

This Week's Worship: Jesus in the Temple

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 John 2

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: Rocky Road (see recipe below)

Jesus shakes up the temple by throwing things around and chasing people and animals away because people aren't treating the temple as God would want. Sometimes you have to break or change something that isn't working so that you can make it into something different and better. When we make rocky road there's a lot of bashing and cutting of ingredients so that we can make something new that's even better to eat than the ingredients in their own. Can you think of any things in the world that need to change so that they or we can be better? For example, maybe we need to change how much plastic we use so that we can help to save the environment. Maybe we need to be more helpful to people who have to leave their countries because of war. Have a look at your rocky road and, as you eat it, say the prayer below:

God, thank you for the world and the people you have made. Help us to see when things are going wrong and help us to know what to do to make the situation better. Even if it's hard work, show us what the right thing is to make our world and our lives more as you would like them to be. 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.

Rocky road

You will need:

- 200g chocolate
 - 150g butter
 - 1 tblsp golden syrup
 - A bag of marshmallows
 - 200g biscuits (any kind you like!)
 - optional extras such as dried fruit, nuts, cornflakes, rice krispies
1. Line a 30cm square tin with greaseproof paper
 2. Chop the marshmallows into bite sized chunks.
 3. Put the biscuits into a food bag and break them up by bashing them with a rolling pin until they are in pieces of varying sizes
 4. Melt the chocolate, butter and syrup together in a bowl over a pan of hot water.
 5. Stir in the marshmallows, biscuits and any of the optional extras you fancy.
 6. Pour the mixture into the tin and spread it out.
 7. Chill in the fridge until set.