

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: This Little Light of Mine
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cKkbIZtqhyQ>
(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: Monster Drawing Game

Resources pens and paper for all those who gather with you. Begin by giving everyone some pens and a piece of paper. On the paper everyone is to draw a monster's head near the top of the page. Encourage them to use lots of colours and add many details, like fur or spikes, stripes or polka dots, claws or tentacles, and teeth and eyes. They are to fold over that part of the paper, leaving space for the next person to add the body and arms. The next person is to add the body and the arms again be imaginative in the design. Once drawn turn down the paper once more pass on and the next person is to draw feet, tails etc. Be as creative as possible and have fun. Once the monsters are complete show them to each other and enjoy how the monsters have turned out.

Share how things don't always turn out as you expected, sometimes in life we make good choices and bad choices, share about these within your gathering, why the choice good was or bad. How we begin is not necessarily how it will be for ever, just like the monsters. The important message is, is that God is always in control even when we don't understand or feel God's presence, we don't have to worry we can trust in God.

Bible passage: Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

OR read a story board together
<https://www.storyboardthat.com/storyboards/carolinafeng/the-parable-of-the-wheat-and-the-weeds>

AND/OR WATCH

Video link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PcQZTJoGF2c>

Interactive Learning.....

Colour 1=yellow, 2= orange, 3= purple, 4=blue



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Jesus Speaks in Parables

Jesus told parables to people, he was never without a story to share with those who he was gathered with. Jesus also spoke to crowds of people but when he was alone with his disciples he explained everything in this story. The word of God is alive, it is a relationship, think and share with those who you are gathered, the times when you *can* and *do* read and act upon the stories of Jesus and the word of God?

When we are in a personal relationship with God, he changes us, makes us more loving and encourages us to live in his ways. We need to respond and a way of responding is to take action (A good choice). As a way of taking action write down something you can do as an individual or as a gathering that seals/confirms you responding to Jesus within the coming week. When the word of God is planted in our hearts good fruit will grow.

You could make a collage from magazine cuttings then place your actions on the collage.



Science Experiment

Separating cork from sand!!

Here's what you'll need:

- chopped pieces of cork
- sand
- a paper plate
- one transparent container with water
- one container without water
- a spoon

What to do:

Mix the cork and sand together on a paper plate, make sure they are mixed well so it's hard to tell the difference between the sand and the cork. Then, place them both into the bowl/container with water. The cork will float, but the sand will sink. Use a spoon to remove the cork. You can also use a coffee filter to strain the sand from the water if you wish. As one of you is removing the cork explain, just like we separated the cork from the sand, one day God will separate those who follow Him from those who do not. Remember, a parable is a story that Jesus taught in order to help his followers understand important truths.

Walking by the wheat

Go for a prayer walk in the countryside if you are able. You may be live near wheat fields; if so walk around the edge, looking at the wheat, remember being part of God's creation. Alternatively walk around your neighbourhood noticing God's creation, remember **YOU** are part of God's creation and plan a "good" action.

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

- What catches your attention in the story?
- Is there anything in the story that is hard to understand?
- I wonder how the people in this story felt....
- I wonder what's the most important part of the story....
- What does this story mean for us today?

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: All That I Am

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLi2AgM3EmM>

Song: Nothing can keep me from you

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8d8qTv6iDpk>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Use these songs as a response prayer

Encourage members to read silently or 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.**



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.**

Closing Responses.....

Song: Hosanna (Praise is Rising)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oAaQ5EExidc>

(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

Extra Ideas

- <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/pin/112449321930169936/>
- <https://sermons4kids.com/parable-of-the-weeds-decoder.htm>
- <http://www.livingwaterbiblegames.com/weeds-word-search.html>
- Play a game of anagrams with weeds and flower names
- Recreate the story using the Lego Movie App & Lego