

Xtra! 25th June 2020

Gathering Song: *Come into his presence singing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

During which the table is set (green cloth) and candle is lit.

Greeting

Peace be with you

And also with you

Kyrie Confession

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have thought things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have said things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Christ have mercy **Christ have Mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have done things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reading *Through the Roof*

This is the story of how Jesus healed a sick man who was brought to him by the man's friends

You can read it in the Bible in the New Testament, the Gospel of Mark 2. 1-12 or watch it here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtPnD2FOFfk>

Wondering questions

- I wonder what you'd do if you couldn't get where you wanted to because of the crowd.
- I wonder what the paralysed man was thinking as his friends took him onto the roof.
- I wonder what the people in the house were saying when they noticed the hole in the roof.
- I wonder how everyone felt when Jesus told the man to get up.

Activity.

If you've got an old cardboard box (a shoebox perhaps) and draw some windows on it to make it look like a house, make a door and then cut a hole in the roof. Find some string and stick four pieces of string to a rectangle of card or paper which can go through the hole you've made in the roof. Lower the "mat" through the hole.

Song *Our God is a great big God*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pgFT6beutEI>

Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands.(repeat)

He's higher than a skyscraper
And deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams.
He's known me and He's loved me
Before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
Of God's amazing plan.

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Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands.

Prayer

Looking at the box think of your home and those who live there, those who you'd like to visit it and thank God for them.

Look at the four pieces of string on the mat and think of your friends - the man's friends were not prepared to give up on helping him - pray for your friends and promise that you'll help them if they need it.

Think of those who are ill or sick in any way. Pray for them and those that care for them.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,

Hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done,

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today 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 for ever. Amen.**

Blessing

May the lightness of God go with you

May the brightness of God go with you

May he shine on all you do.

May God bless you.

Messy Grace

Resources:

Refreshments;

Green cloth, candle, matches, snuffer ;

Bible;

An old shoeboxcard, scissors, paper, string,
pens/crayons