



Diocese of Bristol

Families growing faith at home

Church@Home is a fantastic all-age resource that has been created to encourage and help families enjoy a time of worship, explore the Bible, pray together and grow in their faith in the comfort of their own homes.

Church@Home provides a fun, engaging and easy-to-follow session every Sunday using a Bible reading selected from the Church of England Lectionary. Each session lasts approximately twenty minutes and provides age-related material for toddlers to teenagers to accommodate everyone in the family. Thought-provoking questions, fun activities and crafts bring the Bible story to life as well as creative prayer ideas to help families focus, learn and grow in their faith together. Additional teaching and craft suggestions are also provided for families with very young children.

Church@Home can also be used as a fun way to help families connect with other families on Sunday mornings too during this time of distancing. Invite everyone to begin **Church@Home** at the same time and perhaps set up a WhatsApp group where families can share what they have done, or discuss the topic further together.

If your family or families in your church are using **Church@Home** please let us know. We would like to keep in contact, find out how you are doing as well as hear how **Church@Home** is helping families grow in their faith, so that we can share and inspire others during this time of distancing.

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Thank you 



Sunday 6th June 2021

1st Sunday after Trinity

Owning up Genesis 3:8-15

Time to focus...

Find a place where the family can all sit comfortably - around the table, on the lounge floor etc. As you gather, if possible, light a candle to mark the beginning of your worship time. Quietly stare at the candle, watching the flames flicker and glow.

Set the scene...

Do you have a biscuit tin or a treats jar in your house? When I was young, we always had a biscuit tin. Sometimes I would come home from school to find my mum baking biscuits. I remember she would tell me, "Don't eat any of these biscuits before dinner; you'll spoil your appetite." That was quite a temptation. Does anyone know what the word "temptation" means? Temptation happens when something or someone makes you desire to do something that you're not supposed to do. Did you know that God is always there to help us do the right thing?

Watch the story...

Saddleback Kids are back retelling [Adam and Eve's sin...](#)

Explore the story...

The biscuit story reminds me of a game I played at school: "Who Stole the Cookies from the Cookie Jar?" Children sit in a circle, are given a number and say this rhyme;

[Accuser]: Who stole the cookies from the cookie jar?

[Accuser selects/points at child]: Number 2 stole the cookies from the cookie jar.

[Child number 2]: Who, me?

[Accuser]: Yes, you!

[Child number 2: Couldn't have been!

[Accuser]: Then who?

[Child number 2 selects/points at child]: stole the cookies from the cookie jar.

Could this be the oldest game in the world? A similar version of it started in the Garden of Eden. God gave a beautiful garden to Adam and Eve. They could eat anything they wanted, except for the fruit from one tree. But Adam and Eve were tempted by the fruit, they ate it and disobeyed God. Instead of telling the truth they both blamed it on someone else, like in the cookie jar game. Adam blamed it on Eve, and Eve blamed it on the snake who helped convince her to eat it. God wanted Adam and Eve to do the right thing. God wants us to do the right thing, too. And God helps us do the right thing.

End in prayer...

Dear God, thank You that You help us do the right thing. Thank You for giving us the power to choose the right way. In Jesus' name, amen.



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Owning up

Creative ideas / toddlers to teenagers

0-5s...

Craft activity: Adam and Eve disobeyed God's rules, so they had to leave the garden. But the story does not stop there - God forgave them and made a plan to save them!

You will need two paper plates or blank paper circles. Explain to your children that obedience makes God happy and that sin makes him sad. But if we sin, God still loves us and forgives us. Draw a happy faces on one plate and a sad faces on the other plate. Then think up good and bad behaviours. If the children think it is a bad behaviour, show the sad face. Or good (nice) behaviour, show the happy face. After the Activity, remind the children that even when we sin, if and say sorry to God, He forgives us because he loves us so much.


5-11s...


Worship: Listen to the amazing lyrics in... "[God is for me](#)"

Craft activity: When Eve talked to the serpent, it convinced her to sin. After Adam and Eve sinned, the world was never the same. You will need the snake template (on the next page), string, sticky tape, scissors, sequins or glitter (optional). Cut the snake on the line, decorate and tape string to the bottom of the snake's head. The snake in today's story is a good reminder that there are consequences when we do not listen.

11-18s...

- 1) What have you done wrong that you found hard to own up to?
- 2) How did God punish the man and his wife? What would you have done?
- 3) Is following God about rules or about being in a relationship?

 Pray that your relationship with God grows more each day.

 Be prepared to own up when you make mistakes.

"The man answered, 'I heard you walking in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.'" - Genesis 3:10

Snake template

Enjoy cutting out and decorating the snake below. Or if you are feeling extra creative, why not have a go at design your own crafty serpent...

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?" (Genesis 3:1)

