

This Week's Worship: Jesus and the disciples

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 is the story of Jesus and the disciples in Luke 24.

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 our story today, Jesus proves that he is really alive and gives the disciples a job to do. He wants them to go all around the world, telling people that there is hope of new life for everyone, that they can come to know God and be forgiven for all of the wrong things they have done. The disciples won't have to do this alone, though, because Jesus is going to send the Holy Spirit to help them. The disciples are going to be his 'witnesses.' What is a witness? Have you ever told someone about something you've seen that is amazing or special? How did they react? How did you feel when you were telling them? This week, keep your eyes open for the amazing, interesting and special things that you see around you. Be a witness and tell someone what you've seen- maybe by taking a photo, drawing it or writing it down for them to read.

Dear God, thank you for the amazing, beautiful, exciting, helpful and special things you have given us in our world. Help us to keep our eyes open to see some of those things this week and help us to be witnesses to the gifts you have given by telling and sharing them with others. 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.