

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: So Will I

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2U7ffUM5Ec>
(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time:



What was the last thing you got really excited about? Apart from Christmas! What got you so fired up that you had to rush to tell someone else about it? Or share it on social media? Talk together about what those things were and how they made you feel.

Bible passage: Read Together John 1:43-51

And / or watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vlr05RdQgQQ>

Jesus finds Philip and Philip's first reaction is to run and share his news with his friend Nathanael (who is also known as Bartholomew) he cannot keep this exciting news to himself. The video adds a bit of detail of Nathanael under the fig tree praying. The Bible does not describe that event, but something must have happened for Nathanael to have reacted in the way he did. The Bible has not got enough space to add all the details but in our imaginations we can consider the reactions of the disciples as they realise just how amazing Jesus is.

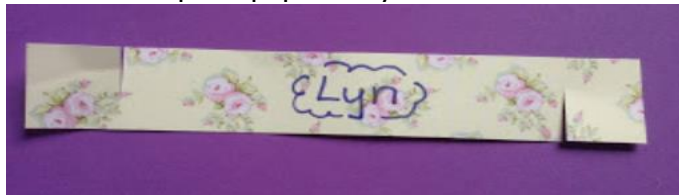
I wonder what Jesus had said or shown to Philip to make him so excited. Nathanael immediately calls Jesus the Son of God. That must have been a very special meeting. These men then spent the next 3 years following Jesus and then the years after that sharing the gospel with others.

The Bible has very little detail, but church tradition says they both died for their faith. Nothing would stop them telling others about Jesus.

Interactive Learning.....

Jesus sent his disciples out to be 'Fishers of Men,' to share His love with the people they met.

Cut some strips of paper – try 10x2cm.



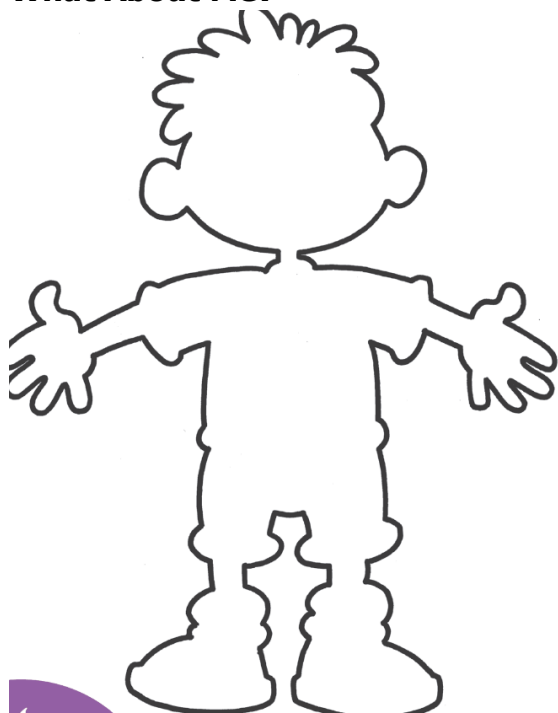
Write on it the name of a person or situation you would like to pray for. Maybe someone you know who does not know Jesus yet? Cut slits near to the ends of the strip as shown above.

Fit the slits together to make a fish shape. Hold the fish high in the air and let it go. As it gains momentum you will see it start to spin! Make as many as you can!



With thanks to Mina Munns at Flamecreativekids.

What About Me?



Give each person a copy of this outline or draw your own. In it write or draw how you can be part of God's plan like Philip or Nathanael.

Did you try the Risk It Challenge?

We challenged you to Risk It over Christmas. If you managed it then set yourselves a tougher challenge this week. If not start today. Think of a challenge like "say to 3 people this week that God cares for them too." Share your excitement in Jesus with friends or family. Think of other ways to share your faith & love in Jesus.

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

- What does it mean to be a disciple?
- I wonder how people know that you are a disciple
- What part of God's plan can you help with?
- Who has helped you know Jesus? Who has been your Philip?

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: I am a City on a Hill

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNd22xG4_14

Using the song above consider how your actions can change your world. Ask God to show you how to be a better disciple. Share the answers together and pray for each other that God will use you all wherever you are.

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: Till I Found You

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvWimPwi8qE>

(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

- Pilgrimage at Home. You may have tried this earlier in the year but it is worth doing again – still lots of fun.

<https://d3hgriq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/5f3ecf1e68cdc/content/pages/documents/1587552422.pdf>