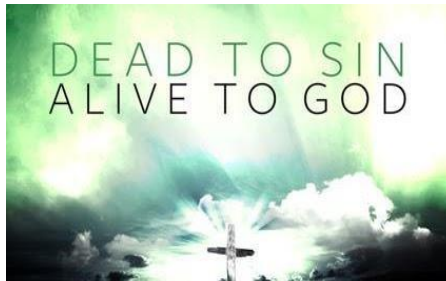


Ministry @Home



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:

**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.**

Welcome.....

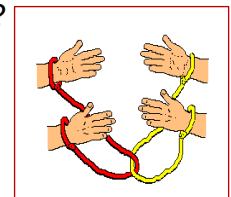
Song: Boldly I Approach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QDnVD7gu5Y>

(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: In pairs, using soft wool or string set yourselves as in the picture below. Using a stop-watch, time how quickly you can separate from your partner with the string/wool still attached to your hands and not using any scissors!! To succeed you must be standing by your partner separated but with the string/wool not broken. Keep trying with different partners to see who can separate the fastest. Once you've succeeded in your challenge share in your gathering the following questions:

1. Whilst tied to your partner did you feel constrained? not able to move freely?
2. Did you need to work together to succeed in the challenge?



Bible passages:



Read together

Romans 6.1b-11

Matthew 10.38-39 **AND** watch

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GH_8lvVgiGI

Through Jesus dying on the cross at Easter, He broke the barrier of sin between God and us. Jesus restored our relationship with God and became the person who filled the gap. We can sometimes be bound by our sin, what we have said or done; or what we have not said or done – this can separate us from God. We need to work at being Dead to Sin (turning away from that sin) and being Alive to God and His way for us.

Interactive Learning.....

Scavenger Hunt

Resources: Play-doh, wire hanger, hammer, bag of sweets, ruler, small wrapped gift.

Preparation: Before your act of worship begins, hide the props throughout your gathering space

The nominated Clue Master will:

Give each clue and challenge those who you gather with to find the items:

1. This is something we use to form objects. It's very soft and fun to use. **(Play-doh)**
2. We use this at home to keep our clothes organised. It has a weird shape. **(Wire hanger)**
3. Now look for a tool that's handy for hanging pictures on the wall or building something out of wood. It's long and can be a little heavy. **(Hammer)**
4. This is something that can give us cavities if we eat too many. It's small and has a lot of pieces. **(Bag of sweets)**
5. We use this next item to measure something's length. It's skinny and light. **(Ruler)**
6. Lastly, look for an item you like to get on a special holiday. It's small and pretty. **(Gift)**

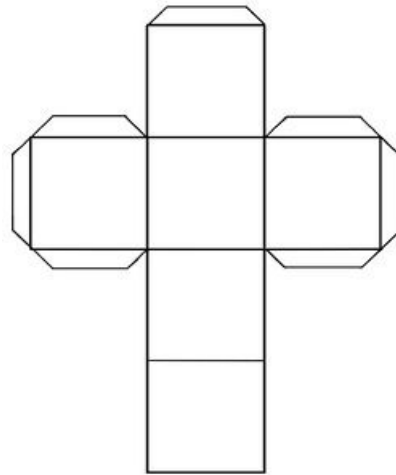
Once all the items have been found and are placed in front of everyone, the clue master is to hold up each item as you explain the eternal life message:

1. **Play-doh:** "God wants to 'mold' us into who He created us to be."
2. **Wire hanger:** "The problem is, we become 'bent' on sin and want to do what we want - have our own way."
3. **Hammer:** "And it seems easier to be able to 'work' for our own eternal life by doing a few good things here and there."
4. **Bag of sweets:** "But Jesus is the only 'good' person who ever lived on earth because He's the only person who has never sinned."
5. **Ruler:** So, we can't follow our own 'rules' if we're following Jesus. We have to acknowledge God in our lives and God being in control.
6. **Gift:** "But the good news of the Gospel is that God gives us the 'gift' of eternal life because Jesus died for our sins. We can receive the gift of salvation when we believe in Jesus and turn away from our sins."

Alive To God – Advert

Resources: A recording device either voice or video

Within your gathering explain a radio/TV station has chosen them to record a 30-second commercial. The product you are selling is: the message in Matthew 6:11. You may need to mind map your concept together before your final recording. **HAVE FUN** sharing about what this verse means to you.



<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/809240626771929634/>

Enlarge the template or use the link to make a prayer/bible verse dice to use during the following week until you gather again. On each side write a prayer or a verse from the bible that is special to you. Roll the dice every day to pray the prayer or think about that special verse.

Whilst creating chat about the following questions & share stories.....

1. **Is it easy to "let go" or turn away from sin?**
2. **What do you think are the "key" words from the bible readings?**
3. **How can we celebrate during this coming week to show we are Alive to God?**

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Here I am to Worship (Light of the World)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Pj2P8Bn5WI>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. Your prayer dice can be used and other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

The 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.**



Alive - Play this video at the end of your prayer time

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

Closing Responses.....

Song: How Great is our God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KBD18rsVJHk>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

**Ask different members to blow out the
candles.....until you meet again**

Celebration....

**If any of your members
celebrate a birthday within the
next week – sing**

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Extra Ideas

- With any materials you have build a bridge. Think of how your relationship with God has been restored and thank God for the gift of Jesus.
- Watch this video and discuss or reflect how does this effect me?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3aaICLjMUEg>
- Lego Prayers
<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2015/03/lego-or-duplo-prayers.html?m=1>