

Church at Home Family Pack – 30th 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 your family.

GATHER TOGETHER

A prayer to start –

Dear Lord,

As we explore your word together help us to march to **your** beat and not get caught up in the rhythm of other people’s lives.

Help us to live for you.

Help us to make the right choices, to be obedient and full of your grace and love.

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 2: 11-17

International Children's Bible (ICB)

¹¹ Dear friends, you are like visitors and strangers in this world. So I beg you to stay away from the evil things your bodies want to do. These things fight against your soul. ¹² People who do not believe are living all around you. They might say that you are doing wrong. So live good lives. Then they will see the good things you do, and they will give glory to God on the day when Christ comes again.

¹³ Obey the people who have authority in this world. Do this for the Lord. Obey the king, who is the highest authority. ¹⁴ And obey the leaders who are sent by the king. They are sent to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. ¹⁵ So when you do good, you stop foolish people from saying stupid things about you. This is what God wants. ¹⁶ Live as free men. But do not use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. Live as servants of God. ¹⁷ Show respect for all people. Love the brothers and sisters of God's family. Respect God. Honour the king.

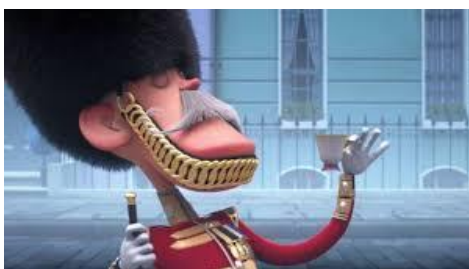
New International Version (NIV)

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the emperor.



WATCH TOGETHER



Just for Fun!! Watch 'Forward March!'
<https://youtu.be/fJBb1EpxrU>

TALK TOGETHER

If you've ever been to a different country you'll probably have realised that you stand out from the locals. Countries and cultures have particular ways of speaking and doing things which aren't the same as each other. They can tell when someone is a foreigner - when someone comes from somewhere else. Peter says that we are like foreigners in the world. We're part of God's kingdom and we should stand out as being different to others around us. He goes on to talk about different areas of our lives in which we should 'march to a different beat' (to use Keith's phrase) to those who don't believe in Jesus:

- When we're tempted to do things which make God sad
- What others see in the way we behave
- The way we respond to people in authority
- The way we treat other people
- The way we treat and talk about our church family
- The way we treat God

Read the verses again and talk about what 'marching to God's beat' might look like for you in each of these areas.

It doesn't mean that we will be completely different in everything we do and say but we should be distinctive/stand out as people who love and follow Jesus. Over the next few weeks we'll think about how we should live as Christians in other areas of our life (e.g. at work, and in our homes).

PLAY TOGETHER

March to a different beat

Find a space where you can all walk around together. Set off walking in a circle with each person doing their own funny walk. Does anyone end up doing the same walk as someone else? Do you all end up walking in-step with each other? Or can you manage to keep marching to your own beat.



It's not always easy to walk to a different beat. It means we stand out and sometimes we don't like that. It's much easier to fall in-step with everyone else. But as Keith said, if we say that we follow Jesus that means we march to a different beat to others – our lives are meant to look different to those who aren't friends of Jesus.

MAKE TOGETHER

Hand Drum

You will need:

A cereal box (or similar cardboard box from your recycling!)

Scissors

Tape/Glue

Hole punch

Pencils/Pens

Stickers/Coloured Paper/Coloured Tape

Wool/String/Thread

Beads or Pasta shapes

A straw or an old pencil to use as a handle



1. Open out your cereal box and cut off the thin sides so that you have two thin strips and two large rectangles.

2. Shape one of the thin strips into a circle and secure with tape/glue. This will form the side of your drum. If you want a bigger drum you can stick the two strips together.... Or make two smaller drums from one cereal box!

3. Use the card circle to trace two more circles onto one of the larger rectangle sides of the cereal box and cut them out. Make sure they are slightly larger than your drum sides.



4. Using a hole punch (or a sharp pencil) make three holes in your drum sides. Two holes should be on opposite sides and one should be at the bottom as this is where the handle will go.

5. Thread some beads or pasta shapes onto your wool/string/thread. Make sure they are tied securely as these will be used to beat your drum. Tie them through the holes on each side, making sure that the beads or pasta can reach the middle of the drum.

6. Decorate the card circles that you cut from the larger rectangle. You can use whatever you have available. Write on the words 'WE MARCH TO JESUS' BEAT!'



7. Stick the card circles to the sides of the drum using tape.

8. Insert a straw or an old pencil into the bottom hole to use as a handle.

9. Holding the drum by the handle, twist it from side to side (you can roll the handle between the palms of your hands too) and the beads or pasta will hit the face of the drum!



SING TOGETHER

We are marching - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cqNdoExJido>

This little light of mine – Listener Kids: <https://youtu.be/cKkblZtqhyQ>

I want to do what my Father's doing – Sarah Pickering: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rWQjf_FO8WA

REFLECT TOGETHER

If we say that we're a Christian, the things we say and do affect how other people think about God. Think back over today (or the day before). Did you do or say anything that was not a good example of what God is like? Do you need to say sorry to anyone for how you behaved? Do you need to say sorry to God? How could you behave differently in future?

PRAY TOGETHER

Prayer March

Keith told us that Christians 'march to a different beat' – we live differently to those who don't have a relationship with God.

One of the things we 'do differently' from people who aren't Christians, is talk to God. We pray. Why not go out on a Prayer March together. You can all walk or march in time with each other and stop to pray for the things that you notice on your march or walk.

Maybe you might like to clap a beat as you say this chant (a re-write of the children's classic, 'We're going on a Bear Hunt!') before you set off.

Clap, Clap...

We're going on a Prayer March

We're going to pray some big Prayers

What a beautiful day! (*rainy/windy insert weather as appropriate!*)

We're not scared!

Perhaps your walk might take you through beautiful countryside and you might like to thank God for something small like a beautiful butterfly or you might find yourself stood outside a doctor's surgery or a hospital and ask him for help with something big like the Coronavirus.

The next part of the 'We're going on a Bear Hunt' story starts... 'UH OH!'... As the family come across obstacles in their way. Maybe if you come across some difficult things on your march, things that you need to ask God for help with you could say together...

UH OH! (*Say the thing that you want to ask for help with*)

We can't go over it

We can't go under it

I know! We can pray through it!



DO IT TOGETHER

Live Good Lives!

Verse 12 (b) says :

So live good lives. Then they will see the good things you do, and they will give glory to God on the day when Christ comes again.

Think about all the things you will **DO** this week...

You may be starting or returning to school or college, changing class, going to secondary school, moving up to 6th form or higher education college. Even if you're in the same school, things will have changed a lot since you were last there.

You might be going out to work, doing the food shopping, parking the car, chatting to a neighbour whilst putting the bins out...

How will you **DO** the things you need to do this week? How will you act?

How will you show the grace and love of God in your life to those you spend time with this week?

How will you show that you march to Jesus' beat?

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