

Church at Home Family Pack – 19th July 2020

Join us for our online service, usual time of 10:30am on Sunday at
www.ccwsm.org.uk – “see” you there!

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 people in your home 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 and your family.

GATHER TOGETHER

A prayer to start –

Lord,
you have chosen each one of us to be here in this place, at this time.
Help us to remember every day that you chose us and love us.
Help us to see how we and chose and love other people to.
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

Introduction to 1 Peter

Peter was probably the first man Jesus specifically called to follow him. Peter's parents had given him the name Simon, but Jesus changed it to Peter (in Greek) or Cephas (in Aramaic). Both these words mean 'rock' in English. At times, it seemed like Jesus had chosen the wrong guy. At times, Peter didn't seem too much like a 'rock' – especially when he denied ever knowing Jesus. (You can read about that in Luke 22: 54-65). But Peter repented of that sin, grew in his faith, and became a great leader and 'rock' of the early church.

Peter wrote this letter to believers who were living in Asia Minor, part of the Roman Empire. They were facing tougher and tougher persecution for their faith. Peter taught them to live as winners on earth, even when it was easy to lose hope. You may not be harassed for your faith, but sometimes you will need encouragement to hang onto the truth.

(Taken from the 'A faith to grown on' International Children's Bible)

1 Peter 1: 1-2

International Children's Bible (ICB)

1 From Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ.

To God's chosen people who are away from their homes. You are scattered all around Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia. ² God the Father planned long ago to choose you by making you his holy people. Making you holy is the Spirit's work. God wanted you to obey him and to be made clean by the blood of the death of Jesus Christ. Grace and peace be yours more and more.



New International Version (NIV)

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, ² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

WATCH TOGETHER



Watch Douglas explain that we are 'Chosen by God'
<https://youtu.be/44tgBmqcV8Q>

TALK TOGETHER

How does it feel to be chosen to be on a team at school or chosen to help with a project at work?

These verses tell us we're chosen by God to be part of his family and he wants us to be involved with his work - how amazing is that?

God's work doesn't just happen in church. Think and talk about ways you can be involved in God's work

- in your family
- with your friends
- at school/college/university
- at work
- in your community

PLAY TOGETHER

Catch it!

Find a ball or balloon to play this game inside or outside.

Basically, this is a simple game of catch with a twist! As a group, start off spaced out facing each other. There are several ways to play this game to make it harder but to start with one person begins the game by shouting another person's name and throwing them the ball. The game then continues with each player shouting the name of the person they're about to throw the ball to!



To make the game harder with each throw you take a step back, put obstacles in the way, close your eyes, or even if you drop the ball put a hand behind your back or sit down until you catch the ball again! If you'd rather not shout and you can whisper the name of the person you're throwing it to so that you have to listen really carefully to who's being chosen!

MAKE TOGETHER

'Chosen to be on God's Team' – Flags

Make and design your own flag to show that you are part of God's team – You have been chosen!

You can choose whatever design and colours you like! Use pens, pencils, paint, coloured paper and stickers to decorate your flag and a straw, stick or a strip of thick card to glue it to - whatever you have.



SING TOGETHER

I am special, loved, accepted and forgiven – Spring Harvest <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yw0OcgfSuA0>

Who you say I am – Hillsong <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lKw6uqtGFfo>

Holding Nothing Back – Jesus Culture <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DW3xgo6NNk4>

REFLECT TOGETHER

Find a comfortable place to be. Listen again to the song we heard in our service today -

Chosen – Vineyard Worship <https://youtu.be/GlfpBqBw408>

Reflect on the lyrics.

Recognising that in this time when we are isolated and possibly afraid, we might feel far away from God. Remembering though, that we are chosen and called to be by God's side. By his grace he gives us rest, peace and hope. He chose us and He adores us. An amazing truth we can believe in and hang on to.



*Your tender call invites me to your arms of grace
There you give me rest and perfect love that stills my soul
Yet sometimes I'm afraid and turn my face away
But then I am reminded of the choice you made*

*Thank you for choosing me
Thank you for calling me to be
By your side, by your side*

*Your mercy flows and calls me to your place of hope
There you give me peace and perfect love that casts out fear
Yet sometimes I regard you as a stranger
But truth is I'm adored beyond measure*

*Thank you for choosing me
Thank you for calling me to be
By your side, by your side*

*With you I belong
With you I'm redeemed
So I'll fall into grace
And in this truth I'll believe*

PRAY TOGETHER

Tom's prayer for us

"I pray that we will be encouraged by the future God has in store for us and we'll have a better grasp of what He asks us to do now."

- As you've gone through these activities, what do you think God is asking you to do now as one of his special chosen people?
- Think about what you've heard today and in recent sermons about the future God has for us. How does that encourage you?

Talk to God together about this.

DO IT TOGETHER



'Because I am chosen by God' Jar

Decorate a pot or jar and label with the words '**Because I'm chosen by God, I choose to...**'

Think about activities that are in line with God's purposes.

For example:

Pray for a friend/family member

Offer to help a neighbour (shopping or gardening)

Donate to Foodbank

Donate to a Homeless Shelter

Show God's Love to someone you meet

Whatever you decide on, write them down on lolly sticks, flags made from straws or strips of card and place them in your jar. Leave your jar somewhere 'visible' in your house. Each day CHOOSE to do one thing remembering that even in these difficult times we can be central to God's purposes.



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