

Ministry @Home



7th March 2021



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: The Heart of Worship.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tf84iFZhHDw>

(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: Find as many coins as you can; local or foreign. Feel them, pass them round, look at the images on them. Then pile them up and knock them over, hear the sound it makes.

Bible passage: Read Together **John 2:13-22**

and watch this version of the story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTQFNEb9Tkk>

(apologies for the break in the middle.) This is a reconstruction of the Temple which helps put the story in context

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQQyNVw8Pf4&feature=youtu.be>

Jesus got upset and angry throwing out the sellers and the money changers. He knew that God intended that the Temple would be used for prayer.

The priests and those in charge had made up their own rules and made money out of people's worship. The moneychangers and the sellers all made money but the poor had to pay. Which would stop some being able to worship and Jesus knew that wasn't right. What made it worse was that for those who wanted to worship God but were not Jewish this was the only space they had. Imagine the noise and smell as they prayed.

This was God's house, and they were not treating it with respect.

God had intended that everyone would be able to worship Him freely. Today we no longer have to go to a temple building to worship Him. We can worship in a church, in our homes and in our hearts wherever we are.

Interactive Learning.....



Sacrifice....

God's people made a sacrifice to say sorry for their sins. We have Jesus taking the place of our sacrifice. But during Lent people often 'give-up' or sacrifice something they like to help them think about Jesus' sacrifice for them.

Is there something you could sacrifice? It could be a favourite food? Or a game you enjoy? Talk together to find something that would help your family think of Jesus more at this time.

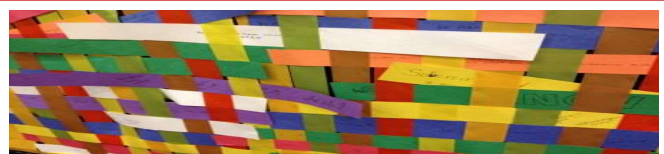
Cleaning House ...Jesus took action and cleaned house. It was to be a house of prayer, not a den of thieves! In the Bible, our hearts are described as the Temple of the Holy Spirit. **Jesus wants our hearts to be clean, just as He wanted the Temple to be clean.**

You need an adult for this. So take 2 jars; fill one with water and the other jar with a 1:3 ratio of vinegar to bleach. Pass the jar of water around your family and add a drop or 2 of food colouring, naming sins that you struggle with. It will end up looking black and horrid (especially if you use all different colours!). But Jesus does not want us to stay like that and when we say sorry and ask Him to forgive us He comes into our lives and takes the sin away. Pour the vinegar/bleach mix into the water and the water should go clear.

Pray together, and asked Jesus to forgive us and to make us clean.

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

- I wonder what made Jesus the most angry when he was in the Temple.
- I wonder what the disciples thought when Jesus reacted the way he did.
- How do you feel about Jesus reaction?
- I wonder what Jesus is teaching us through this story....
- I wonder what unfairness you see that makes you angry like Jesus was.



Prayer weaving.

Think of things that you want to pray about this week, maybe it's the thought of going back to school, or seeing family again. Or maybe you want to say sorry for making other things more important than God. Write them on individual strips of paper. Weave them together to make a mat. Leave it on the fridge to remind you to pray throughout the week.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Sign your Cross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MWiP6jEUl8Y>

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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: King of Kings , Majesty

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MjASW4BOAs0>

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

- Find some blocks, bricks etc and build a temple together. Then knock it down and build a church.
- Use the coins you found to make rubbings. Crayons work well, try using tack to hold them still.
- <https://missionbibleclass.org/new-testament/part1/life-of-christ-early/jesus-and-the-moneychangers/>