

*This Week's Worship: Jairus' daughter*

**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.

Wherever we come together,

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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 we are looking at a story from Mark 5.

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**

In the story Jesus heals a girl who has died. Her family and friends have given up and tell her father not to bother Jesus anymore because the girl is dead there's nothing anyone can do. Jesus is not like anyone else, though, and he tells Jairus to believe. With Jesus, anything can happen, even things that we think are impossible. Jesus wants good things for us and brings the girl back to life. Who do you know who needs to be given a new lease of life and hope? Maybe you know someone who is ill or who has been having a difficult time recently. Use this prayer activity to pray that they will have healing and new hope.

You will need an A5 piece of card, a strip of paper roughly 15cm by 5cm, pens, glue

Fold the card in half. Concertina your paper strip as shown in the photo. Glue each end of the concertina and stick the ends down to the inside of the card, across the fold (see photo). Think of people who need healing and hope and write their names on the card. Close the card and then open it up and see the concertina pop up as a reminder of God's hope popping up.



**Dear Jesus, thank you that you can do amazing things and that you are with us when we are ill or having difficult times in our lives. Help us to turn to you and ask for help and give us the healing and new hope that we need. 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.*

