

## *This Week's Worship: Love each other*

### *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 John 15.

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 asks us to love others just like we are loved by God. If we show that we love others then people will know that we follow Jesus. Following Jesus is about sharing love and caring for others. What is love? How do you know if someone loves you? How can you show others that you love them?

You will need: A5 size paper, scissors, hole punch, pens, wool

Cut the paper into a heart shape and punch holes around the edges. Write in the heart, the names of people you want to pray for. This could be people who are lonely, ill or afraid, as well as people that you know and love. Thread the wool in and out of the holes and, as you do so, pray that all of these people will know that they are loved and that God cares for them. Think about what you could do to help show them love.

**Dear God, thank you for loving us and wanting good things for us. Thank you for the people we love and who love us. Help us to share your love, kindness, joy and hope with others, especially those people who we sometimes find it hard to love. This week help us to love others in the same way that you love us.**

**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.*

