

Church at Home Family Pack – 6th September 2020

Join us for our 'café-style' online service, usual time of 10:30am on Sunday at www.ccwsm.org.uk –
“see” you there! Bring your own cake and drink!

If you like, join in with the discussion of Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or the different people in your family than others. We're not expecting you to do all of them (although you are very welcome to!) Choose the ones which best suit you.

Friends: The one where the least is the greatest

GATHER TOGETHER

A prayer to start -

Lord Jesus,
You turned everything the world says is great upside down.
Help us to see things the right way up.
Show us who to serve,
show us how to serve,
show us what matters in your kingdom.
Amen.



Action reminder –

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)

READ TOGETHER

Mark 9: 33 - 37



International Children's Bible (ICB)

³³ Jesus and his followers went to Capernaum and went into a house there. Then Jesus said to them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But the followers did not answer, because their argument on the road was about which one of them was the greatest.

³⁵ Jesus sat down and called the 12 apostles to him. He said, "If anyone wants to be the most important, then he must be last of all and servant of all."

³⁶ Then Jesus took a small child and had him stand among them. He took the child in his arms and said, ³⁷ "If anyone accepts children like these in my name, then he is also accepting me. And if he accepts me, then he is also accepting the One who sent me."

New International Version (NIV)

³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.

³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."

³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me."



WATCH TOGETHER



'Douglas Talks' –
about serving others and following Jesus' example...

<https://youtu.be/37zbPRpDqSE>

TALK TOGETHER

Read *Mark 9:35* again to remind yourself of how Jesus describes greatness. Would this view of greatness work in our school, workplace, community?

Do you face any pressure to follow the world's view of greatness?

Each year the Queen has an Honours List where people are rewarded for great works of service. Some of the people are famous but others are ordinary people doing great things where they live. Who would you put on Jesus' Honours List? Try and think of people who do things for others but whose work might go unnoticed.

Jesus says that the way we welcome children shows how we welcome him.

- If you're a child, how do people show you that you are welcome in church?
- If you're an adult, what do you do to show children that they are welcome in church?

It isn't just the way we treat children that shows how we welcome Jesus. He is also concerned about how we treat anyone who is on the margins of society, or who is considered unimportant.

- Who are these people in our community?
- How can we accept and welcome them?

STUDY TOGETHER

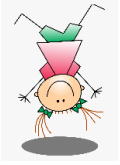
When the apostle Paul wrote to the church in Philippi, he wanted to challenge them about not thinking of themselves as greater than others.

Read *Philippians 2:1-11*

- What is Paul's goal for the Philippian believers (v2)?
- In v.3-4 he gives them a list of things they shouldn't do, and things they should do instead.
 - What are they?
 - How easy do you find it to act this way?
 - In another of his letters Paul points to the help God gives us – read Galatians 5:22-26. Think about how each of the fruits of the Spirit, the characteristics the Spirit gives to us, can help us to not compete with each other or think that we are greater than others.
 - What would our churches look like if we all behaved like this?
- Paul knew that Jesus was the greatest example of serving others. Read *Philippians 2 v.5-6* again and think about what Jesus gave up.
- In what ways did Jesus humble himself (v7-8)? Can you think of events in the life of Jesus which show how he served others?
- The cross is not the end of the story. What is the picture at the end of these verses (v9-11)?
- If Jesus didn't hold on to the fact that he was equal with God, what right have we to think that we are greater than others?



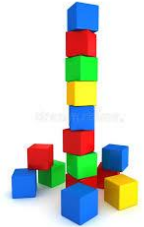
PLAY TOGETHER



Topsy Turvy games

Play a few short games in which **the person who loses is the winner!** This introduces the point Jesus made about the least being the greatest.

- You could have a race where the last person to cross the line is the winner, play musical statues where the first person to move is the winner or a game of snap where the person with the fewest cards is the winner.
- You could even set challenges like building the tallest tower or completing an obstacle course or doing the most star jumps in a minute. Instead of giving a prize for the tallest tower or the winner of the race give prizes for the most encouraging person, the one who tried the hardest, the one who helped the most!



MAKE TOGETHER

Welcome Banner

You will need:

Paper/Thin Card

Pens/Pencils/Paint

Stickers (things to decorate you Banner)

String/Wool

Straws/Wooden Lolly Sticks/Wooden Skewers/Small Garden Canes

Glue



Make a Banner to hang on you front door or in your porch or hallway to show a colourful Welcome to visitors, family and friends.

- Measure and cut a piece of paper or card to fit the size as your straw or stick, leaving a little sticking out at each end so that you can attach your string or wool.
- Decorate your paper or card with the word 'WELCOME' using whatever you have available. You could cut letters out of coloured paper; you could paint it and you could add stickers.
- Turn your banner over and attach a straw or stick to the top and bottom.
- Tie the string or wool to each end of the top straw or stick so that you can hang your Welcome Banner up.



SING TOGETHER

This is amazing grace - *Bethel Music Kids*:

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

The Servant King (We give our lives) – *Graham Kendrick & Rend Collective*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgcOGwdrc1o>

Welcome to the family - *Small World Children's Choir*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nABos6Dh-F8>

Vagabonds - *Stuart Townend*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s27D7M8biul>

REFLECT TOGETHER

Spoon Reflections

Take a shiny spoon.

Look at your reflection in the bowl (concave) part of the spoon. You are upside down!



Jesus said, "If anyone wants to be the most important, then he must be last of all and servant of all."

Angeline explained that "Jesus had taken everything that the world says is great and turns it upside-down"

As you look into the spoon reflection, think about what you've heard today, think about what you've learned – Is your view of greatness more like the world's upside-down view?

Turn the spoon over and look at your reflection in the other side. You're the right way up now!

Ask Jesus to help you to see things his way, to welcome and serve the 'little' people – the children, those on the edges, those at the bottom of the pile, those who go unnoticed, those who aren't considered great by others.

If you welcome them, you welcome Jesus.

PRAY TOGETHER

Loving God,
You come to us in the ready laughter of a child.

You come to us in the frustrated anger of a child
who wants the world to go their way.

You come to us in the honest sadness of a hurting or grieving child.

You come to us in the fear of a child
who doesn't have the power or strength to better his bullies.

Help us to hear and welcome you in the children we know,
to hear and welcome you in the child of other adults
and to hear and welcome you in the child in us.

Amen

DO IT TOGETHER



- Write a thank you card to someone who has done something Jesus (and you!) think is great.

- Find out about charities and organisations who help people in your town who need some support. Is there anything you could do to help?



- Make a promise to God that when we finally get to meet in church together again you will make others feel welcome.

Email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

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