

Church at Home Family Pack – 16th August 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/or your your family.

GATHER TOGETHER

A prayer to start –

Lord our God, give us grace to want you with our whole heart.

As we look for you, help us to find you

As we find you, help us to love you

As we love you, help us to get rid of those sins which separate us from you.

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

1 Peter 1: 22 – 2: 3



International Children's Bible (ICB)

²² Now you have made yourselves pure by obeying the truth. Now you can have true love for your brothers. So love each other deeply with all your heart. ²³ You have been born again. This new life did not come from something that dies, but from something that cannot die. You were born again through God's living message that continues forever. ²⁴ The Scripture says, "All people are like the grass.

And all their strength is like the flowers of the field.

The grass dies and the flowers fall.

²⁵ But the word of the Lord will live forever." (*Isaiah 40:6-8*)

And this is the word that was preached to you.

2 So then, get rid of all evil and all lying. Do not be a hypocrite. Do not be jealous or speak evil of others. Put all these things out of your life. ² As newborn babies want milk, you should want the pure and simple teaching. By it you can mature in your salvation. ³ For you have already examined and seen how good the Lord is.

New International Version (NIV)

²² Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. ²³ For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God. ²⁴ For, "All people are like grass,

and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;

the grass withers and the flowers fall,

²⁵ but the word of the Lord endures forever." (*Isaiah 40:6-8*)

And this is the word that was preached to you.

2 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. ² Like new born babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, ³ now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.

WATCH TOGETHER

These babies are looking for milk in the wrong place!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6wt-RGPW4g>

TALK TOGETHER

Our Bible passage says that new-born babies long for milk to feed them and help them to grow. If we've started a new life as Christians, we should long for what will help us grow as friends of Jesus.

- What do you think those things are?
- Are there things we should stop doing to help us grow?



Feed the Need to Grow Together

- Spiritual Growth Requires Responding to God's Word (1 Peter 1:22-25)
- Spiritual Growth Requires Embracing Personal Change (1 Peter 2:1-3)



PLAY TOGETHER

Put a line down the middle of your room or garden using string or put two markers one at each end to show where an imaginary line runs. One end of the line means "Yes, I really think that!" The other end of the line means "No, I really don't think that!" (You might want to make a sign to put at each end – one saying "Yes!" and the other saying "No!") The middle of the line means "I'm not sure."

YES!



NO!

Read out the following sentences one at a time and run to stand on the line in a place that best shows what you think. You might want to stand part way down the line to show that you think that but not strongly.

- *I can recognise other friends of Jesus by the things that they do*
- *Being a friend of Jesus means I have to change*
- *It is difficult being a friend of Jesus*
- *I am changing as I find out more about what it means to be a friend of Jesus*
- *Other people have noticed I am changing*

After each sentence, chat about why you have stood at that particular point on the line. Then get everyone to move away from the line, read the next sentence and run to the line again.

MAKE TOGETHER - Colour change flower experiment



As we learn and grow in our faith, we change...

You will need:

- White flowers
- Jars
- Water and food colouring

- Put water in each jar and add food colouring – if you have different colours then you can choose a different one for each jar.
- Cut all the flower stems to the same length and place one in each jar.
- Wait and see the flowers slowly change colour over the next few days.
*They take on the colour of the liquid that they are in.



SING TOGETHER

Love one another – *Dakota Pyle*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p9diFwUly4M>

The Golden Rule – *Lifetree Kids*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jio0NrIpEkc>

I will be your friend – *Lifetree Kids*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GD9CkOstIJg>

Love one another – *Parent Cue*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MDWRGsVu8x0>

REFLECT TOGETHER

Tom said that one of the ways we grow up as a Christian is by learning to love each other (see 1 Peter 1:22). He asked us three questions:

- As a Christian have you stopped growing – in terms of loving others have things ground to a halt?
- Do you take your Christian faith for granted or are you depending on God?
- In the way that a baby needs milk to grow what does it mean to you to regularly take on what you need to grow as a Christian?





Draw a large heart in the middle of a piece of paper. Inside the heart draw or write things you want to do to become more loving to others. Outside of the heart draw or write things you want to stop doing so that you become more loving to others.

PRAY TOGETHER – Growing as a Christian stepping stones



On separate pieces of paper, draw a picture of a baby, a child, a teenager, a young adult, a middle-aged adult and an older adult. On another piece of paper write 'Not born yet'. Put them on the floor in order from 'Not born yet' to 'older adult'.



Think about where you think you are in your life as a Christian. Remember, we're not thinking about how long you've been alive and how many birthdays you've had. We're thinking about how long you've been a Christian and how well you think you're growing as a Christian. You might be in your 30s but only be a child or teenager in your Christian life. Or you might still be at school but God

has helped you grow as a Christian and you feel like a young adult.



Stand on the picture that shows how far you think you've grown as a Christian. If you don't think you're a Christian yet, stand on the 'Not born yet'.



Think back to what you said in the Talk Together and Reflect Together sections. What could you do to move on from where you are to the next picture? Do you need to stop doing something? Do you need to start doing something? What will help you grow as a Christian?

As you step from your picture to the next one, ask God to help you to grow.

DO IT TOGETHER

What are the things you've decided you need to do or stop doing to help you grow as a Christian and become more loving to others? Tell someone else in your family or a friend and ask them to check up on how you're doing in a couple of days.

Is there something practical you can do as a family or on your own to show love to someone in our church family this week?

Email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

(Nicky is on holiday and won't be checking this email address until her return to work on 24th Aug. If you need help with anything, please contact the church office, or Angeline - angeline@whitezoo.com)

Gather Together Prayer adapted from 'The Book of a Thousand Prayers' compiled by Angela Ashwin

Play Together adapted from Energize.com

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