

This Week's Worship: Jesus sends out the disciples

Opening

Wherever we come together,

God is with us.

God is here.

We come together to say sorry

We come together to say Thank you

We come together to ask for God's help

We come together to hear God's story

We come together to celebrate God's love.

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Saying Sorry

Hold onto a stone and think about things that you have done this week you would like to say sorry for.

God loves us and forgives us when we are sorry for wrong things we have done.

For times this week when we have made others sad.

We are sorry.

For times this week when we have not helped others

We are sorry.

For times this week when we have not looked after your creation,

We are sorry

For times this week when we have been selfish

We are sorry

Put the stone in a bowl of water

As we leave these things behind, may God forgive us and give us a new, clean start today.

Amen

Saying thank you

To join in you will need: some slips of paper, some pens and an empty jam jar (you can join in without this for the first few weeks but can then join in when you have had the time to put some things in the jar!)

Ask each person to draw or write down on one of the slips something they would like to say thank you for and put it in the jar. As we pray, pull a slip out of the jar and say thank you for what is written on it.

Continue to fill the jar during the week.

God, you are amazing and you have given us good things. We thank you for all your gifts to us.

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...
Amen

Continue until everyone has had a chance to say something.

Story and response

Listen to this week's story or read a story from the Bible. This week we are looking at a story from Mark 6.

I wonder which part of this story you liked the most?

I wonder what surprised you about this story?

I wonder what this story makes you feel?

I wonder where you are in this story?

Do you wonder anything about this story?

Prayers

In the story today, Jesus sends the disciples out into the surrounding towns and villages to tell people about God's love and to invite them to follow God. They are also able to help the people they meet by praying for those who are sick and healing them. Jesus sends the disciples out on their journey without any extra food or clothes or money and they have to rely on the help of other people. But the disciples go in pairs so that they will not be alone and they will be able to help and encourage each other on the way. Who would you choose to go on a long journey with you? Why? What is it about that person that you know would help and encourage you?

You will need paper, scissors, pens, paint (optional)

Draw around your foot or make a paint footprint. Cut the footprint out and write on it the name of the person you would take on a long journey with you. In another colour, write some words to describe that person that show why you have chosen them- what are they good at, how do they make you feel? Think about that person and pray the prayer below:

Dear Jesus, thank you for the people who encourage us in life and help us to do things that might be a bit worrying or scary. Thank you for the people who keep us going in life's journey, whatever we might face. Help us to be an encouragement and help to others too. Amen

Close

Wherever we come together,

God is with us.

God is here.

May God bless us.

May we know that we are loved

May we know that we are cared for.

May we know God's hope.

God is with us

God is here

Amen.

Extinguish the candle.