

Church at Home Pack – 6th June 2021

Join us in church for our 10:30am service on Sunday or watch live at home on

<https://ccwsm.org.uk/service-type/sunday-service-online/>

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 or life group 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.

Our verse for the year is the same as last year's verse as we think about the difference being with Jesus makes to our lives

When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13

GATHER TOGETHER

A prayer to start –

Father God, as we come together:

Help us to build our understanding of you.

Help us to build our trust in you.

Help us to build our love for you.

Help us to build 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

Genesis 11: 1-9



International Children's Bible (ICB)

11 At this time the whole world spoke one language. Everyone used the same words. ²As people moved from the East, they found a plain in the land of Babylonia. They settled there to live.



³They said to each other, "Let's make bricks and bake them to make them hard." So they used bricks instead of stones, and tar instead of mortar. ⁴Then they said to each other, "Let's build for ourselves a city and a tower. And let's make the top of the tower reach high into the sky. We will become famous. If we do this, we will not be scattered over all the earth."

⁵The Lord came down to see the city and the tower that the people had built. ⁶The Lord said, "Now, these people are united. They all speak the same language. This is only the beginning of what they will do. They will be able to do anything they want. ⁷Come, let us go down and confuse their language. Then they will not be able to understand each other."

⁸So the Lord scattered them from there over all the earth. And they stopped building the city. ⁹That is where the Lord confused the language of the whole world. So the place is called Babel. So the Lord caused them to spread out from there over all the whole world.

New International Version (NIV)

11 Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ²As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

³They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth."

⁵But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.



WATCH TOGETHER



God's Story – Tower of Babel (Crossroads Kids Club): <https://youtu.be/CW-NXNzdZhM>

TALK TOGETHER

- If someone asked you to explain the gospel, the good news of Jesus, to them, what would you say?

STUDY TOGETHER

Read Genesis 11:1-11

- What did the people decide to do (v.4)?
- Why did they want to do this?
- What was wrong with this?
- The people were trying to reach the heavens but what did God do (v.5)?
- How did God deal with the situation (v.6-9)?
- Tom used this story as an illustration of people trying to reach God on their own. What ways do you think people try to reach God today?
- Is the gospel about us reaching God or about God coming to us?
- Even after we've become part of God's family, we can be in danger of trying to do things on our own. Do we ever try to "build our own towers", trying to be godly without God's help?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

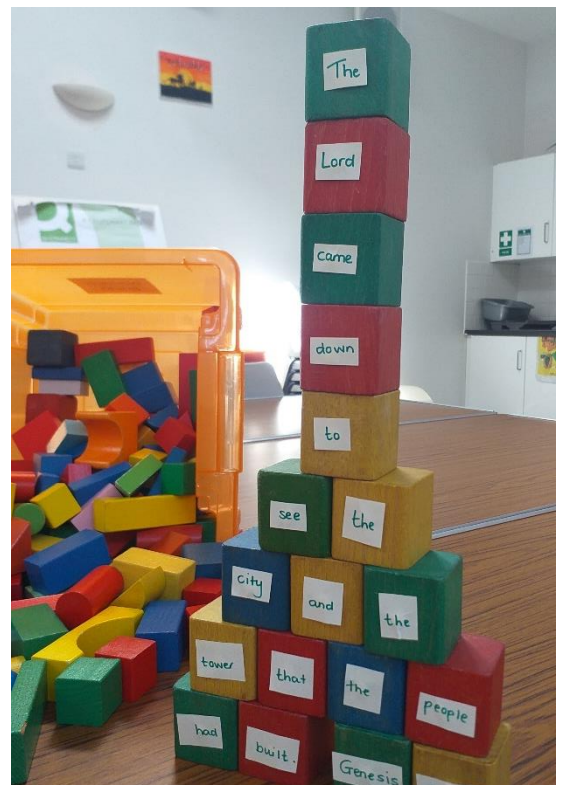
- What do these verses say we are like before we come to know Jesus (v.1-3)?
- What has God done for us in Jesus Christ (v.4-7)?
- How is this gift of God described (v.8-9)?
- If God has done it all, does that mean we don't have to do anything (v.10)?

PLAY TOGETHER

Just for fun, see how high you can build a tower?
How tall does it get before it starts to wobble? Make sure it doesn't fall on anyone!

You could even use some building bricks to learn a Bible verse or part of the story.

Write one word on a small piece of paper and tape it to a brick. Jumble the bricks up and see how quickly you can build the tower so that the verse or part of the story can be read from top to bottom! If you have lots of bricks, you could turn it into a competition!



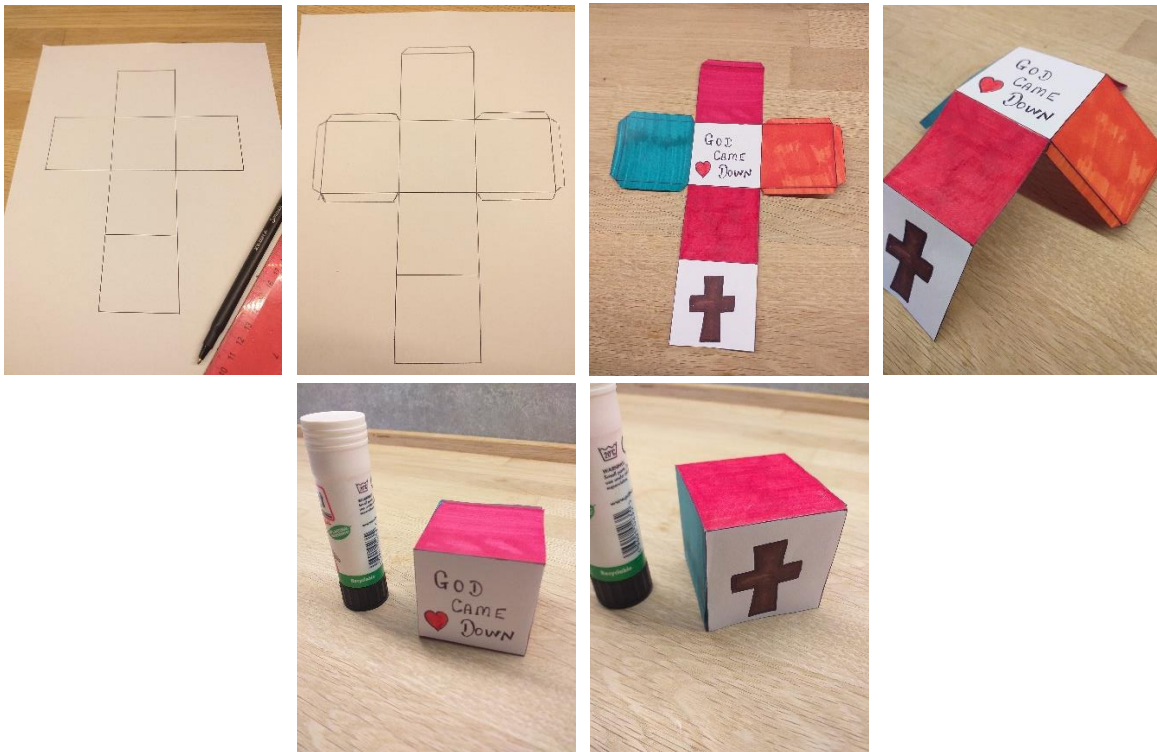
MAKE TOGETHER

When we build our lives with Jesus at the centre we can use his strength and help to live a life that pleases God.

This paper 'building block' begins as a cross. Why not make one or more as a reminder.

You will need: Paper, pens/pencils, scissors and glue

- Draw a cross shape formed from 6 equal sized boxes
- So that you can stick the sides of the block together, you will need to add some tabs (as shown in the photograph).
- Decorate your cross. You might like to include the words 'God came down'.
- Cut out the cross with the tabs and fold along all of the straight lines to form a cube shape.
- Put some glue on each of the tabs so that you can stick the sides of your block together.



SING TOGETHER

God with us - All Sons & Daughters (Integrity Music) <https://youtu.be/udJiT-LMnIs>

This is amazing grace – Bethel Music Kids <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZxVadCcRfoI>

When love came down – Stuart Townend <https://youtu.be/PZq3B44Trv8>

Jesus came – Michael A. Milton <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25rn1YafPpk>

REFLECT TOGETHER

God came down

John 1: 10-14 (New Living Translation)

¹⁰ He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. ¹¹ He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. ¹² But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. ¹³ They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

¹⁴ So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.



- Read these words and think about what they mean for you right now.

We don't need to aim to 'get up' to God, because he came down and he's right here among us. Are you building your life without the strength and help of Jesus?

PRAY TOGETHER

One way to reach up to God is to talk to him in prayer. God came down in the person of Jesus to show that he accepts and loves us as we are. He will walk with us through our whole life and guide and strengthen us if we ask him.

A prayer of confession

Father God

Forgive us when we try to build our lives without you

Come down and show us the way

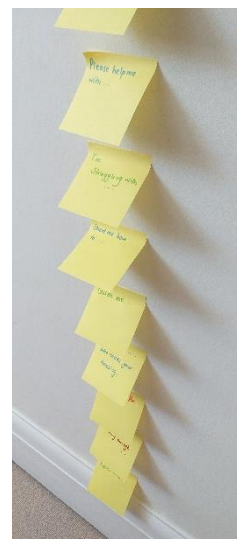
Forgive us when we try to build ourselves up instead of building your kingdom

Come down and show us the way

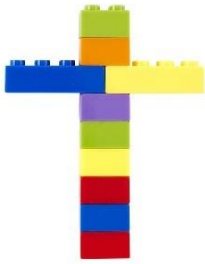
Amen

Build a prayer tower

Over the next week, write your prayers on square or rectangular pieces of paper and build a prayer tower. You could stick them onto a large piece of paper or even use 'post it notes' and build your tower on a wall at home.



Lego/Duplo Prayers



If you have some Lego/Duplo bricks then you can make a prayer tower or even a prayer cross.

You can use different coloured bricks for different types of prayer.

For example: Sorry, Thank you, Help, Healing, People, Places

If you have a board to build on, you might like to make a cross shape and add coloured blocks each time you pray.



DO TOGETHER



Going up?...

Each time you go up this week – up a hill, up the stairs, up in a lift - remember that you cannot and do not have to build or climb anything to reach God. He is with you right where you are now.

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