

23rd September 2020 – for very young children

Gathering Prayer

From the top of my head

(Touch head)

to the tips of my toes;

(Touch toes)

from the lobes of my ears

(Touch ear lobes)

to the end of my nose;

(Touch nose)

from my back, to my front

(Turn round)

to my wiggly fingers,

(stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)

God loves me!

(jump up and down)

Storytelling

Based on Mathew 16: 13 – 20

Tell the story encouraging your child(ren) to join in the actions as indicated in italics.

Jesus and his friends were walking along. *(walk on the spot)*

Jesus said, 'Who do you think I am?' *(turn both hands upwards)*

Simon Peter was the first to answer. *(point one finger up)*

He said, 'You are the Son of God.' *(point a finger on the other hand up)*

Jesus said, 'You will be called Peter – the rock. *(clench one fist to make a 'rock')*

I will build my Church on you and I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.'

(clench both fists together and 'build')

Activity Sheet and Colouring Sheet – see attachments

Praise

Invite your child(ren) to build a tower of praise with toy bricks. People in the family can pile the bricks up as you shout out:

Jesus, we praise you – you are the Son of God!

Jesus, we know you – you are the Son of God!

Song

'Holding on to the Rock'

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User name: Helen Bell

Password: trumpingtonchildrensworker (deliberate typo!)

Prayer

Find some stones and give one or more than one to each person in your family. Say together, 'Jesus, help us to build our lives on you'. Then ask everyone to place their stones, one at a time, in a pile to make a prayer cairn. As they do, say, 'May *(insert name of child)* build their life on you.' Perhaps add the names of other children from Junior Church or members of the church family. Remembering those that cannot be together at this time.

Leave your cairn somewhere you will see it often, to remind you to trust Jesus and live by his story. Prayer for the people you have named throughout the coming week.

Sending Out Prayer

God bless you,

(Point to others)

and God bless me.

(Point to self)

Amen. *(Wave arms)*

Parent: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Children and parents: In the name of Christ, Amen.

23rd September 2020 – for slightly older children

Gathering Prayer

If there are other people in your home whom might like to join in, ask them to help form the shape of a church building as you pray.

Father God,
as we come together here today,
build us together as your Church,
one family, together in this place.
Amen.

Storytelling

Based on Mathew 16: 13 – 20

'The key to it all'

Use the template with the Bible passage printed on five key shapes – **see separate attachment.**

On the back of each key shape, write one word of 'The keys to the kingdom'. Read out the story in full, then ask your child(ren) to put the five keys in the correct order to make the phrase. They can then make a hole in each key, and thread a piece of string through it, to tie them together in a loop like a keyring. Together you can use the big keyring to remember the phrase and reread the Bible passage.

Talk together:

- What is the most important part of the story that we hear about Jesus today?
- How would you respond if Jesus asked you 'Who do you think I am??'
- How important is it to you, to be able to trust your friends and family?

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Sending out prayer

Through our words and actions, make us
Ready to take every opportunity
Under your protection and guidance.
Send us out to share your story
The good news for all people.
Amen.