



Home Church Adventures!

Today's Adventure is...



BE the Light!



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 the light

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)
- Fairy lights, and a torch
- Jar and lid or small drinks bottle and lid, oil, water and food colouring



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 only have good things for us. Thank you that you are the Light of the world! Would you please speak to us and help us to listen to what you say. Amen.



WORSHIP:

You could....

>**HAVE A DISCO WITH LIGHTS!:** Dig out your Christmas fairy lights, hang them up and have a disco dance to the worship songs below! Even better if the lights flash. (NB Be aware if anyone is sensitive to flashing lights - and therefore only use lights permanently on in that case!) If you don't have fairy lights why not use hand torches.

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

'Shine, from the inside out'

Hillsong Kids: Let your light shine (Lyric video)

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 cardboard saucepan drum, or didgeridoo from kitchen roll tube!). Have fun being silly - God loves a 'cheerful giver'!



THE STORY:

>**READ** part of the story of Jesus sharing his Sermon on the Mount, from the Bible. (we recommend NIV or International Children's Bible):

Matthew 5 v 14-16

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

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

On Youtube, search for '**Little Worship Company Shine your brightest shine**' or '**Douglas talks: Letting you light shine**'

Q: What does Jesus mean by 'letting your light shine'?

Q: How could you 'Shine Gods Light'?

When you have something really brilliant, it's too good to keep it to yourself. Just like the Good News of God's love and Jesus' saving plan for everyone. When he says "Shine your light" he doesn't mean to go get a lamp and stick it on your head! That would be silly (and dangerous - don't do that!) He means that God's Good News is like something bright and happy that lights up dark and sad situations. And when we share God's love and the Good News of Jesus' saving plan for everyone, it is like WE are shining a light too in to a world filled with darkness and sadness.



ACTIVITIES with stuff:

- > **MAKE A SHADOWS:** You will need a plain wall or sheet hung up, a bright torch. Turn off the lights in a room (it needs to be quite dark!). Shine the light onto your wall or sheet. Shape your hands in different ways and see what shadows you can make by putting your hands in front of the light! Alternatively you can cut out card shapes of people and animals (etc) and use them to make shadow puppets - there are some outlines you can use on the 'Xtra' page!
- > **MAKE A 'LAVA LAMP' SENSORY BOTTLE:** You will need a small drinks bottle with a screw top lid, or a glass jar with a screwtop lid. Fill one third of the jar with oil (sunflower oil or baby oil works well). Top up (but don't completely fill up) with tapwater and 2 or 3 drops of food colouring. You could also add a sprinkle of glitter (try not to get it everywhere!), or a few sequins. Tightly screw the lid on and put tape around the lid to secure it. Give it a shake to mix. Put the bottle/jar on a table and watch the oil and water gloop and separate again - just like a lava lamp!
- > **HIDE A LIGHT TREASURE HUNT:** When its dark, take it in turns to hide a small battery operated torch somewhere in the house. Others should then see if they can find it! Its tricky to hide a bright light. Remember: Jesus doesn't want us to hide our light away - but shine the Good News of Jesus to the world around us!



ACTIVITY with printout:

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



PRAYER / RESPONSE:

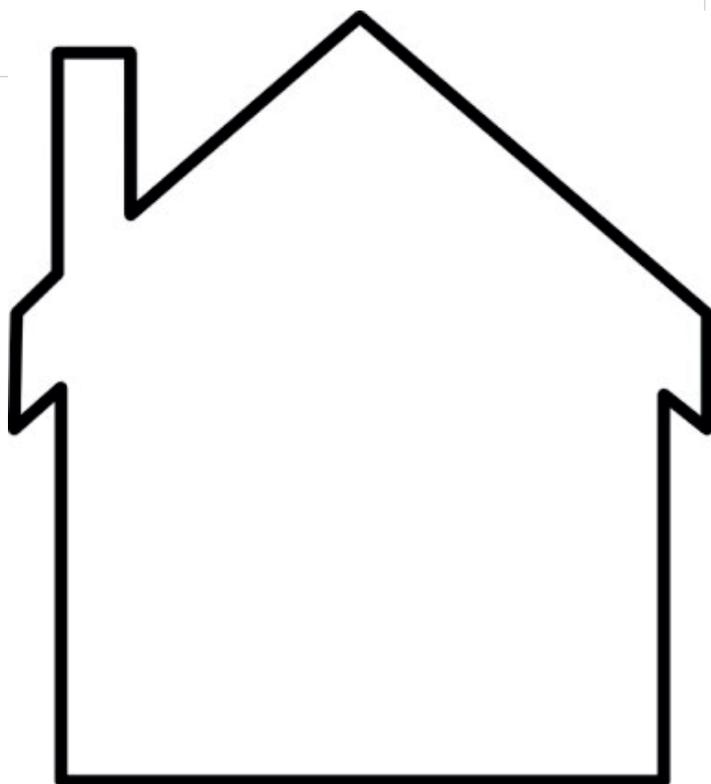
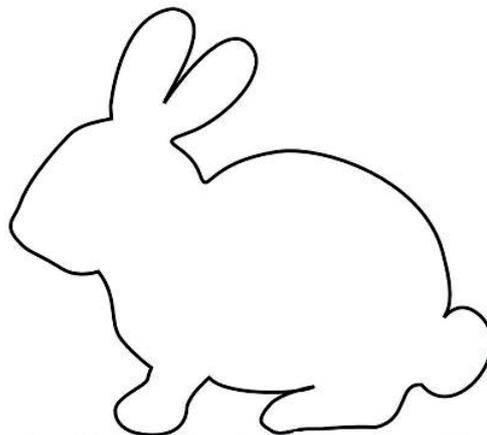
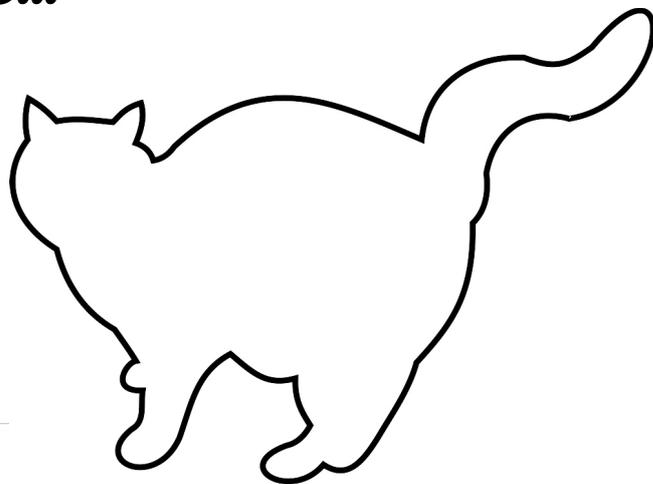
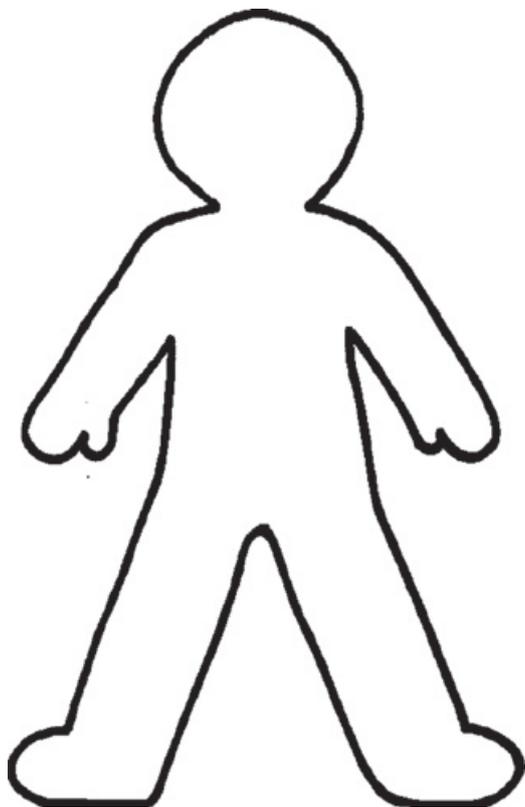
- > **EACH PERSON SHARE :**
...a way that you could do something that 'Shines God's Light'
- Q:** What is the 'Good News' of Jesus? Who is the 'Good News' for?
...Talk to God and say 'Thank you' for his Good News for the world - that is true for EVERYONE from every country, language, age and skin colour.
...Talk to God and ask him to help you to 'shine' for him.
...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...
> **PRAY FOR THE WORLD:** Think about different countries in the world. You could have a look at an Atlas to help you. Maybe you know of missionaries from your church, working in another country. Pray for those countries and those missionaries. (You could look at www.operationworld.org or www.opendoorsuk.org)



DON'T FORGET! You can share photos of your family doing the Home Church Adventures on our Facebook page - to bless and encourage others!
FB: [Adventuresincolouring](https://www.facebook.com/Adventuresincolouring)



Shadow Puppet outlines...



Copy these shapes onto black card, and cut out. Use them to make shadows! Add your own shapes.

What stories can you make up?

