

This Week's Worship: Jesus walks on the water

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 we are looking at a story from John 6.

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 today Jesus walks on the water towards the disciples who are caught in stormy seas. He tells them not to be afraid and, suddenly, they are out of the storm and their boat reaches land. What is it like when you are struggling with something or feeling afraid? How do you feel inside? What do you do? Who do you talk to? What are the difficult and worrying situations that people you know, or have heard about, are facing now? When you are worried, who or what helps you to not be afraid?

You will need: Card or paper (A6 size works well), wax crayons, black paint, washing up liquid, paint brush or sponge, cocktail sticks

Cover your card or paper with wax crayons, until the surface is entirely covered. Mix paint and washing up liquid with a ratio of about $\frac{3}{4}$ paint and $\frac{1}{4}$ washing up liquid. Try to get rid of bubbles after mixing! Pint the mixture over the wax crayon and leave it to dry. You might need to do a second coat to cover the crayon properly. When dry, use a cocktail stick to draw a picture of Jesus walking on the water or write the words 'Don't be afraid.' As you create, think about those people who are struggling at the moment and need help if they are afraid.

Dear Jesus, thank you that you know us and see us when we are struggling and afraid. Help us to ask for help and to know that we are not alone, whatever we are facing. Show us how to be people who can reach out and help others who are afraid and show them that they are not alone either. Give us all hope and peace when we are facing stormy times in life. 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.