

Church at Home Family Pack – 9th 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 –

Lord God, as we journey through life together, be our guide.
Help us to stand out, to be holy and to live our lives for 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: 13-21



International Children's Bible (ICB)

¹³ So prepare your minds for service and have self-control. All your hope should be for the gift of grace that will be yours when Jesus Christ comes again. ¹⁴ In the past you did not understand, so you did the evil things you wanted. But now you are children of God who obey. So do not live as you lived in the past. ¹⁵ But be holy in all that you do, just as God is holy. God is the One who called you. ¹⁶ It is written in the Scriptures: "You must be holy, because I am holy."

¹⁷ You pray to God and call him Father. And this Father judges each man's work equally. So while you are here on earth, you should live with respect for God. ¹⁸ You know that in the past you were living in a worthless way. You got that way of living from the people who lived before you. But you were saved from that useless life. You were bought, but not with something that ruins like gold or silver. ¹⁹ You were bought with the precious blood of the death of Christ, who was like a pure and perfect lamb. ²⁰ Christ was chosen before the world was made. But he was shown to the world in these last times for you. ²¹ You believe in God through Christ. God raised Christ from death and gave him glory. So your faith and your hope are in God.

New International Version (NIV)

¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. ¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

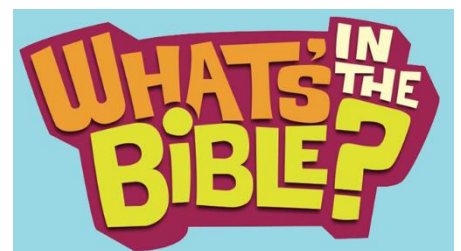
¹⁷ Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

WATCH TOGETHER

In verse 16 Peter mentions a verse from the book of Leviticus –
¹⁶ *It is written in the Scriptures: "You must be holy, because I am holy."*

What does **holy** mean? – What's in the Bible?

<https://youtu.be/EmB7zc3KjJk>



TALK TOGETHER

Talk about some of the things that you do that you know you shouldn't (to help children you could suggest things like telling fibs or picking on people)

- Why is it so hard to be good?
- What do you think God feels about this stuff?

God is perfect and he wants us to be perfect too. But we're very aware that we're a long way short of perfection.

- So how can we become a holy and different people?

The bottom line is that we cannot do this by ourselves. God has done the most important work in helping us become holy. The Bible is clear that Jesus is the one who makes us holy. When Jesus died on the cross, he took the punishment for our sins. There was an incredible exchange that happened. He took our sins and gave us his holiness. That means that when we decide to follow Jesus, believing that he died for us and that he lives today, God no longer sees us as full of sin but he actually sees Jesus' holiness in us. The challenge is to keep living lives full of Jesus' holiness.

We are God's holy people but he is continually at work in us to help us stay holy. God will help us, if we ask him, to live holy lives.

PLAY TOGETHER - *Holy, holey!* - Relay Race

You will need:

A plastic/polystyrene cup (or a plastic bag will do!) with some holes poked in it. - **One for each person.**

A bucket of water.

An empty bucket.



Create a race track and place the bucket of water at the 'start' and the empty bucket at the 'finish' – if you like you can create some obstacles to get around on the way.

Take it in turns to fill the leaky cup or bag with water and transport it as quickly as possible to the empty bucket.

*You can play against each other or do time trials to see how fast you can fill up the other bucket.

If you are able to play in two teams then you can measure which team can get the most water into the empty bucket in a set time!

When we decide to follow Jesus, asking for his forgiveness for our sin, Jesus gets rid of the bad stuff and cleans us up. Jesus then fills us with his holiness. The problem is that we struggle to remain holy – it's like we leak. For this reason, we need to regularly ask God to help us live the holy life.

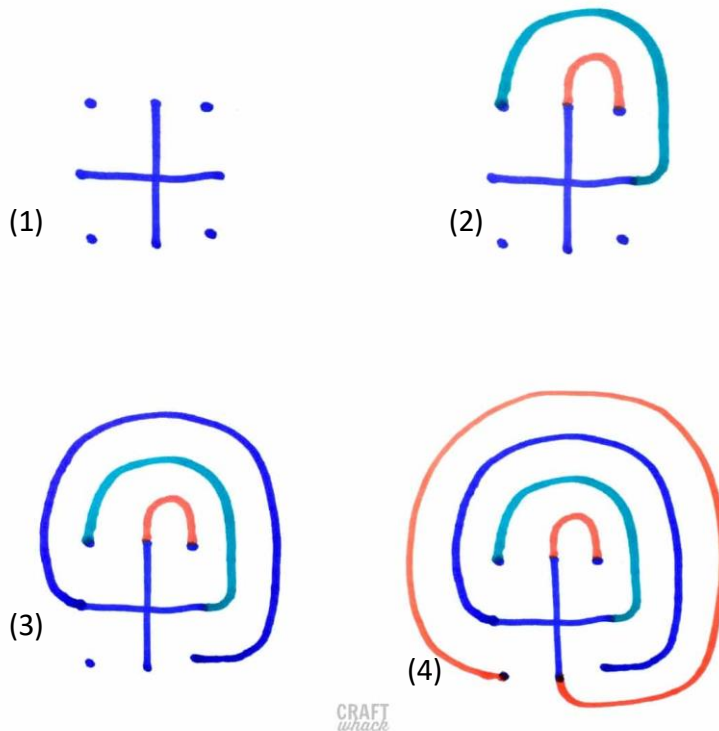
MAKE TOGETHER

Finger Labyrinths – make one to use in the 'Pray Together' section.

A labyrinth is different from a maze. A maze is full of dead-ends and designed to get you lost. A labyrinth has only one path that always leads to the centre... if you stay on the path you cannot get lost. Finger labyrinths can be used for prayerful reflection. Tracing the path with your finger while talking to God can help you focus and can be a really useful way to pray.

To draw a basic 3 circuit labyrinth –

Begin with the 'seed pattern' of a cross and 4 dots (1) and then join the dots as shown in the pictures below.



You can make your labyrinth bigger by adding 4 right angles to produce 7 circuits and joining them as in the picture below. The more right angles you begin with, the bigger the labyrinth.



You can simply draw and colour your labyrinth or you can use more tactile materials to make a raised edge to the walls so that you can close your eyes and follow the path as you talk to God. Here are some ideas for different ways to make them –



Draw and colour

You could even print one from the internet to colour in →



You can use tactile materials like bubble wrap or string, glued down to make raised walls ↓



You can even use Lego! ↓



SING TOGETHER

Holy is the Lord – *Kids Crossing Ministry*: <https://youtu.be/whfCudUgbVQ>

This train is bound for glory – *Lifetree Kids*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSkTGBEUuIU>

I'm going on a journey – *Vineyard Kids*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tZl6o-F32Ko>

The Journey – *ICF Worship*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uawxvj6nUPU>

REFLECT TOGETHER

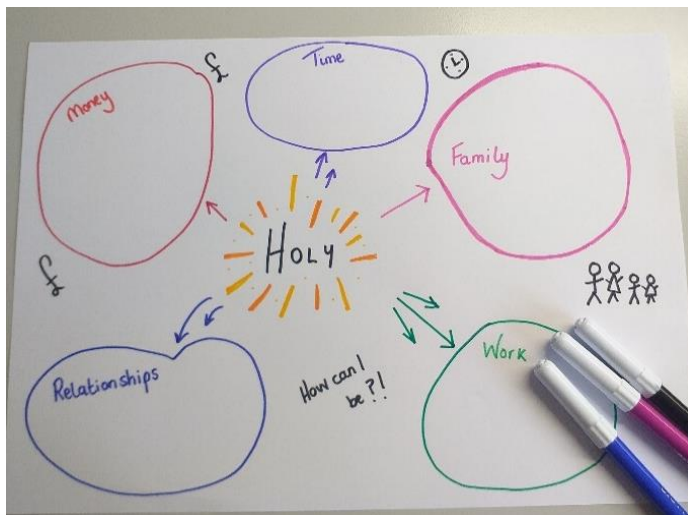
Ian focused on two words in our Bible passage today: 'grace' and 'holy'. God's grace is what starts us on our journey with him and being holy is how we should want to respond to his grace.

Read Leviticus 11:44,45; 19:2; 20:7 and 1 Peter 1:13-16. Through these verses God is calling us to be holy like him. Think about what that means...

Holiness can be thought about as being 'set apart'. Those of us who love God should stand out as being different from those who don't. How does knowing this affect the decisions you make?

On a sheet of paper write down these 5 areas of your life. Family, relationships, work, money and time – and think for a moment about how you can be holy in each of them.

Look at the following Bible verses to help you start thinking about each area:



Family & Relationships – Exodus 20:12; Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:12-15; Proverbs 17:9, 17; Hebrews 13:4

Work – Colossians 3:23; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-13

Money – Proverbs 11:24-25; 28:6; Luke 18:19-30; 1 Timothy 6:10; Hebrews 13:5

Time – Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 1:2; Mark 1:35; Ephesians 2:10; Titus 2:14

Write down your thoughts in each area. What are your strengths and weaknesses?

When we compare our own lives to the standards set down in the Bible, how does that feel?

Ian said that rather than thinking ahead to how you can be holy for the next 10 years, just think about the next 5 minutes. How can I be holy now? In the conversation I'm having, with the friend I'm playing with, with the email I'm responding to, etc. – how can I be holy; how can I live right now?

We're on a journey but we're not there yet. As we let God work in us, he is transforming/changing us to be holy like him.

PRAY TOGETHER

Using your **Finger Labyrinths** (from the Make Together section), spend some time journeying and praying with God.

Our lives are like a journey and can be described as a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage can be described as a journey to a holy place. Labyrinths have been spiritual symbols of pilgrimage for Christians for centuries. A pilgrimage offers us the opportunity to open our hearts and minds and walk humbly with God... and on this sacred journey we can learn a little more about ourselves, explore thoughts and feelings and discover new ways that might be before us... A labyrinth journey also gives us a place to remember, recognise and welcome God's holy presence at the centre of our lives.



There is no right or wrong way to move through the labyrinth – take your time and move your finger at your own pace.

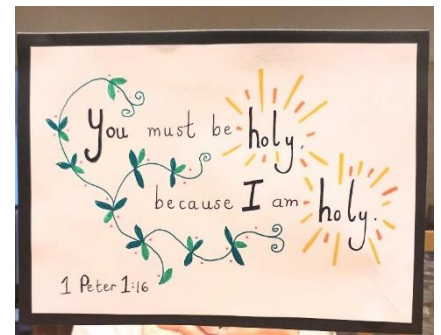
As you place your finger at the start, think about the Bible Passage and the Sermon you heard in today's service. As you begin to trace the path, ask God what your journey of holiness should look like. Pause whenever you like, to talk to God. When you reach the centre, rest in God's presence for a while, thanking him for the Hope that you have in the future, because of Jesus.

DO IT TOGETHER

Holy because I AM

"You must be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:16

Write out this verse on some paper or card and decorate it however you want to. Stick it to a mirror that you use every day.



We are made in God's image - that means that we were made to be like Him, and so because He is holy, we can be holy too. As you look in the mirror say the verse and ask God to help you to be holy today.

My journey with God

Go on a walk with your family or a friend and chat about your journey with God.

- When did it begin?
- How easy do you find it to be holy like God?
- How could your family or friends help you on your journey with God?

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