

Children's Church at home 17 May 2020

John 14:15-21 Loving God.

Craft ingredients: A4 paper or card in several colours, scissors, ruler, pencil, pens, sellotape. Do you have any jewels or sequins or glitter? You could use that to decorate your craft. A ribbon or wool or string if you want to hang it up.

Ask the children if they remember last Sunday's story: it was about carrying on Jesus' work and what happened to Stephen.

Introduction: how do you show someone that you love them? And if they're a long way away?

Story: Read about how Jesus explained to his friends that after he had gone, they must love him and do what he asked and that he would send a helper for them. That means that we must follow his rules and love him, and he will love us and live in our hearts always. John 14:15-21.

This reading isn't in the children's Bible I have, but this version is good:

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+14%3A15-21&version=ERV>

Video: you will either love this video, or possibly not!

https://youtu.be/QSaWPYb6_6k

Quiz: What did Jesus say his friends must do? (2 things)

Activity: Kim's game. Ask your adult to put 10 things on a tray, (a pen, a rubber, a small toy etc) look at them for 20 seconds and then cover them over. Can you remember what was there?

And maybe phone or facetime someone far away so that they know you love them?

Craft: see video.

Prayer: Father God. Help us to stay focused on you so that we can love you and do everything you ask. We know that you love us and you can really live in our hearts forever. Sorry for the times we get it wrong. Please bless everyone in our family and all our friends and keep them safe and happy. Amen.