

# Beg, Encourage, Urge

## Recognising everyone as an Individual

### Pauls first letter to the Thessalonians:-

You also know we did everything for you that parents would do for their own children. We **begged**, **encouraged** and **urged** each of you to live in a way that would honour God. He is the one who chose you to live in his kingdom and glory.

Paul and his companions had supported themselves in Thessalonica, working blamelessly alongside those with whom they shared the good news. Their deeds were consistent with their words. Now the Thessalonians, like Paul, are leading lives worthy of God, whose Word is at work in them.

## ACTIVITIES

In the reading Paul reminds the Thessalonians that that they are chosen by God and should live life honouring God. As a family:-

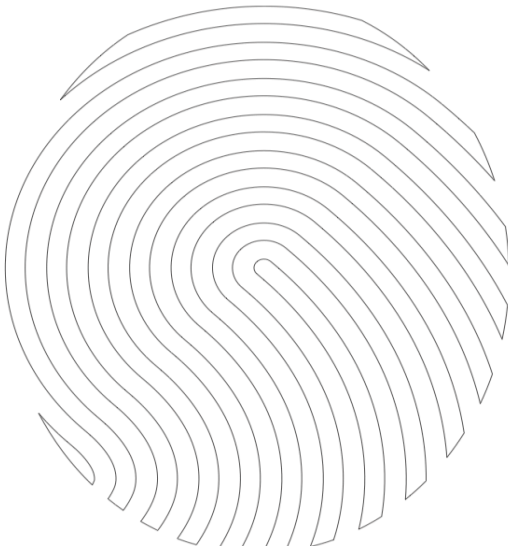
**TALK:** How do you think people might see God in you?

**DO:** Write a note for everyone in your family telling them how special they are to you.

**PRAY:** Say each of your names out loud and say together "Thank you God that we are all called by you. Amen."

### FINGERPRINT IMAGE

Print off the *Fingerprint Image* below (or create your own) and write the names of all people that Beg, Encourage and Urge you to do the right things in life and remember you are chosen by GOD.



### I PRAY FOR YOU

On small pieces of paper, write BEG, ENCOURAGE and URGE.

- On the BEG sheet write down someone you want to beg to do something
- On the ENCOURAGE sheet write down someone you want to encourage
- On the URGE sheet write down a situation where you need to urge someone to do something

Now hold each sheet and pray for each person and situation.

### COLLECTIVE COLLAGE

Create a collage that represents the people as individuals and their collectively diverse identity.

Use a range of media, such as pens, magazines, fabric, craft materials.

If you wish, bring and display the finished collage in church, encouraging the church congregation to add to it.

### PRAYER

God loves me  
From the top of my head  
(Touch head)  
to the tips of my toes;  
(Touch toes)  
from the lobes of my ears  
(Touch ear lobes)  
to the end of my nose;  
(Touch nose)  
from my back, to my front  
(Turn round)  
to my wiggly fingers,  
(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)  
God loves me!  
(jump up and down)