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Ministry @Home



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: What a Beautiful Name It Is

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r5L6QIAH3L4>

(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: Preparation – write the word Transfiguration on a piece of paper. Try and see how many new words you can make from its letters. Explain that it means being transformed into something more beautiful.

Bible passage: Read Together Mark 9:2-8 and/or watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dC081rBhFsE>

Read from different translations and bibles translated for different age ranges.

Ask your family to listen to the Bible reading again, this time with their eyes closed. Help them imagine climbing a mountain, hot and dry, going slowly where it gets steep, catching your breath as the climb gets harder. Then standing with Peter, James and John watching as Jesus, your friend, who you thought you knew, changing right in front of your eyes.

Keep that picture in your mind as you hear that voice, the voice of God claiming Jesus as His Own Son. That is God, the creator of the universe speaking. Listen to that voice, what is it saying to you? Let that voice help you trust, and follow Jesus more closely as you see Jesus, the Son of God, being transfigured in front of you.

God changes us too as we journey with Jesus, if we let Him. Then others will see that we have the love of Jesus in our heart by seeing his reflection shining brightly within us!

Interactive Learning.....

All Change

Resources: old, dirty coins (preferably one each), a plastic container with a lid, 1 heaped tablespoon of salt and half a cup of vinegar (mixed and put into the lidded container), a container holding water, a container to hold the used salt/ vinegar mix.

Discuss how our lives sometimes are a bit like the coin, dirtied up by the wrong things we do that we wish we hadn't. Explain that, if we ask Jesus to help us, He can help us to become more like him and take away the dirt. He can change our lives.

Asked everyone to put their coins into the vinegar and salt mixture, close the lid and shake the box. As soon as the coins go into the mix they start to change!

Empty away the salt/ vinegar and put the coins into water. They are now very shiny!



Valentine Tree !

Today is also St Valentines day when thoughts turn to love. Make a 'love' ly tree by drawing around someone's arm and hand. Then add hearts as leaves. They can be in paint, pens, outlines, cut from magazines or paper-anything.

As you add a heart write the name of someone loved by God – start with your family and then add as many others as you can. Pray for them that they would know the love God has for them especially at this tricky time.



Still Changing....

Think about the ways you want to change to be more like Jesus, maybe you need to think of others more? Maybe sharing is hard? As you hold your shiny coin ask God to help you change so you look more like Jesus.

Clouds

Bring the story to life by making a "fizzy float". Put 3 spoonful's of ice-cream (one each for Jesus, Moses and Elijah) into a cup and pour something fizzy over the top to create a "cloud".



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

- I wonder how Peter, James and John felt when Jesus asked them to go for a walk with him...
- I wonder what it was like climbing the mountain...
- I wonder what they could see from the top...
- I wonder what Peter, James and John thought when they saw Moses and Elijah.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Transfiguration

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jjeE1wzLfjI>

Hold your shiny coin as you pray as a reminder of how God has changed you.

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: This Little Light of Mine

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

As you watch the video see you and your friends that believe in Jesus brings light wherever you go.

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!

Extra Ideas

- Make a cloud in a jar – follow the instructions from this link.
<https://www.steamsational.com>.
Needs very simple equipment.
- Hearts – there are all sorts of different ways to make hearts here are some from pinterest – try a few.
[https://www.pinterest.co.uk/search/pins/?q=hearts%20for%20kids%20to%20make&rs=typed&term_meta\[\]=hearts%20for%20kids%20to%20make%7Ctyped](https://www.pinterest.co.uk/search/pins/?q=hearts%20for%20kids%20to%20make&rs=typed&term_meta[]=hearts%20for%20kids%20to%20make%7Ctyped)