

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.....

As you gather sit and listen to this song.

Song: The Blessing

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=the+blessing

How would this blessing and peace look for you?

Reflection time: As we think of our New Year looking ahead it feels rather like the old one.

As a family share about some of the Blessings you found in 2020. Time together? Talking more? Enjoying the outdoors more? Remind yourselves of the goodness of God in our lives even in difficult times.

Today, we are thinking of endings and beginnings. Of lives changing, turning towards Jesus. It is better than simply the beginning of a new year. It is the beginning of a new life; a new life in Jesus.

Bible passage: Read Together Mark 1:4-11

AND / OR Watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=88JYcN2-FiQ>

Jesus decided to do as God wanted and be baptized even though there was no need – he had never left God so had no need to turn back to Him. Talk about how you would feel standing on the banks of the Jordan. This seemingly ordinary man being referred to as The Son Of God by the prophet you have come to see; the skies opening and God speaking. It is not clear that others heard it – but can you describe how it would be to have been there? Would it impact on your decision to turn your life to God?

Interactive Learning.....



Spend time colouring this carefully thinking about how it would feel to hear God say those words to you.
Thanks to Mina Munns at Flame Creative Kids.



Share about how your church celebrates a baptism service, what do you remember happening and why. If you have photographs of family baptisms, look at them together, look for similarities or differences. Is baptism something you are considering?

Closing Responses.....

Song:

(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

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Faith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JUG4AXD8RgI>

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 together

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

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

- **What would you like to change as a family in 2021? Make it simple and achievable.**
- **What challenge could you give yourselves for this year? Survival is an acceptable answer!**
- **How can you follow Jesus more closely in 2021?**