

## *This Week's Worship: Jesus and Thomas*

### *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 Thomas from John 20.

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, Thomas won't believe the amazing news that Jesus is alive until he has seen Jesus for himself. Sometimes it's hard to believe amazing things until we can see them with our own eyes. We want to see the proof. Sometimes it's hard to believe that God is with us because we can't see him. What amazing things have people told you that you find it hard to believe? Even though we can't see him, God can do amazing things to help us and others. He can help us to feel peace when we are worried or afraid. He can help us to feel hope for a new start when we think that everything has gone wrong. He can do things that we think are impossible. What amazing things would you like to believe that God could do to help you or to help someone you know?

**Dear God, thank you that you can do amazing, impossible things that we could never do by ourselves. When we are sad or afraid or worried or hopeless, help us to believe that you are with us and you can help us, even if we can't see you with our own eyes. This week, may we see amazing, impossible things happening to help us, to help others and to help the world. Help us to know that you are there. 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.

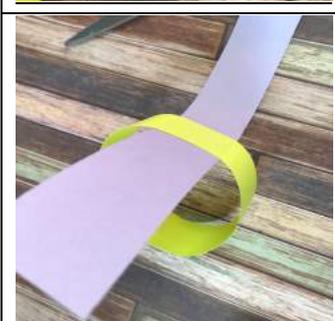
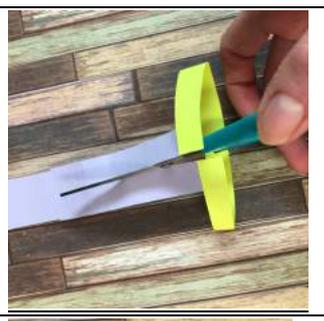
**God is with us**  
**God is here**  
**Amen.**

*Extinguish the candle.*

**Make two circles into a square impossible activity!**

You will need:

- 2 strips of paper, the same length and width
- scissors
- glue

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|    | <p><b>1.</b> Glue the end of one strip and make it into a circle.</p>       |    | <p><b>5.</b> Cut all the way through the middle of the first circle.</p>            |
|   | <p><b>2.</b> Put some glue in the centre of the second strip of paper.</p>  |   | <p><b>6.</b> You will end up with a strip of paper with a loop at each end.</p>     |
|  | <p><b>3.</b> Glue the strip to the paper circle as shown.</p>               |  | <p><b>7.</b> Cut through each loop, down the middle of the long strip of paper.</p> |
|  | <p><b>4.</b> Glue the ends of the second strip to make a second circle.</p> |  | <p><b>8.</b> Open the paper out to reveal a square!</p>                             |