



Home Church Adventures!

Today's Adventure is...

BE YOU!



Bzzzzzz

(Who God made you to be!)



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!



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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)
- A big roll of drawing or lining paper, tin foil / mirror card
- Googly eyes
- Camera or phone with a camera
- Sticky notes



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 made each one of us different and unique. Would you please speak to us and help us to listen to what you say. Amen.



WORSHIP:

You could....

>**FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE:** Cut out a big person-shape out of paper (you could draw around a small person lying on an old sheet of lining paper!) Write in the middle in big bubble writing 'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made!' Psalm 139 v 14. Draw people you know all around, and colour in the letters.

>**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)

Made in your image - Hillsong Kids

God made you and Me - LBC Kids Music

Whoopah Wahay - Doug Horley / Dougie Dug Dug

Pick your favourite one and create a performance for the rest of the family!



THE STORY:

>**READ** the story of God creating people, from the Bible. (we recommend NIV or International Children's Bible):

Genesis 1 v 26 - 28, 2 v 7, 2 v 18, 2 v 21-22

(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: God Made People**' (Crossroad Kids)

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

God made people. He made EVERYONE! And he made each one of us different - different coloured hair, skin, eyes, body shapes. Some people have body differences - like how different parts work, or even they might have been born without an arm, or leg, or find learning some stuff tricky. The Bible says that from right at the very beginning of us, God made us and knows all about us! Psalm 139 says, 'You made my whole being, you formed me in my Mother's body.'

Each human person is made unique by God. Did you know that there is no one else in the world ever that has the same fingerprint as you? Even identical twins are never actually completely the same - their fingerprints are not the same! Whoever we are, Ephesians 5 v 1 says, 'You are God's children whom he loves. So try to be like God.' You have your own skills, gifts, talents, beauty - God made you uniquely YOU - and that's something to be proud of!



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ACTIVITIES with stuff:

- > **PHOTO CHALLENGE:** Look around your home or go for a walk. See how many things you can see that look like faces. Maybe a door with a 'doorknocker nose' and a 'letterbox mouth'. Take photos of as many as you can and make a collage when you get home.
- > **GOGGLY EYES CHALLENGE:** Take some googly eyes and stick them onto things around the house to make them into funny characters - the sillier the better! (why not put them on a glass of drink, or a banana, or even a pencil!) You could make up funny story puppet shows using the characters you create!
- > **MIRROR WORDS:** Write encouragement phrases on sticky-notes. Stick them on a mirror so everyone who looks at themselves in it can read it. Write things like 'you are brilliant', 'God loves you' etc.
- > **SHARE YOUR UNIQUE GIFT:** Have a family talent show. Take it in turns to show everyone else something special you can do!
- > **DREAM BIG!:** Draw a poster with you in the middle. Write or draw round it words that describe you. Write or draw what talents and gifts you are good at, and what job you would like to do in the future!



ACTIVITY with printout:

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



PRAYER / RESPONSE:

> EACH PERSON SHARE :

- EACH PERSON pick one of the others in your family. Can you share...
- ...one good thing about the way they look that makes them, them!
- ...one brilliant thing they can good at or like doing that is special to them.

Q: Hopy?

- ...Talk to God (pray), asking him to help you to see yourself the way God sees you!
- ...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...

- > **BE POSITIVE CHALLENGE:** Each day this week challenge yourself to say one kind and positive thing about some one else in your house.

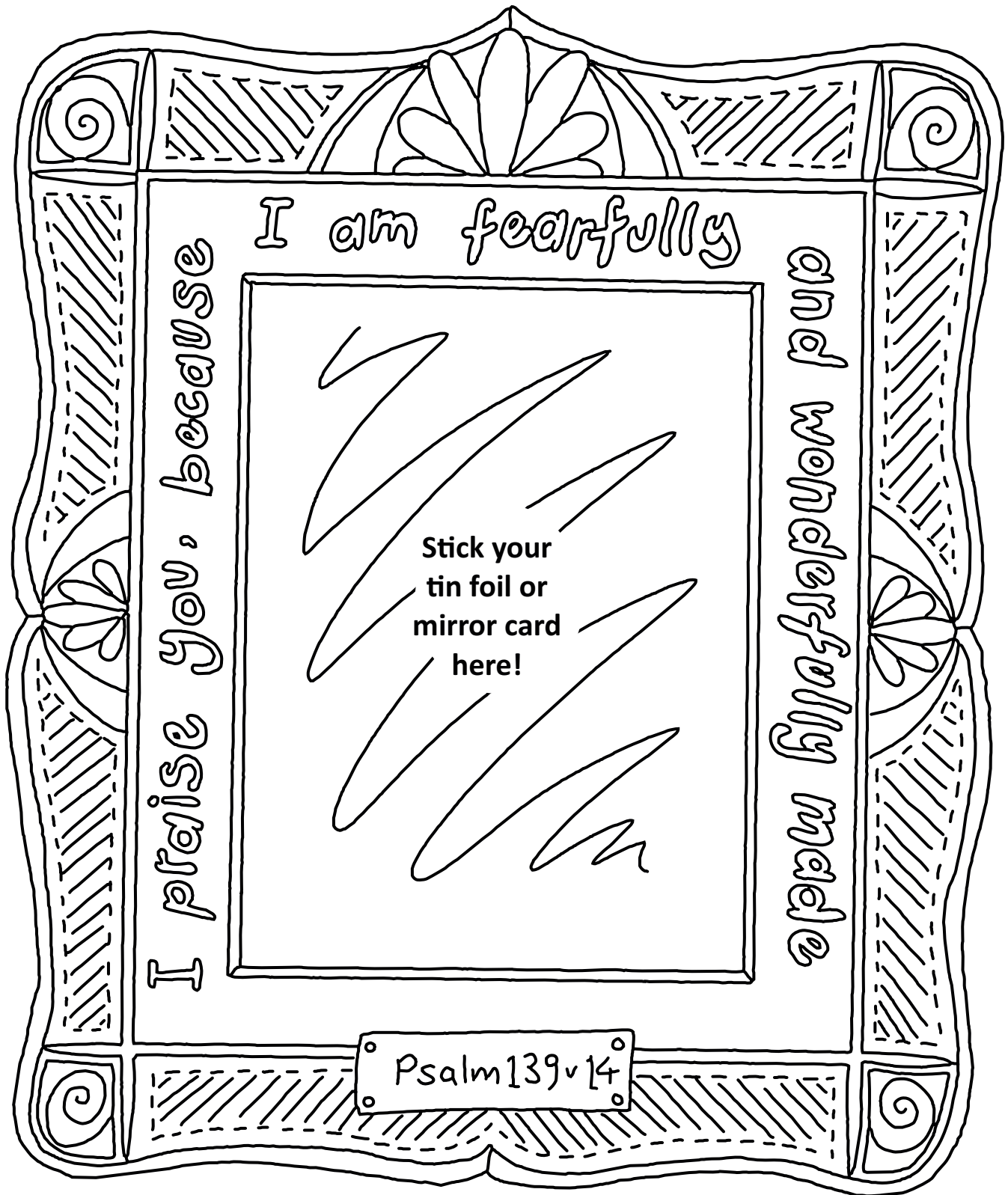


DON'T FORGET! You can share photos of your family doing the Home Church Adventures on our Facebook page - to bless and encourage others!
 FB: [Adventuresincolouring](#)





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HOW TO MAKE YOUR PICTURE...

1. Colour in the picture frame and words (leaving the central rectangle blank)
2. Carefully (as the edges can be sharp) cut out a rectangle of tin foil or mirror card, size: 12cm x 9cm.
3. Using a gluestick, glue the tin foil or mirror card onto the space indicated.

NB: If you do not have tin foil or mirror card, you could draw a picture of yourself on a 12cm x 9cm piece of paper and stick that in the centre instead.