

Junior Church at-home session for July 2022



Readings for the Month

Luke 10.1-11, 16-20 - Jesus sends out the 72 – peace to this house

Luke 10.25-37 - the parable of the Good Samaritan – who is your neighbour?

Luke 10:38-42 – Jesus visits Martha and Mary – making time for Jesus

Luke 11:1-13 – Jesus teaches his followers to pray

Luke 12:13-21 – the parable of the man who stored up treasure on earth – being rich towards God

This month's readings come from St Luke's Gospel. They start with Jesus' travels in Galilee and move on to his journey south to Jerusalem. Jesus challenges assumptions about contact with Gentiles, the role of women and the blessings of wealth.



I wonder?

- If Jesus came to your house, would you welcome him in?
- How can we be good neighbours?
- Would you have chosen to behave like Mary or Martha when Jesus visited?
- What could you do to help you to pray?
- What can we do to be rich towards God?



Lord's Prayer in action

- Read the Lord's Prayer: see Prayer section below.
- Come up with actions for each line of the prayer.
- Say the prayer again, while doing the actions.



Creative Activity – make a “thank you” card for a care-giver

You will need: a piece of A4 card, pens, crayons or paints

- Fold the card in half
- Make a “thank you” card to give to someone who helps you at home, church, nursery, school or in the community.



Prayers and solutions game

You will need: small pieces of paper, pens

- Think of things you want to pray for, small or large, local or global.
- Write them on small pieces of paper in the form “I'm praying for...”
- Think about what you could do to help answer the prayer.

- Write these on pieces of paper in the form “I can...”
- Jumble up the papers.
- Sort the papers out again into pairs – the prayer and what you could do to help.



Creative Activity – beauty and wonder poster

You will need: a large piece of paper, pens, crayons or paints, glue, pictures or objects that are beautiful or give you a sense of the wonder and awe of the earth

- Make a poster to illustrate the beauty and wonder of the earth.



Prayers

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 forever. Amen.

We don't know how the universe works,
 But it fascinates us and fills us with wonder.
 We don't know what beauty is,
 But it changes us every time we meet it.
 We don't know what lies at the bottom of the ocean,
 But we love the mystery of it all.
 May the mystery of God fascinate us,
 Change us and fill us with wonder. **Amen.**

For the month

Start each day by praying, “Jesus, help me to listen to you today.”



Look out for beautiful things, or things that give you a sense of the awe and wonder of the earth. At the end of the day remember them and thank God for them.