

Worship at Home (With Children)

St. Peter and St. Paul, Abington

▪ *If you are praying together with children, you can use this version of Worship at Home. But you can use Worship at Home (Together) with your children if you like.*

▪ *Please prepare a Bible, a candle and if you can, a cross. Please decide who will lead. It doesn't have to be an adult. Remember, when you pray, The Holy Spirit is with you. And your brothers and sisters in Christ are with you in spirit and in your worship.*

▪ *This worship can be done either in the morning or in the evening. Agree a time to worship together. You don't have to follow it exactly. This is given as a guide. The most important thing is to make a time every day to pray. If you follow this then it will take about 10 minutes. . If you don't have time, you can always say our Pocket Prayer together.*

▪ *Morning Prayer will be offered in the parish church at 9 am on every Friday. The Eucharist will be offered in the parish church at 10 am on every Sunday. Please do join in, especially on Sunday by praying in your home.*

Time to Gather

If you enjoy singing, decide a song or hymn to start with and one to end with. There are some suggestions at the end.

The leader invites everyone to close their eyes and takes a few deep breath, then reads the following.

Leader: We usually go to church to worship God with God's people, but today we are being church here in this place.

Place the cross, the Bible and the candle in the middle of your gathering. Light the candle.

Everyone: God is with us.

Leader: Let us pray,

Everyone: God, you are good.

I need help.

So do they.

Thank you.

In Jesus name, Amen.

Time to Read the Bible

Choose a passage or story from the Bible. Read it from the Bible or a Bible story book, act it out or watch a video that tells the story. You may use a child's favourite story, or choose one of the suggested passages.

You can access International Children's Bible(ICB) here for free <https://www.biblegateway.com/>

If you would like to purchase a Bible story book, 'Jesus Story Book Bible' or 'The Action Bible' is recommended.

Psalm 23 – The Lord is my shepherd

Psalm 46:1-7 – God is our strength and refuge

Psalm 100 – Make a joyful noise to the Lord

Matthew 5:1-12 – The Beatitudes

Matthew 6:5-14 – The Lord's Prayer

Mark 1:16-20 – Jesus calls the first disciples

Mark 6:30-44 – Jesus feeds the 5000

Luke 2:41-52 – Jesus in the Temple

Luke 15:1-7 – The Lost Sheep

John 15:12-17 – A new commandment

John 20:19-23 – Jesus is alive

Galatians 5:22-26 – The fruit of the Spirit

Philippians 4:4-9 – Living the way of Jesus

Responding to God's Word

How might you think together about what you have just heard? You could:

▪ *Wonder together: I wonder what was your favourite part of that passage/story? I wonder which part surprised or puzzled you? I wonder what it tells us about God? I wonder how it helps us to live as Christians?*

▪ *Draw or sculpt: Use paper and pens, modelling dough, Lego or pipe cleaners to respond to the passage or story. Share with each other something about your drawing or model.*

▪ *Bring something to the circle: Look around where you have*

gathered and find something to bring to the circle that helps you think more about what you have heard. Share why you chose that object.

Time to Pray

Here you can pray for your friends, neighbours, community, the church and the nation. The leader may choose to lead the prayers with the words below. We usually pray for the Church, the world, our community, people who are suffering and ourselves. You can use these prayers or one of the creative suggestions at the end.

Leader: God hears us when we talk to him in prayer.

God, we pray for your Church, for our Bishop Donald, our priest Jun and everyone in Abington Church.

We pray for your world. We pray for our community in Northampton. We pray for everyone who is affected by the virus. Everyone who is looking after them.

God, help us to be kind and caring people.

Everyone: Help them, God, and help us.

The Lord's Prayer

Everyone now says the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Conclusion

Leader: Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

(Isaiah 41.10)

**All: We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.**

**We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours'
safety.**

**We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs.
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.**

Leader: The Lord bless us and watch over us; The Lord
make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace.

All: In the name of Christ, Amen.

Resources

Gathering songs

This is the day, this is the day, That the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice, we will rejoice And be glad in it, and be
glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made, We will rejoice
and be glad in it.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

<https://gospelchoruses.wordpress.com/2014/12/04/this-is-the-day-that-the-lord-has-made/>

Thank you, Lord, for this new day, Thank you, Lord, for
this new day,

Thank you, Lord, for this new day, right where we are.

Alleluia Praise the Lord, Alleluia Praise the Lord,

Alleluia Praise the Lord, right where we are.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DUYPEUu5JM>

Lord, we've come to worship you, Lord, we've come to
praise,

Lord, we've come to worship you in, oh, so many ways.

Some of us SHOUT and some of us sing,

And some of us whisper the praise we bring

But Lord, we all are gathering to bring to you our praise.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f32Y0MV23_E

Welcome everybody, it's good to have you here,

Welcome everybody, it's good to have you here,

Welcome everybody, it's good to have you here

Gathering in this place.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DPjMoKP6Y_Y

Closing songs

May you find peace, may you find hope,

May you find joy this day.

May you find love, may you find rest here in this place

together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J6v-UlvMXgU>

Shalom, my friend, Shalom, my friend, Shalom, shalom,
May peace and joy be with you today, Shalom, shalom.

Shalom chaverim, Shalom chaverim, Shalom, shalom,
Lehitraot, lehitraot, Shalom, shalom.

<https://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk/songs-and-hymns/hymns/shalom-my-friend/>

Father we adore you, lay our lives before you, how we
love you.

Jesus, we adore you, lay our lives before you, how we
love you.

Spirit we adore you, lay our lives before you, how we
love you.

<https://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk/songs-and-hymns/hymns/father-we-adore-you/>

Creative prayer ideas

Praying with sweets

You will need a packet of coloured sweets e.g. M&Ms or Skittles

Open the packet of sweets and take it in turns to pick one. Before you eat your sweet, say a prayer asking God to help or do something for someone or something in that category (see below).

Red: family Purple: friends Green: the environment/animals
Yellow: the world Orange: school/work

(Change the colour code to fit the colours of the sweets you use.)

<https://godventure.co.uk/prayer-activities/sweets-prayer/>

Playing card prayers

You will need a pack of cards

Shuffle the pack of cards. Take it in turns to pick one and say a prayer:

Red number- Pray for the world

Black number- Say a thank you prayer

King- say a word that describes how great God is

Queen- pray for a girl or woman you know

Jack- pray for a boy or man you know

Ace – pray for your church

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2013/08/playing-card-prayers.html>

Pray using your hand

Thumbs up – thank God for something good

Index finger – pray for those who point the way to God

Middle finger – Pray for those who govern our country

Ring finger – pray for your family and friends

Little finger – pray for people who are ill, or anxious, or worried and need God's care