

## *This Week's Worship: Samuel Hears God*

### *Opening*

Wherever we come together,

**God is with us.**

**God is here.**

We come together to say sorry

We come together to say Thank you

We come together to ask for God's help

We come together to hear God's story

We come together to celebrate God's love.

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### *Saying Sorry*

*Hold onto a stone and think about things that you have done this week you would like to say sorry for.*

God loves us and forgives us when we are sorry for wrong things we have done.

For times this week when we have made others sad.

**We are sorry.**

For times this week when we have not helped others

**We are sorry.**

For times this week when we have not looked after your creation,

**We are sorry**

For times this week when we have been selfish

**We are sorry**

*Put the stone in a bowl of water*

As we leave these things behind, may God forgive us and give us a new, clean start today.

**Amen**

### *Saying thank you*

*To join in you will need: some slips of paper, some pens and an empty jam jar (you can join in without this for the first few weeks but can then join in when you have had the time to put some things in the jar!)*

*Ask each person to draw or write down on one of the slips something they would like to say thank you for and put it in the jar. As we pray, pull a slip out of the jar and say thank you for what is written on it.*

*Continue to fill the jar during the week.*

God, you are amazing and you have given us good things. We thank you for all your gifts to us.

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...  
Amen

*Continue until everyone has had a chance to say something.*

### **Story and response**

Listen to this week's story or read a story from the Bible. This week's story is from 1 Samuel 3: 1-10

I wonder which part of this story you liked the most?

I wonder what surprised you about this story?

I wonder what this story makes you feel?

I wonder where you are in this story?

Do you wonder anything about this story?

### **Prayers**

You will need: heart shaped pieces of paper, pens or pencils

Samuel is a young boy but God speaks to him in a way that he doesn't speak to the adults at that time. Samuel is a child, but God has a job for him. To God, each one of us is loved and important. It doesn't matter how old we are, we can all be a special part of God's family and have the job of helping to share God's love in the world. How might you do this job this week? Sit for a moment in silence and think about how you can show love to other people this week. Maybe God will put an idea in your head! Write or draw what you would like to do on a heart shaped piece of paper. Fold the paper and put it somewhere safe. At the end of the week, look at your paper heart. Have you managed to do the job you wanted to?

**God, thank you that you love us and want to speak to us. Thank you that we can help you and it doesn't matter if we are young or if we are old. Help us to learn more about your love for us and help us to show that love to others this week. Amen.**

### **Close**

Wherever we come together,

**God is with us.**

**God is here.**

May God bless us.

May we know that we are loved

May we know that we are cared for.

May we know God's hope.

**God is with us**

**God is here**

**Amen.**

*Extinguish the candle.*