



Home Church Adventures!

Today's Adventure is...

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Bzzzzzz

KIND!

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!



BE Kind!

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)
- Props from around the house (soft toys, bedsheets etc)
- Colourful wool, ribbon or strips of paper
- Toilet rolls or clean old bandages
- Jam jar or small box, decorating bits



PRAY: (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 each of us and you teach us the best way to live! Would you please speak to us and help us to listen to what you say. Amen.



WORSHIP:

You could....

>**MAKE A PRAISE RIBBON:** Attach long lengths of brightly coloured wool, ribbon, or strips of paper to a pencil or small stick with sticky tape (NB Be VERY CAREFUL, KEEP STICKS AND PENCILS AWAY FROM FACES- they could poke eyes). Alternatively you could attach the ribbons to a kitchen roll inner. Wave and use in your worship.

>**PLAY MUSIC:** clips from Youtube of worship songs, or music from Spotify or a CD, and sing along. Ideas:

'The Fruit of the Spirits not a Coconut'

'Shine from the inside out'

My God is so BIG so strong and so mighty

>**HAVE A FAMILY JAMMING SESSION:** play instruments you have, or make some from junk (like shaker or a saucepan cymbal!). Have fun being silly - God loves a 'cheerful giver'!



THE STORY:

>**READ** the story of The Good Samaritan, from the Bible. (we recommend NIV or International Children's Bible):

Luke 10 v 25-37

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

>or **WATCH** a story cartoon on Youtube.

On Youtube, search for '**God's Story: The Good Samaritan**' (Crossroad Kid's Club), or '**Saddleback Kids : The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37)**'

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

Q: Which person acted kindly and was a 'good neighbour'?

Kindness is a very important word. It's one of the Fruits of the Spirit (way we show the Holy Spirit lives in us by how we act). Everyone knows that feeling when someone has been unkind to them - it is so horrible. However, when someone does something kind for them - oh, it makes us so happy! God made us so we could be with other people, and one of the best ways of living together well is to show love and kindness. Even at home it can be tricky to be kind sometimes to our family - especially when we are stuck together for some reason! When Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan, he was showing that we should show kindness and love to others no matter who they are or where they come from. The Holy Spirit living in us helps his people to do this, even when it is tricky. What way can you be kind today?

 **ACTIVITIES with stuff:**

- > **GET DRAMATIC!**: Act out the story of the Good Samaritan. Find props from your house and maybe even a 'donkey' to carry the injured man! Why not **FILM** your story and share it with your family and friends!
- > **SPEED BANDAGE GAME**: You will need rolls of toilet roll (if you can spare it!), or old bandages (clean ones of course!). Have a competition to see who can wrap a person up in bandages first or most completely! You could play this in 2 teams competing against each other or just wrapping someone up for fun! (NB make sure you recycle the toilet paper afterwards if you can!)
- > **MAKE A 'KINDNESS' POSTER**: Design a poster to remind people in your house to be kind to each other. Make it nice and colourful. You could even stick on pictures from magazines of people showing kindness.
- > **MAKE A KINDNESS GIFTBOX OR JAR**: Decorate a small cardboard box or jar. Fill it with treats (maybe little cakes, sweets or toys), or notes with nice comments written on (like 'You are brilliant!', 'Keep going!', 'Don't give up', or an encouraging Bible verse). Give it to someone else and show kindness!
- > **PLAY BEING A NURSE!**: Dress up as a nurse. Pretend that one of your toys is unwell. Can you look after them like a Nurse or Doctor does? Why not bandage them up like the Samaritan looked after the hurt man!

 **ACTIVITY with printout:**

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

 **PRAYER / RESPONSE:**

> **EACH PERSON SHARE :**

...one time that you or someone else was un-kind.

...one time that you or someone else was **KIND**.

Q: When someone is unkind, how does it make you feel? How do you think God feels about it?

Q: Why do you think God might want you to be kind?

...Talk to God and ask him to help you to choose to be kind.

...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...

> **CHOICES, CHOICES**: Make a choice today to....**SAY THANK YOU** when you notice someone being kind...**SAY SORRY** when you do something unkind...**FORGIVE** someone if they are unkind to you. Talk to God about it (pray) and ask him to help you with this.



