

Ministry @Home



Fulfilling the Great Commission

"Make disciples...teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."



These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.

Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light
in the name of the Maker,
who lit the world
and gave everything life.

I will light a light
in the name of the Son,
who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light
in the name of the Spirit,
who is present everywhere in the
world
and gives me strength.

Together:
**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:**
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.

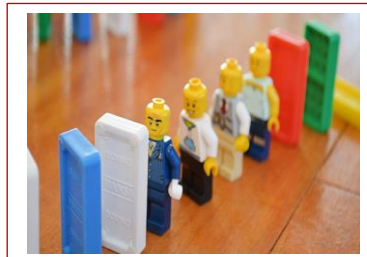
Welcome.....

Song: Our God is an Awesome God

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PP9BjKnDaFk>

(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: If you have a set of dominoes within your home or worship setting, work together to create a domino run on a flat surface. Once set up nominate to push the first domino and create a chain reaction – you might need several attempts.



Sharing Questions?

- Were you able to create the run on your own or was it better to complete together?
- How did you feel when the run started to fall and hopefully work?

Jesus "commissioned" the disciples to tell all people about himself, God's love and for the people to become followers of Jesus.

Just like creating the domino run to spread a chain reaction Jesus called or commissioned his disciples to talk about him with people causing a chain reaction.

Bible passage: Matthew 28:16-20

AND/OR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N0wutXAX9B0>

Interactive Learning.....

Whilst creating, sharing and learning together play Freedom & Shine a Light in the background taking notice of the lyrics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrgViuuyYAQ> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R_xmJcg1iBU

We have all been commissioned by Jesus to tell people about Him just like the first disciples. To tell people of his forgiveness and love and how we can have a relationship with Him. It won't make our lives easier but it does give us reassurance of never being alone, because God is always with us even in our darkest moments. "Baptise" refers to the Christian practice of using water to remove our sin (all the wrong things we have said, thought or done) before we met or knew Jesus. Baptism is an important sign of entrance into the Christian faith and gives us the opportunity to say sorry and start afresh – a new life in Jesus Christ. This is the message that we are "Called" or "Commissioned" to share – To Talk Jesus, not to be afraid but spread the good news of Jesus. We are "Called" or "Commissioned" to cause a chain reaction - to make it physically happen – without us people will not know Jesus, there will be no chain reaction if we don't act or do anything.

On a sheet of large paper let all who are gathered either draw around their hands or paint a hand print in the middle of the sheet. Around your hand prints write some words that speak out to you from the bible reading or the songs you've been singing or listening to. Discuss how you might be more active in sharing the good news of Jesus.



Jesus told His disciples to teach people everything He had commanded them. Think of a story you know about Jesus, maybe a parable – Jesus used them to teach people how to live, how to act towards one another & how to love and serve God.

Jesus, through his stories can help us to understand God and the Holy Spirit lives in us – we can be connected to God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit. These may be 3 names but there is only one God.

A Game to play illustrating the Trinity:

Three-in-one clothes: Divide into 3 teams. Provide each team with the same set of three items of clothing - a soft hat, a jacket and a scarf. At a given signal, one member of the team must put on these three items of clothing as quickly as possible. However, with each new turn, each person in the team must wear the items in a different way. How many ways can each team think up of wearing the three items as one set of clothes?

Whilst creating; chat about the following questions & share stories.....

- **Do you feel afraid to talk about Jesus?**
- **I wonder if it helped that the disciples could speak different languages with the help of the Holy Spirit?**
- **Who could I talk with and tell them about Jesus and being a Christian – a follower of Jesus?**



Tie together 3 pieces of wool, braid or string representing the different parts of the Trinity. For example, red for Jesus, white for God the Father and green for the Holy Spirit. Plait the 3 different colours to make a book mark, light pull or friendship bracelet to remind you God is the Trinity. Pray as you Plait that God the Father will remind you of Jesus' teaching and ask the Holy Spirit to help you tell people about Jesus.

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Light of the World

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O1FVi0QgTq8>

(Can be sung/read aloud or listened to)

Encourage members to pray silently or aloud their prayers, include the prayer below. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

God For Us, we call You Father, God Alongside Us, we call You Jesus, God Within Us, we call You Holy Spirit.

(Richard Rohr, OFM)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**



Celebration....

If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing

Happy birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May God's richest blessings
Be showered on you.



Closing.....

The Grace (with "Messy" actions)

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all,
now and evermore. Amen.**

Closing Responses.....

Song: My Light House

<https://rendcokids.com/> or

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IFBZJGSgyVQ>

(Can be sung or listened to)

From where we are
to where you need us.

Jesus, now lead on!

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you reveal.

Jesus, now lead on!

To make this world
look more like your kingdom,

Jesus, now lead on!

Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again

Extra Ideas

- <https://www.pinterest.co.uk/normacook/ascension-and-great-commission/>
- Prompt conversation with the following "I wonder questions....."
- I wonder which part of God you like best...
- I wonder why Christians describe God in 3 parts.....
- I wonder which part of God you feel closest to at the moment.....