

Church at Home Pack – 11th October 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 on Facebook with our church family (@ccwsm)!

In some sections we make several suggestions of ideas. Some may be more appropriate to you or 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 you.

GATHER TOGETHER

A prayer to start –

Lord Jesus,
Help us to learn from your example.
Help us to think like you.
Help us to act like you.
Help us to be different 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 4: 1-11



International Children's Bible (ICB)

4 Christ suffered while he was in his body. So you should strengthen yourselves with the same way of thinking Christ had. The person who has suffered in his body is finished with sin. **2** Strengthen yourselves so that you will live your lives here on earth doing what God wants, not doing the evil things that people want. **3** In the past you wasted too much time doing what the non-believers like to do. You lived for the body and evil desires. You were getting drunk, you had wild and drunken parties, and you did wrong by worshiping idols. **4** Non-believers think it is strange that you do not do the many wild and wasteful things that they do. And so they insult you. **5** But they will have to explain about what they have done. They must explain to God who is ready to judge the living and the dead. **6** The Good News was preached to those who are now dead. By their dying, they were judged like all men. But the Good News was preached to them so that they could live in the spirit as God lives.

7 The time is near when all things will end. So, keep your minds clear, and control yourselves. Then you will be able to pray. **8** Most importantly, love each other deeply. Love has a way of not looking at others' sins. **9** Open your homes to each other, without complaining. **10** Each of you received a spiritual gift. God has shown you his grace in giving you different gifts. And you are like servants who are responsible for using God's gifts. So be good servants and use your gifts to serve each other. **11** Anyone who speaks should speak words from God. The person who serves should serve with the strength that God gives. You should do these things so that in everything God will be praised through Jesus Christ. Power and glory belong to him forever and ever. Amen.

New International Version (NIV)

4 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin. **2** As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. **3** For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do—living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. **4** They are surprised that you do not join them in their reckless, wild living, and they heap abuse on you. **5** But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. **6** For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to human standards in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

7 The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. **8** Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. **9** Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. **10** Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. **11** If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

WATCH TOGETHER



Douglas Talks – Standing up for your Faith

<https://youtu.be/mReO06YM2ds>



Douglas Talks – Peer Pressure

<https://youtu.be/ky0Vj98FP-o>

TALK TOGETHER

- Has anyone ever made fun of you or made your life difficult because you do things God's way?
- Has anyone ever tried to persuade you to do something that you know God would not want you to do?
- How easy is it to have the same attitude as Jesus and do what God wants when other people live differently?
- The **NIV Bible** says '**arm yourself**' and the **ICB** says '**strengthen yourself**' with the same attitude as Jesus – What does it mean to 'arm' ourselves? Are we fighting a battle?

STUDY TOGETHER



1 Peter 4: 1: Peter reminds us again that Jesus did exactly what God asked him to do and he suffered because of it whilst he was here on earth. Peter encourages us to arm or strengthen ourselves with the same attitude that Jesus had.

- Why might we need to prepare for suffering?
- How can we arm ourselves?

Have a look at these verses - **Philippians 2: 5-8** (humble obedience)

Then Peter goes on to explain how we are to live on earth. Living God's way: **1 Peter 4: 2-4**

- Look back to chapter **1: 14-15**

Verse 4 says that we can expect abuse and insults for living the way that God wants us to.

- Have you ever experienced anything like this?
- How did you react?

Verses 5 and 6 remind us that we need not fear because God is in control. We just need to live as he asks us to. Then Peter reminds us that we need to be ready for Jesus to return - **verse 7**.

- How does Peter say that we should live whilst we wait?
- Look closely at **verses 7-11**.

Verse 11 says that whatever we do should point others to Jesus and glorify God. The same instruction can be found in other books of the Bible:

- **Matthew 5:16**
- **1 Corinthians 6:20**
- **Colossians 3:17**

How can we do this?

PLAY TOGETHER

Spot the difference?

As followers of Jesus we try to live and think as he showed us how. Sometimes that means choosing to be different to those around us. It doesn't mean that we are completely different but our differences should stand out so that people see Jesus at work in us!

Gather everyone in your house into one room and choose one person to be 'it'. Everyone has a good look around and then the person who is 'it' sends them out while they make a few changes to the room. They might move a cushion or an ornament or add something new.

To make it harder, don't make big changes, just small ones.

Then invite everyone back in and see if they can spot the difference?!



MAKE TOGETHER

If you choose to do the Reflect Together activity, then you might like to make one of these as a reminder! Change into a butterfly - stand out and be different for God!

These are both very simple!

For the 'Easy Paper Butterfly' you will need:

A square of paper

Scissors

String/wool/ribbon/pipe cleaners (to tie)



Easy Paper Butterfly (Red Ted Art) <https://youtu.be/qmPTMNBlz0o>



For this one, all you will need is a square of paper.

Origami Butterfly (Red Ted Art) <https://youtu.be/nWjEYIMZnhE>

Younger children might like to try this one....

Caterpillar to Chrysalis to Butterfly – I can stand out for Jesus!

You will need:

Paper (coloured or plain)

Pens/Pencils/Paint

Stickers (if you have them)

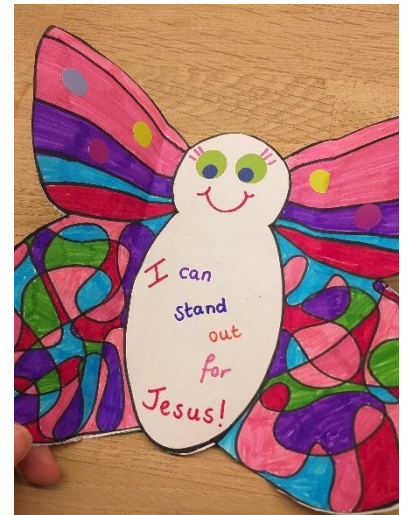
Glitter (if you like!)

Glue

Scissors

1. Cut out two butterfly shapes (same size)
2. Colour one to look like a chrysalis – make sure you draw two lines to mark where you will fold and glue later (see the picture)
3. Colour and decorate one to look like a bold and beautiful butterfly!
4. Add the words 'I can stand out for Jesus!' to the butterfly.
5. Cut out a caterpillar shape (making sure it will fit on to the body of the butterfly).
6. Stick the chrysalis and butterfly together but don't put any glue in between the straight lines on the chrysalis. This will form a pocket into which you can put your caterpillar.
7. Fold the chrysalis along the lines so that it overlaps to conceal the butterfly within!
8. Open the pocket between the chrysalis and the butterfly and pop your caterpillar in.

The caterpillar goes in to the chrysalis and unfolds into a beautiful butterfly!



SING TOGETHER

God's way is the best way – Veggie Tales: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RN7OmEnc4-E>

Stand strong – Lifeway Kids: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=52GHF_8v-kw

I want it God's way – Bible Boys: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfh0qxc8LIY>

Stand strong – Moriah Peters: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tvFcTII5tnc>

Different – Micah Tyler: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xUT4trsrBCw>

REFLECT TOGETHER

Are you a Chameleon or Chrysalis?

Look at the photographs:



The Chameleons appear to be blending in with their background – almost as if they are changing to ‘fit in’.

Now look at the photograph of the Chrysalis. What do you notice?



A Chrysalis is a place of change. It's not an easy process. It's tough in there but what emerges is a butterfly.



Butterflies are bold and beautiful. The change in them is noticeable they are distinctive, they stand out.

Do you find it easier to blend in with the background, go along with the crowd? Are you more like the chameleons in the photographs? Do you need to ask God to help you change?

Ask God to help you be like the butterfly. Bold, distinctive and noticeable. Ask God to help you to stand out because of your relationship with Jesus.



PRAY TOGETHER

Lord Jesus, sometimes we don't want to hear your word, or follow your way.

We think we know better. Forgive us, Lord.

Help us to have the courage to stand up for you even if that means we are different from others.

Amen

DO IT TOGETHER

Keith told us that whilst in the RAF, he was challenged to kneel by his bed each night and pray. His bed was in a hut with 27 other men.

Keith challenges us to show our faith and live like Jesus even if that means we need to stand out and be different. To step out of our comfort zone.



As you go into the week ahead, think about the places you will go and the things you will do:

Write this question on a small piece of card which can fit in your pocket, wallet or purse:

What would God want me to do?

When you're tempted to go along with everyone else around you, take out the card or hold onto it in your pocket and ask yourself the question.

Email: family.ministry@ccwsm.org.uk

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