

Sundays stuck at home as a family don't have to mean no church!

Jesus said "where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them." (Matthew 18:20) - and this means at home too! This resource has been created to encourage you and your children to worship and engage with God even when you can't make it to a service.

After all, church is the PEOPLE not the PLACE!

Gather the family together, maybe round the dining table or in your livingroom. Turn off all your electronic devices (tv, gaming, mobiles, - although you might want to use them for some of the video or music clips). Don't worry if you start the session and being prompted to change direction - go with it and enjoy where the Holy Spirit takes you together!

Have fun!

How to use Home Church Adventures...



Included are a range of different ideas - pick and choose what suits your family and the resources you have. Some involve watching something online, some using physical stuff you might have around the house, some might involve printing off the activity sheet (if you can). However, don't let it stop you from getting creative and coming up with your own ideas, games, ways of telling the story, ways of having fun together.

Always pray before you start and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and lead your conversations.

'Home Church' doesn't need to be long, and it doesn't need to be done all in one session (why not split it over a day into several parts?).

REMEMBER:

Each family is different! God made each of you in your family unique in their giftings from oldest to youngest.

Listen to each other, involve each other and build each other up.

And DON'T FORGET TO HAVE FUN!



In this session you might need:

- Plain paper
- · Colouring pens, pencils or crayons
- Child-friendly Glue stick or PVA glue
- Device to play Youtube videos

- A computer printer (to print off the activity & colouring sheets
- · Raw veggies, paint, cutlery knife
- · Blender, fruit juice and fruit
- Junk modelling stuff, building bricks or leaves and sticks from the garden!



PRAS (why not ask for a volunteer to pray! Asking God to bless and speak to you today)

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for today. Thank you that you love us so much and have a plan for our lives. Would you please speak to us and help us to listen to what you say. Amen.



You could....

- > WORSHIP ACROSTIC: On a sheet of paper, write the word 'AMAZING' down one side. Think of worship words, or things you want to thank God for that begin with each letter of the word. Write or draw them next to each letter. Idea: OR you could cut things out of old magazines with each letter and stick them on.
- > HAVE A FAMILY JAMMING SESSION: play instruments you have, or make your own! Grab a flag or ribbon, wave and dance at the same time...you could even do a 'Conga line' around the house!
- > **PLAY MUSIC**: clips from Youtube of worship songs, or music from Spotify or a CD, and sing along. Ideas:

I am a friend of God (who am I that you are mindful of me)

Brave - Saddleback Kids Who's the King of the Jungle? - CJ and friends



THE STORY:

><u>READ</u> the story of Moses and the burning bush from the Bible. (we recommend NIV or International Children's Bible)

Exodus 3 v 1-20, 4 v 1-16

(OR read it from a Bible picture book you already have.)

>or WATCH a story cartoon on Youtube.

On Youtube, search for 'Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 2-3)' -Saddleback Kids
'God's Story: Moses' - Crossroads Kids Club

Q: Which is your favourite part of the story? Why?

God knew what his people, the Israelites, needed. He had heard them crying out to him "God please save us from being slaves to the Egyptians!" Moses was just a normal man, but God had an amazing plan for his life. Since he was a baby, God looked after him and gave him experiences that would help him in the future. When Moses grew up and ran away to Midian God spoke to Moses. This was the time God had planned for Moses to step up and lead the Israelites. However, Moses didn't think he could do it at all - why him? Moses wasn't confident God's people or the Egyptians would ever listen to him AND he stuttered and stammered when he spoke, besides that what would he say? Everyone would laugh at him! But God knew that all that wasn't important, Moses had the right heart for the job. God had already equipped him with all he needed - and Moses went on to be A-MA-ZING!

(Can you remember any of the amazing things Moses went on to do?)





ACTIVITIES with stoff:

> <u>MAKE AMAZING PRINTS:</u> Veggie-print option 1:Take a veggie of your choice (ask permission first, root vegetables work best - like carrots and potatoes!). Using a normal cutlery knife you would use for eating your dinner (NOT the super sharp ones) and cut in half. Use your knife to cut different shapes into the flat end. Dip this shaped flat end into poster paint, press onto a plain sheet of paper. Vary the shapes and colours to make amazing patterns!

Fingerprint option 2: Pick your favourite non-toxic/washable felt tip colour pen. Colour in the end of your finger with the felt tip. Press your 'coloured in' finger onto a plain piece of paper to make a finger print. Clean your finger with a wipe or with warm soapy water. Using a black pen add extra bits onto your fingerprint to turn it into a funny creature or person! Experiment by combining a few fingerprints to make different amazing pictures.

- > <u>CREATE AN AMAZING MODEL</u>: Imagine an amazing animal or vehicle the craziest the better! See if you can create your amazing thing using junk modelling, plastic bricks (eg Lego, Megablox), leaves and flowers from the garden/a nature walk. Give your creation an amazing name!
- > **BRILLIANT BEAT BOXING:** Try and use your mouth and body to make a drumbeat and cymbal noises.
- > MAKE AN AMAZING FRUIT SMOOTHIE: Get an adult to help blend fruit juice and cut up fruit pieces to make a delicious amazing smoothie. Yum!



ACTIVITY with printect:

> **PRINT OFF** the colouring sheet, enjoy completing and display somewhere to encourage others!



PRAYER / RESPONSE:

> EACH PERSON SHARE :

...one situation that you can remember God helping you to be amazing. (Think of a situation when you didn't think you could do something, but God helped you to!)

Q: How might you be 'amazing' for God this week?

...Talk to God (pray) and ask him to help you not to be afraid when you face something new.

Remember Philippians 4 v 19 says,

"My God will provide all you need, according to all his riches in Christ Jesus"

...then 'Please speak to me. Help me to listen and do what you say.' Why not take a moment to be quiet and listen to what God might say.

Remember: Every answer is important to God, so listen to each other and encourage each other.

You could also...

- > <u>PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY:</u> Think of situations that your family might face over the next few days and weeks. Ask God to help you, guide you and provide for you.
- > <u>TELL SOMEONE THEY ARE AMAZING!</u>: Think of someone that needs to be reminded that they are amazing and tell them! (You could send a video message with adult permission, or write/draw a note!)







