

# 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: Good, Good Father

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ak0OoFBw3c>

**Bible passage:** Joshua 3 & 4 read this together from the International Children's bible.

**And watch** a short video of the story.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EOTjeK3SjvE>

Imagine you were crossing the River Jordan with your family. What conversations would you have? Excited for a land of your own maybe, or apprehensive and scared? You are going somewhere unknown and new and all you have is God's promise to be with you.

When God's people entered the Promised Land, they set up the stones they had collected from the River Jordan. The stones were there as a reminder to the Israelites to pass the story on to their children.

It would remind them that God had promised to be with them always, even when they were scared.

Think of a time when you have needed to know God with you or your family.

We use this Sunday to remember those who have suffered and died during wars. It is important that we do not forget either.

## The 11 o'clock Silence.

Small children can find it difficult so consider watching the Cbeebies clip which lasts for 2 minutes.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wOT5CDnYHEs>

Older children may find this helpful, although it brings a tear to the eye. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ahGRNKi8-18>

## Interactive Learning.....

### Poppy Wreath



On some card, cut out a circle to make a wreath shape. Paint or colour it green. Decorate it with poppies – you could make a poppy from a cupcake case or some poppy pictures from the internet. Cut some leaf shapes out to create your wreath and stick them on. Attach a piece of string or ribbon to hang it up with. Or use a bottle top to print poppies using paint.



### Make a Cairn

Go into your garden or an outside space. Collect a stone for each member of your family and remember each family is different.

Talk about how you all fit together as you pile them up and how you can all rely on God

The leaf of the poppy points to 11'Oclock to remind us to stop and remember on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month.  
An agreement to stop fighting during WW1 was signed on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 1918.

Why do you think it is important to remember all those who fought and died in war?

Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers."  
What can we do to try and bring an end to wars and conflict?

Some people choose to wear white poppies in remembrance of those who died but also as a symbol that they want peace and no more wars.



The black poppy remembers the contribution of all those from Black, communities during times of war. Hundreds of thousands of Black soldiers fought and died during World War One.

What can we do to make sure the contributions of all races are accurately and actively remembered?

Not only soldiers die in wars, who else can you think of that is affected by wars?

The purple poppy is in memory of all animals who have died in wars. Animals including horses, dogs and pigeons all served during World War One.



Why not visit a local war memorial together, spend some time reading the names and thinking about the real people with families who fought and died in the wars?

### Remembrance Prayer

Dear God

This Remembrance Day we remember all those who have fought and served during wars. We remember soldiers of all races who worked together for peace and justice. Thank you for what they gave up for us.

We remember and thank you for those who serves as doctors, nurses, paramedics and other key workers putting themselves at risk to help others.

We pray for those in governments around the world that you would give them the hearts and wisdom of peacemakers. Where there is conflict in the world would you bring peace.

Help us to remember and learn from the wars of the past so we can help to create a future of peace. Amen.

## Reflection & Prayer Time.....

### Song: When You are Sleeping

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fx3P64xenhs&list=PLYJ21ufg8U2HgpKYcotEcd2LudoZtjKB-&index=13>

### Song: Every Step

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYH8-IUed3k&list=PLYJ21ufg8U2HgpKYcotEcd2LudoZtjKB-&index=12>

Take to God those things in your heart that you find difficult. Ask Him to be with you when you feel worried or scared.

Ask God to be with those you know are scared or worried too.

Talk about these together



### 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: So Will I

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2U7ffUM5Ec&list=RDC2U7ffUM5Ec&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2U7ffUM5Ec&list=RDC2U7ffUM5Ec&start_radio=1)

**(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!**

## Extra Ideas

- Think of someone you know who had some experience of war. Probably as a child being evacuated, or missing a parent serving overseas. Take time to video call them and ask them to share their story with you.

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