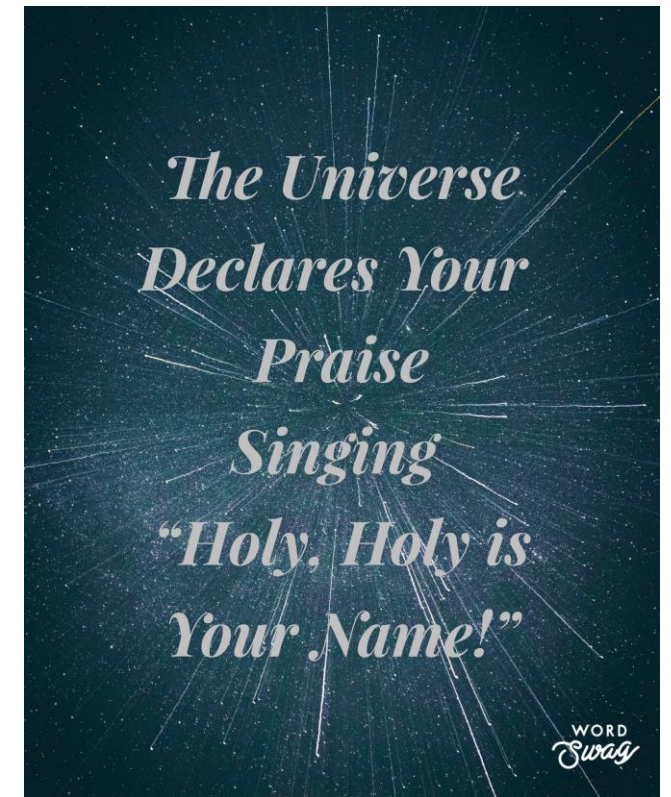
Father God, I thank you that ...



MAKER OF THE MOON — RESPOND: CREATIVELY

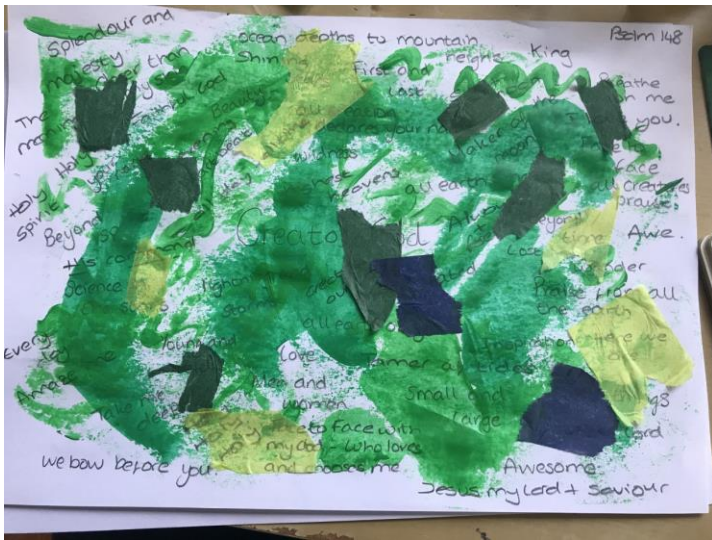
Finally, we are going to use the words to make a physical and creative response to God. You can do this in any way you want but here are some ways I use:

- Write out a prayer or poem to keep
- Pick out a word/phrase/lyric and write it out and decorate it. You could do this via an app like Wordswag
- Respond musically — sing or play a response
- Create a dance or movement to express praise
- Listen to the song again and say each of your words out loud one at a time.



MAKER OF THE MOON — RESPOND: CREATIVELY

If you fancy being a bit crafty try this form of Bible journaling:



Take your page and cover it in colour. You can use paint, pens, pencils, tissue paper, coloured/patterned paper – anything you want really.

Cover all the page. I've added some bits from a magazine and added some "marks" with silver and black pen. Be creative and have fun!

Cut out a word and then stick it in your Bible or a notebook or wherever you want – I've then written around it and highlighted parts of Psalm 148. But it's up to you.

HE KNOWS YOU AND LOVES YOU

Whichever way you choose to respond, remember that it is just between you and God. There is no need to impress him, nor feel embarrassed – he knows everything about you and loves everything you give him.

Give what you have got to God, do things you already enjoy, be creative and be intentional.

Someone once told me that we are the only part of creation that chooses to create for the joy of creating rather than for a specific purpose. And that when we are creative we are reflecting our creator God because we are made in His image.

You have searched me, Lord,
and you know me.
You know when I sit down
and when I get up.
You know my thoughts
before I think them.
You know where I go
and where I lie down.
You know everything I do.
Lord, even before I say a word,
you already know it.

Psalm 139