

Ministry @Home



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:

**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:**

God above us,

God beside us,

God beneath us;

The beginning,

The end

and the Everlasting one.

Welcome.....

Song: Way Maker, Leeland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=29IxnsqOkmQ>
(can be sung, read aloud or listened to)

Reflection time: Our theme today is listening to Jesus. Jesus friends are sad and confused, life has not turned out as they expected. Have you ever had a time like that in your life? Share this with those you are with.

Bible passage: Luke 24: 13-35 (ask a member to read the passage, possibly from a child's Bible & allow space to reflect)

And/or watch this is a short cartoon

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndtnZV-5QTo&t=103s>

But if you have a little more time try this

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vepBqHvZ0Xs>

It is Sunday evening. On the Friday before, their best friend Jesus was nailed to a cross, where he died.

This morning some women went to the tomb where his dead body had been put, but they came back with a very strange story, saying that his body wasn't there! No wonder the friends were confused.

What a puzzle! The friends did not recognise Jesus, and he didn't seem to know what they were talking about. They explained to him why they were puzzled and sad. What did Jesus say to all this? He wanted to show them that God had planned the whole thing many, many years before. In fact, the whole story was there in the Bible.

Interactive Learning.....



Make the story. Using crackers, green icing and gummi bears re-create the story. Before you eat it imagine you were one of the friends, what would you ask Jesus? What would you most like Jesus to explain to you? Think of a really tricky question you would ask Jesus?

Guess.....What is it????

You will need: A blindfold (scarf), some familiar objects

Jesus said it was better to believe without seeing. Take it in turns to wear the blindfold. Pass an object to the person wearing the blindfold, can they work out what it is without being able to see it?

You could think about how the object feels, how it smells, if it makes a sound. Maybe you will find out new things about the objects that you hadn't noticed before.

When Jesus spent time with his followers, they did not recognise him by how he looked but they experienced something new about who he was in the way he unlocked scripture to them.

When feeling the object how did you begin to recognise what it was? Was there something familiar, a shape, a texture?

Were you completely baffled? This is how the disciples felt, at first they were completely baffled, not sure but then there was also something vaguely familiar in the experience.

Create a Family or Group Journal

In your gathering/group, have a bible to hand & journal pages

Call out a book of the bible and group members

Find the book of the bible. Ask the person with the bible to read out a couple of verses. Vary the books being found.

Remind the people gathered the bible is all about Jesus, Jesus taught the disciples the bible is all about him.

Jesus calls **US** to **follow** and **respond** to him.

On the journal page write how each of you can respond to Jesus this coming week. Emphasis that responding means action – to respond to Jesus is to be a follower and requires action. 😊

Whilst creating chat about the following questions & share stories.....

- Which part of the story did you like the most?
- What is the best bit for you about going through your life with Jesus?
- When do you feel Jesus closest to you?
- How can you help others feel close to Jesus?

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Every Step, Nick and Becky Drake

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZBhKp5_HwE
(can be sung, read aloud or listened to)

In our story today Jesus met with his followers while they were on the road. Why not plan a route you can walk in your community. Think of Jesus walking beside you.

If you are allowed out of the house, you could walk your actual route during allowed exercise time – remember to keep at a safe distance from anybody you meet. If not, use google maps “street view” and travel your route from inside your home. Pray for the people and places on the route

The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with “Messy” actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Closing Responses.....

Song: Our God, Chris Tomlin
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01Yj7H-eSjM>
can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again

Extra Ideas

- Build a  model
- Plan a walk together for when we can go further. Maybe past your school or church. Talk with God as you go.