

Church at Home Family Pack – 7th June 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 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 your family.

GATHER TOGETHER

A prayer to start -

Lord, as we come before you,
in this time of lockdown and isolation.
Help us to see that you are at work in us
right where we are.

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

Philippians 1 : 1-6

International Children's Bible (ICB)

1 From Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ.

To all of God's holy people in Christ Jesus who live in Philippi. And to your overseers and deacons.

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank God every time I remember you. **4** And I always pray for all of you with joy. **5** I thank God for the help you gave me while I preached the Good News. You helped from the first day you believed until now. **6** God began doing a good work in you. And he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again. I am sure of that.

New International Version (NIV)

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:

2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God every time I remember you. **4** In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy **5** because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, **6** being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.



WATCH TOGETHER

This morning's reading and Tom's Daily Prayers come from a letter written by Paul to Christians in the town of Philippi. It's one of many letters he wrote to people who became followers of Jesus after they'd heard Paul tell them God's good news. Watch this to find out more:

'What's in the Bible?' - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s1mBdjiMEDk>

TALK TOGETHER



Tom told us that Paul knew God would carry on working in his and in the Philippians lives even though he was isolated from them. Evelyn told us so many ways in which she has noticed God at Work and how he has helped her in this difficult time.

- Where have you noticed God working in this time of Lockdown?
- Have you read about, heard on the radio or watched a report on the tv that has made you aware that God is at work?

This article from Bishop Stephen Cottrell on the Church of England website talks about how God has been working through the Church.... <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/news/god-work-even-when-our-church-buildings-are-closed>

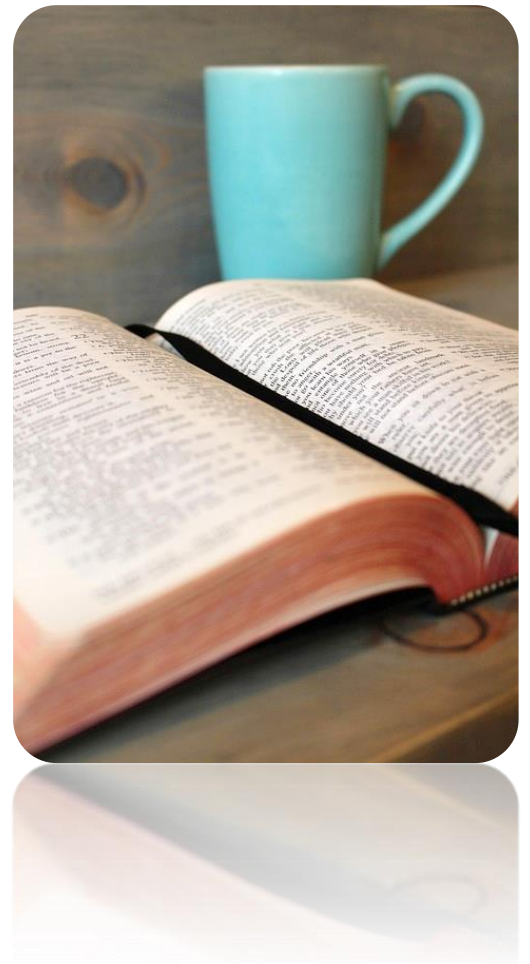
STUDY TOGETHER

Paul wrote his letter to the Philippian believers while he was in prison – probably in Rome, waiting for his appeal before Caesar. Considering how seemingly bleak his situation was, it is incredible that this letter is full of joy and gratitude.

- Read Philippians 1:3-11. What are the things Paul prays for his friends in Philippi?
- How could we turn this into a prayer for our Christian friends and family?
- Paul was away from his friends; unable to see them, yet he knew that God was continuing to do a good work in them. In other letters Paul talks about us doing good works, but here he's talking about the good work God does in us. What is God's good work in us?

These verses might help you here:

- *Philippians 2:13*
 - *Ephesians 1:7*
 - *Ephesians 2:8*
 - *Colossians 1:9-14*
 - *2 Peter 1:3*
- How can you see God at work in you?



PLAY TOGETHER

Until completion!

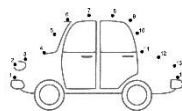
Play and do things together that need to be finished to see the whole picture. Such as:



Jigsaw Puzzles

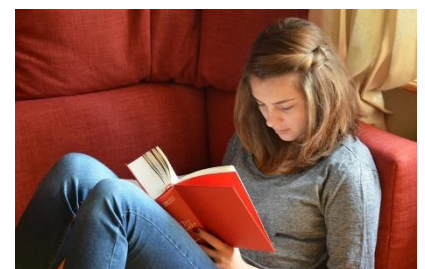
or

Dot to dots



You can find some really tricky ones online!

Or read a book from cover to cover so you understand the whole story!



Just like God is still working on us and we may not be able to see all that he is doing right now; one day, when Jesus returns, the work that he began in us will be complete! We will see the whole picture!

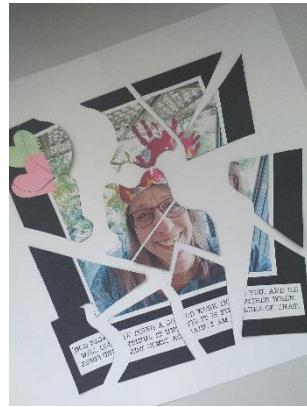
MAKE TOGETHER

Jigsaw Puzzle Picture

- Draw or paint a picture of yourself (or use a photo) and add the words from verse 6 –

God began doing a good work in you. And he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again. I am sure of that.

- Cut it into pieces to make a jigsaw



SING TOGETHER

My God is everywhere - Nick & Becky Drake: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0leI7xykM>

Big Family of God - Nick & Becky Drake: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UEvJzOxm6zs>

He who began (Philippians 1:6) - CEF: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpCNBrBwSt0>

We are your church - Celebration Worship: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6Rgu_Wg4qU

Trust in You – Lauren Daigle: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_aVFVveJNs

REFLECT TOGETHER



Why not make a picture or a spider diagram like Evelyn did in our sofa interview today?

Start in the middle with a question – ‘How has God been at work in Lockdown?’ or ‘How has God helped me in this time of isolation?’

Display it as a reminder.

PRAY TOGETHER

Pray for each other using **Philippians 1:9 – 11**

Say it over each person in your house or over the phone to family and friends.

⁹This is my prayer for you: that your love will grow more and more; that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; ¹⁰that you will see the difference between good and bad and choose the good; that you will be pure and without wrong for the coming of Christ; ¹¹that you will be filled with the good things produced in your life by Christ to bring glory and praise to God.

Amen

Action Prayer

This is my prayer for you:

That your love will grow more and more; **(cross your hands over your chest and then fling them wide)**

that you will have knowledge and understanding with your love; **(tap the side of your head as if thinking)**

that you will see the difference between good **(thumbs up)** and bad **(thumbs down)** and choose the good; **(thumbs up and smile)**

that you will be pure and without wrong **(shake your finger)**

for the coming of Christ; **(hold your hands out and bring them in close to you)**

that you will be filled **(crouch down low and jump up)**

with the good things produced in your life by Christ **(thumbs up)**

to bring glory and praise to God **(hands up high and wide)**

Amen

DO IT TOGETHER



God is at Work – As the week goes on, keep a note of the places and ways in which God is at work in your life and in our homes, our town and our country. Maybe you could send your thoughts to us for the Connected Newsletter?

Email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

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