

This Week's Worship: Mothering Sunday

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: Lego bricks

Today we celebrate Mothering Sunday and think about the ways that people in our families and communities give us mothering and caring support and strength. The story we have just heard is all about a mother and her son. Jesus can see that Mary will need help and support after he is gone so he reaches out and creates a new family for her with his friend John. Mary doesn't have to be alone any more, but will have someone to take care of her. Build a model with your Lego. When you are building think about how a single brick on its own can't do very much, but when it is connected together with other bricks, it can make something strong. Who helps you to be strong? Who supports you and looks after you? Who do you help and support? Who can you connect with who might need some strength? Take your bricks and add to the model you are making. As you add a brick, think about friends and family who might need to know they are not alone and that someone cares.

God, thank you for the people you give to us who take care of us and help us to be strong. Show us people we know who might need some extra care and support this week and help us to connect with them and show them that they are not alone. Help us to share your love with them as other people have shown love to 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.