

Well hello to you! .

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
- · String and coloured paper
- · Bubble making equipment



PRASE (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 look after us each day. Would you please speak to us and help us to listen to what you say. Amen.



WORSHIP:

You could....

><u>HAVE A FAMILY JAMMING SESSION</u>: play instruments you have, or make some from junk (like drum cardboard boxes, cardboard tube digerydoo, jamjar shakers. 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)

Waymaker -Allstars Kids Club Who's the King of the Jungle? - CJ and friends

Whoopah Wahay - Doug Horley / Dougie Dug Dug



THE STORY:

><u>READ</u> the story of King David bringing the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem and worshipping God from the Bible. **1 Chronicles 15 v 1-29, 2 v 1 - 36** (we recommend NIV or International Children's Bible) However, this is a looooong passage with lots of complicated names that can be confusing. We recommend you watch the video clips as your 'Story' - especially for younger ones! (OR read it from a Bible picture book you already have.)

><u>or WATCH</u> a story cartoon on Youtube.

On Youtube, search for 'David's Praise Party Little Worship Company Bible Time' -for younger kids/toddlers 'David Dances for the Lord LifeKids'

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

David was a very important person. He was the King of the whole of Israel. He had everything he needed and more - money, gold, food, palaces, clothes, chariots, armies at his control, wives & children. More than that he was incredibly powerful. Whatever he said, got done- no questions! People listened to him. This power meant he could even start or stop wars! Can you imagine that? However, one important thing David knew was that, even though he had so much power, God was even MORE powerful. David was powerful, but he only was wise because God had taught him to be wise. David was powerful, but he couldn't make the world and everything in it - God could! David knew without God he would not have anything. David was so grateful that it made him overflow with wanting to say thank you to God for all he had done - he worshipped God. David sang, danced, organised beautiful artworks and even wrote worship poems called Psalms. If David with all his power and riches wasn't afraid to worship God - so can you! How will you worship today?





ACTIVITIES with stoff:

- > <u>WRITE A WORSHIP POEM:</u> Have a read of David's worship writing (Psalms) from the Bible (find them in the Old Testament, in the part called 'Psalms'!). Think about things that you can say thank you to God about (maybe trees & animals, or your family), or things you want to ask him (like to help you to make wise choices etc). Write or draw them as a poem. You could then read it to your family, or create a poster of it and decorate it.
- > <u>CREATE WORSHIP BUNTING</u>: Cut out big triangles from A4 paper. <u>Idea 1</u>: On each write worship words for God like: Big, Loving, Strong, Wise, Father, Saves, Cares. <u>Idea 2</u>: Decorate each triangle with bright colours and patterns.

Then...Cut a really long length of string or wool. Stick the top edge of each triangle one after the other onto the length of string. Hang up your bunting somewhere.

> <u>DANCE OFF!</u>: Pick a favourite song (doesn't have to be a worship one), make up a dance and perform it! (Idea: why not use Makaton or BSL/ASL signs you know!) You could have a competition to see who creates the best dance!

><u>BUBBLES</u>: Play with bubbles outside, or look up on the internet for a homemade bubblemix recipe. See who can blow the biggest bubbles.



ACTIVITY with printeut:

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



PRAYER / RESPONSE:

> EACH PERSON SHARE :

...3 things God has done or helped you with last week.

Q: How many different ways can you think of to worship God? (Clue: It's not just music and singing!)

Q: How did King David worship God?

When David worshipped God, he wasn't worried what everyone else thought. What was important was giving God the glory!

- ...Talk to God (pray) and ask him to help you not be afraid to worship
- ...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>THINK AND SHARE:</u> Think of your own creative ways to use things you have at home to worship. Why not film your own worship video(with your adult's permission) and share it with your church?





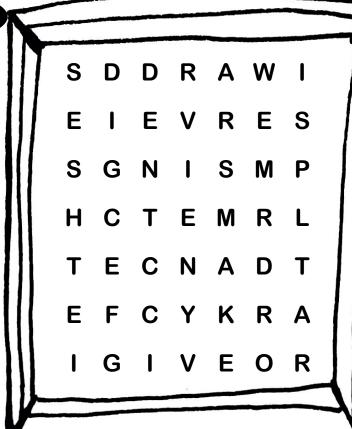


Ways of worship!

In this grid there are 8 different examples of ways you can worship God. Can you find them all?

dance draw give make pray serve sing write

There are lots of ways to worship - can you think of any more?

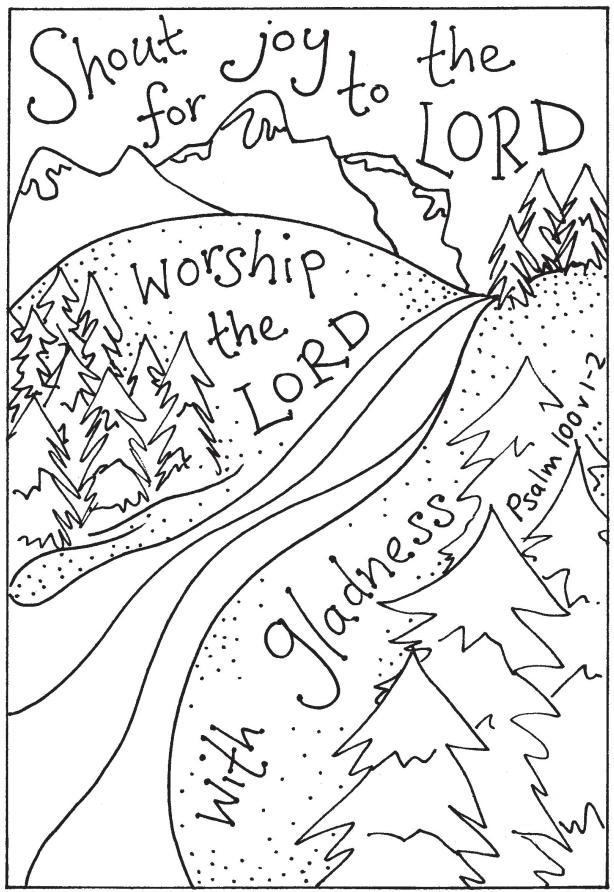


(Draw it here!)

Spot the difference!

Can you spot the 6 differences between the two pictures?





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