

Ministry @Home



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.

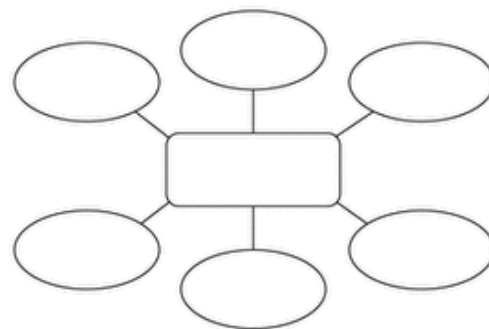
Together:
**We will light three lights
for the trinity of love:**
God above us,
God beside us,
God beneath us;
The beginning,
The end
and the Everlasting one.

Welcome.....

Song: In Christ Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWiFYJMGas0>
(can be sung or listened to)

Reflection time: Consider who you feel has a strong character – this can be someone famous or someone you know or someone you are gathering with. What makes them appear strong, what characteristics do they have that you recognise that makes them a "strong character". You can create bubble maps using the image below for the different people you are thinking about. Place their name in the middle and characteristics in the smaller bubbles around.



With those who you are gathered with, compare your bubble maps, share with each other; are there similarities or differences. I wonder if you recognise any of the traits or characteristics in yourself.

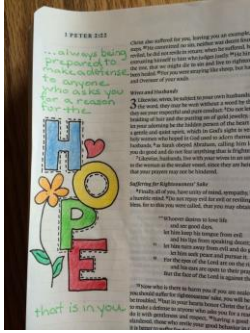
Bible passage: Romans 5:1-8 & Matthew 10:8

AND

Gods shows his love for us -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZYgG7vvFRzg>

Interactive Learning.....



Google or look up or think of bible verses that include Peace & Hope, Print or copy them out and create a bible verse journal page to remind you of the characteristics of Christ and how Jesus instructed the disciples to have perseverance and hope, we as disciples, (followers of Christ) can be reassured – The cross is proof of God’s love for us and because we have received we should also freely give, just as Jesus taught the disciples, we can do the same following their example in Matthew 18:8. (For younger family members have pre-printed sheets)

<https://www.bestcoloringpagesforkids.com/free-printable-christian-coloring-pages-kids.html>



Make a Chatter Box together, Place on the top fold the words: Hope, Peace, Love & Joy. On the underside fold place the Characteristics of Jesus. As you play and unfold ask God to give each of you those characteristics, following in the disciples footsteps of freely giving our time and following Jesus.



God has embraced us with his love and favour far beyond any measure – even when there is sin in our lives, now that we are saved, we are assured that he won't give up on us now or in the future. There is HOPE. Hope is often associated with the future, in Greek it means something to look forward to. Instead of occasionally glancing forward, our hope enables us to know who we are and be reassured of where we are going. We Thank God for making his PEACE with us out of Love. We truly are at PEACE with God.



Create together Prayer Stations on the following themes –these are some examples adapted **from Worship Together by Sandra Miller** (Used with permission)

<https://spckpublishing.co.uk/worship-together>

The World: Place a picture of the world or a map on a table/or on the grass – think of some recent headlines and/or print them out and place on the world. At this station, pray for those who are working towards peace in our world, and those who are struggling in unjust situations.

The Community: Place a map, or large photo on a table or on the grass parts of your community. Put coloured blocks of the map to indicate places of significance. At this station pray for those in your community who are struggling and finding life difficult.

The Church: Places some symbols out that represent your church. Place things around that represent your normal church activities. At this station pray for the life of the church, its contacts and for those who serve and lead and ways in which to make new contacts in the community.

Ourselves: Prop up a mirror & place pictures of people around it. Pray for yourselves & those you love, that you may choose each day to follow Jesus & know life in all its fullness.

Whilst creating chat about the following questions & Share stories.....

1. **Are the characteristics on the bubble map the same as the gifts and teachings that Jesus taught the disciples & the people he spoke to whilst on earth?**
2. **I wonder if we feel at Peace with God at the moment.....**
3. **What do you HOPE for in the future?**
4. **Are we looking forward to being in the presence of God eternally?**

Reflection & Prayer Time.....

Song: Peace like a River

(can be sung/read aloud or listened to as a prayer)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7it5W1FVtTs>

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. The Prayer stations above can be used and other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

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: In My Soul

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

(can be sung/read aloud 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

1. Watch this clip and being "messed up" and share your thoughts with each other?
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jy2b8SrrGC0>
2. Go on a prayer Journey to find hope and peace. Construct all of the prayer stations or just one – time with God is all that is needed
<https://engageworship.org/ideas/journey-prayer-stations>