

Top Tips on Family Worship at Home

Whilst our usual pattern of Sunday service and Junior Church is put on hold, we hope to resource households to continue to worship and pray together and be a place of Christ's light in our world during these uncertain days.

Here are some top tips to get started:

- 1) Find a time in the day that works for you.
- 2) Don't expect it to be silent - it will be messy! Go with the flow.
- 3) Encourage everyone to contribute, both adults and children.
- 4) Be flexible on timing and ready to adapt or shorten the session if your children get restless - there's no point in making this a battle!
- 5) Use the events of the past few days to explore where you've each met God or seen him at work.
- 6) Involve your children and young people with what the church is doing during this CV-19 crises – suggestions can be found in the **Action** section.

Key for age groups:



Infant



Juniors



Seniors

Church session for Sunday 10th January 2021

The Whole World Changed

We explore the opportunity for a new beginning that comes with Jesus.

Resolutions made at the New Year may have failed by now, so this week is an opportunity to discuss how faith can make a difference to how we live. Particularly that, when we fail, God can offer us a fresh start to try again.



An active way to begin your session. All Ages

Explore the difference water can make

You will need: a beaker for each child; water, washing-up liquid, straws, a towel.

- Half fill each beaker with water. Add a squirt of washing-up liquid.

Invite the children to describe what they can see in their beaker. Now give each child a straw and invite them to blow into the mixture.

- Discuss what changes the air has made to the mixture. Remind the group that everything changed for Jesus when he was baptized.



Bible story - Mark 1.4-11

I wonder



- What does it feel like when you start something new?
- How do you think Jesus felt about his new beginning which started with this story?
- What new beginnings might you ask God to help you with?



Creative Prayer Activity: All ages

Watch for the transformation - Reflect on the change that can come with water

You will need: Smarties™, a large plate with a rim, water.

- Invite the children to suggest things in their lives that need God's help to change. Add a sweet to the plate for each suggestion, spacing them apart as much as possible.
- When all the suggestions have been made, invite everyone to pray silently as you add water to the plate. Encourage the children to keep silent as the colours slowly start to dissolve to create a beautiful pattern. Point out the change that has taken place on the plate, and give thanks for the way God's love can transform us.



Prayer:

God of all the world,
we come to your Word to be changed,
to be challenged
and to feel cherished
by your Son, Jesus, who is the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

For the week:

Every time you use water, remember to thank God for loving you just as God loved Jesus.

