

# 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: Jesus, all for Jesus**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1Wa2msOq9c>

**(can be sung or listened to)**

**Reflection time: Buckaroo!!!** As you gather together can you remember playing buckaroo – if you have the game you could play it now or a game that is similar – Jenga or Monkey Business work well too.

As you gather and perhaps play a game or two – share what are the similarities in these games?



The objects in these games build upon each other and gradually increase the pressure until the pressure builds until they can no longer take any more pressure or weight. The inevitable happens either the donkey kicks everything off, the tower falls down or the monkey tree collapses. It is always the last person who caused the collapse or "kick off" to be the loser or person responsible – the strain has become too much.


**Bible passage:** Matthew 11: 25-30

AND/OR

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

## Interactive Learning.....

**Similar OR Different:** If you have pictures from different generations within your family, compare the photos of parent/grandparents; do the younger generations look like them? Do you also recognise actions, or ways of behaving that are similar through the generations? You can also search on the internet for different generational pictures of famous people and compare if they look alike, what are the similarities? Are the younger members of families' recognisable in looks or character? Compare that to recognising Jesus as the Son of the God, Jesus is part of God and they know each other intensely. Jesus revealed the nature of God and invited people into a relationship with Him, which means we can come to God especially when the pressure becomes too much.

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G	A	S	B	L	M	S	T	E	A	REST	BURDEN	LIGHT
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**Whilst creating chat about the following questions & share stories.....**

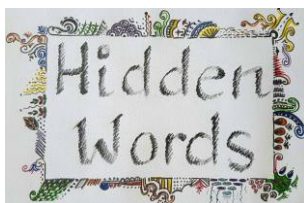
1. Who would you want to be placed with in yoke and why?
2. I wonder if there is something that is too heavy for you & do you need help from God ?
3. Jesus promises to come close to us – have you ever experienced this?

### Hidden Words:

How many different words can you make from letters in this bible verse?

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."**

15 – good 20 – very good 25 or more – excellent



### Pressing Flowers

Step 1: Place your flowers between two pieces of parchment paper. Place a book on top to flatten the flowers and make them easier to iron.

Step 2: Turn your iron on low, no steam...

Step 3: Once the iron is warm, remove the book from the parchment paper. ...

Step 4: Press the iron on the paper for about 15 seconds.

Step 5: Used pressed flowers in a picture to remind you of God being always there for you and each other.



In Bible times, work animals (usually oxen/cattle) worked in pairs, sharing the load. They were yoked together by a hand-carved wooden frame pictured above. Jesus is talking about oxen here, and relating it to how much easier it is for us to bear our burdens and troubles if we share them with him, as He pulls the load together with us, side by side. Jesus also talks about John the Baptist in this passage. These two extremely different people were also brought (yoked) together, bringing the good news of God to the people who wanted and needed to hear it.

## Reflection & Prayer Time.....

**Song: One thing Remains**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y3K2Qvr6iM>

**(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)**

Encourage members to pray silently or read aloud their prayers. 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.**



Play this prayer at the end of your prayer time.

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

### **Talk to God!**

Lord Jesus, when problems seem too big for us, please help us to bring them to You. Thank you that You have the power to do what we think is impossible.

## Closing Responses.....

**Song: Your Love is Amazing**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVxChP3AT\\_k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVxChP3AT_k)

**(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

- [https://sermons4kids.com/storage/4978/when\\_your\\_load\\_is\\_heavy\\_bulletin.pdf](https://sermons4kids.com/storage/4978/when_your_load_is_heavy_bulletin.pdf)
- HEAVY RELAY: Have 2 rucksacks and play a relay game, every time it's a new person in the line add another item in the bag, run to a marker and crawl back to their team with the bag on their backs carrying the bag.