

Family Worship

Here is a structure that you might find helpful to worship together as a family.
For more ideas for Bible readings or songs have a look at the resources sheet we have sent out today.

INTRODUCTION

Tell children that we're going to have Church at Home/Family Worship/Time with God etc.

Explain it is important for us to continue to learn from the Bible and pray together, even though we can't meet at Holy Trinity at the moment.

To start your time together you may want to use a family friendly song. My Lighthouse (Rend Collective), Wonderful Lord, Nothing's Too Big etc (Doug Horley), or just enter a family favourite song into the YouTube search bar and see if it is available.

OPENING

Read a verse from the Bible to help focus on Jesus. You could read John 3: 16 or Hebrews 13: 8.

Ask everyone, what this tells us about Jesus (e.g. his power, who he is, what he's like etc)

Say an opening prayer - ask a child to do it or do it yourself.

BIBLE STORY

Pick a passage to read - something from the gospels might work best - a parable, or an encounter with Jesus. Why not ask a child to read? You could read Mark's gospel together or the parables in Luke chapters 15-16.

If you have young children, if possible use a child friendly Bible (*There are Good News rainbow Bibles at church that you could borrow, just let the office know and they can arrange a time for you to collect it from the office*).

To help young children reflect on the Bible story you choose, ask them to draw one thing from the story that stood out to them. For older children ask them to write down words in the story that stood out.

QUESTION TIME!

Ask a few questions about what Jesus said/meant, or what the people in the Bible passage learned about Jesus. (Keep the questions age appropriate).

Using the drawings or words from the children's reflections above ask:

- Why did you draw this part of the passage/why are these words special?
- How does this passage make you feel (use key points in the passage for this question) Do this for all family members.
- Take a character from the passage and ask, how you would feel if you were them. Again, do this for all family members.

PRAYER TIME

Who can we pray for? Family, friends, neighbours, church family, world etc

What about having a family prayer diary for this time? You could write down or draw what you have been praying for.

GET PRACTICAL!

Who among our friends might be worried about something - could we text them or talk to them about it? Who in our street might need some help? How can we be good neighbours?

CLOSING PRAYER

Close with a question like - is there anything else you want to talk to God about?