

Church at Home Pack – 18th 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 –



Father God,
We pray for all those who lead your people.
We pray that you help them to understand that the best way to lead is through serving.
We pray that you help them to lead like Jesus.
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 5: 1-4

International Children's Bible (ICB)

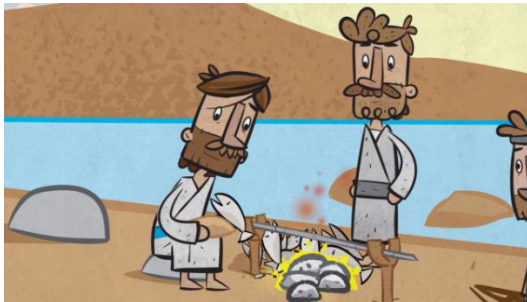


5 Now I have something to say to the elders in your group. I am also an elder. I myself have seen Christ's sufferings. And I will share in the glory that will be shown to us. I beg you to ²take care of God's flock, his people, that you are responsible for. Watch over it because you want to, not because you are forced to do it. That is how God wants it. Do it because you are happy to serve, not because you want money. ³Do not be like a ruler over people you are responsible for. Be good examples to them. ⁴Then when Christ, the Head Shepherd, comes, you will get a crown. This crown will be glorious, and it will never lose its beauty.

New International Version (NIV)

5 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: ²Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; ³not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.

WATCH TOGETHER



Peter, who wrote this book of the Bible, was one of Jesus' disciples. Angeline mentioned a time in the book of John (chapter 21), when Jesus told Peter to take care of his sheep. This video tells Peter's story - he went on to become one of the main leaders of the church in Jerusalem and now in today's Bible passage he is passing on Jesus' instruction to leaders of other churches. <https://youtu.be/Ppb9bKX1r7k>



We saw a clip from this video in our service, where a group of children respond to the question "What is a leader?" Watch the rest of it here. <https://youtu.be/dtnZYe8fYN4>

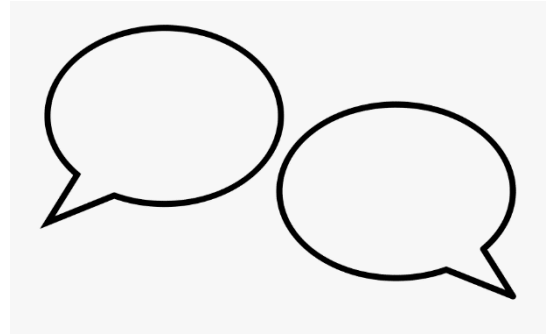
We are all leaders in one way or another! This video speaks to us about **Servant Leadership**. <https://youtu.be/YVMBJ9kvl2g>



Douglas Talks about becoming a leader in his school!
<https://youtu.be/37zbPRpDqSE>

TALK TOGETHER

- Do you think of yourself as a leader? Why?/Why not?
- What do you think makes a good leader?
- What does Peter say a good leader should be like?
- All the way through this book of the Bible, Peter has been encouraging us to be like Jesus in all we do, think and say. If we should lead like Jesus, what does that look like?



STUDY TOGETHER

Be Like Jesus:

Jesus was born to serve and ultimately to give up his life:

Matthew 20:28 (ICB)

²⁸ So it is with the Son of Man. The Son of Man did not come for other people to serve him. He came to serve others. The Son of Man came to give his life to save many people.”

Read these Bible passages and think about how they show Servant Leadership.

- John 2:1-11
- Matthew 4:23-25
- Mark 6:30-34
- Matthew 20:20-28
- John 10:11-15
- John 13: 1-20



PLAY TOGETHER

In **John 21: 15-17** Jesus told Peter to look after and feed his sheep. In today's Bible reading, Peter is telling other leaders to do the same.

Sheep Pen Game



You will need:

Cotton Wool Ball 'Sheep'

Something to guide or herd the 'sheep' with – it could be a spoon/ruler/straw or even your hand!

Build a Sheep Pen at one end of a table using whatever you have – maybe Lego bricks or pieces of card – it can be any shape but it needs an opening to get the 'sheep' through.

Starting at the opposite end of the table put all your sheep in a group.

Remember that Angeline told us that Shepherds lead from behind!

You are not allowed to pick up the 'sheep' – you have to guide them from behind into the pen.

If you lose one from the group you must guide the whole group back to collect it and then carry on.

You can take turns to do this and time each other or you can make more sheep pens and race against each other – **Fastest wins!**



'Feed my sheep' Game



You will need some balls or things that could represent grass... maybe you have some green socks you could scrunch up!! Place a hoop, bucket or a bowl at the end of the room or garden and then mark a line further back where you will throw from. Using the balls or green 'grassy' things, take it in turns to throw them in to the hoop, bucket or bowl. You get a point for each piece of 'grass' in the bucket and a bonus point if you get them all in!

MAKE TOGETHER

'Lead like Jesus!' Cardboard Tube Shepherd and Sheep

You will need:

Empty Cardboard Tubes (Loo Roll or Kitchen Roll)

Scraps of Paper (plain or coloured/wrapping paper/newspaper/magazines)

Glue

Scissors

Colouring Pens/Pencils

Cotton Wool (if you want your sheep to be woolly!)



To make your Shepherd:

Cover the tube with paper (whatever you have) to give him some clothes!

Cut out some hands and a face and stick those on.

Make him a paper head dress and glue it down – you might like to tie it with string or wool, we used a paper strip to give him a headband.

Then you can add a Shepherds 'Crook' (the stick he uses to guide the sheep) – We used some cardboard from the recycling box and wrote on the words **'LEAD LIKE JESUS!'**

To make your sheep:

Cut a smaller piece off your cardboard tube and cover it in white paper or cotton wool.

Cut out a face and colour it in black. Give your sheep some eyes.

Or, you can use cotton wool balls and give them a face. You could make a whole flock!



SING TOGETHER

The Baa, Baa Song (He's the Good Shepherd) – *Kevin Bueltmann sung by Sibling Harmony:

<https://youtu.be/PGPQX3vQtU8>

Do Something – Matthew West: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8

Good Shepherd of my soul – Keith and Krystin Getty: https://youtu.be/gW_4uubLypA

Serve others – Discover Worship, Choral Worship Series – Psalm of Praise:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xy1qYHI7I8>

REFLECT TOGETHER

In verses 2-5 Peter describes several characteristics of good leaders:

- They understand that they are caring for God's 'flock' not their own
- They lead because they are eager to serve not because they *have* to
- They are only concerned with what they can give not what they can get
- They lead by example not by force

We can all be leaders in some way. Think about how you might be a leader.

Are you a friend, an older brother or sister, a parent, a grandparent, a God parent?

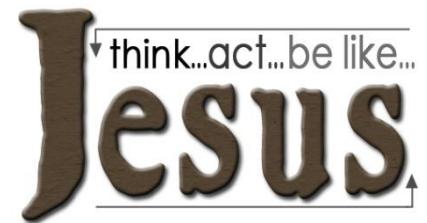
Do you lead at school, college, university or work?

Do you lead a group or team?

Are you leading in the way you should?

The book of 1 Peter has a theme running right the way through it....

BE LIKE JESUS!



Watch the video of the song '**Do Something**' again. Does it give you any ideas of what you could do to lead through serving others? https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b_RjndG0IX8

PRAY TOGETHER

Think of a Leader?

Can you think of someone who is a leader?

Maybe a leader of our country or Government? Maybe a Church leader? Maybe a leader at school/college or university? Maybe a leader at work? Maybe a leader of a group you belong to or a team?

Name them and ask God to bless them in what they do and to help them lead like Jesus.

For younger children -

Help them to think about what serving looks like: you could play and pretend to serve each other a meal or play at caring for some toys.



Then help them to draw around their hands on a small piece of paper or card and decorate it however they like. Display it somewhere where they will see it regularly and say this prayer together:

**Dear Jesus,
help us to use our hands
to care for others.**

Help us to be like you.

Amen.

DO IT TOGETHER

Are there any ways in which you could lead like Jesus this week?

Is there some way or somewhere you could serve?

It could be in the home, at school, college or university, at work, at church, in the community, with family, friends or neighbours.

If you share your home with other people, think about ways in which you can serve each other.

- Adults, can you lead and serve the children you spend time with?
- Children, can you lead and serve the adults you spend time with?

This week:



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