

Church at Home Pack – 11th July 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 –

Jesus calls us to walk with him, to work with him, and to be with him.

As his friends, his guests and his disciples

let us love him with all our heart, and serve him with all our strength.

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 Thessalonians 4: 1-12



International Children's Bible (ICB)

⁴ Brothers, now I have some other things to tell you. We taught you how to live in a way that will please God. And you are living that way. Now we ask you and encourage you in the Lord Jesus to live that way more and more. ² You know what we told you to do by the authority of the Lord Jesus. ³ God wants you to be holy and to stay away from sexual immorality. ⁴ He wants each one of you to learn how to take a wife in a way that is holy and honourable. ⁵ Don't give in to lust like people who do not know God. ⁶ So do not wrong your brother or cheat him in this way. The Lord will punish people who do those things. We have already told you and warned you about that. ⁷ God called us to be holy and does not want us to live in sin. ⁸ So the person who refuses to obey this teaching is refusing to obey God, not man. And God is the One who gives us his Holy Spirit.

⁹ We do not need to write to you about having love for your brothers and sisters in Christ. God has already taught you to love each other. ¹⁰ And truly you do love the brothers in all of Macedonia. Brothers, now we encourage you to love them more and more.

¹¹ Do all you can to live a peaceful life. Take care of your own business. Do your own work. We have already told you to do these things. ¹² If you do, then people who are not believers will respect you. And you will not have to depend on others for what you need.

New International Version (NIV)

⁴ As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. ² For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.

³ It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; ⁴ that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honourable, ⁵ not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; ⁶ and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. ⁷ For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. ⁸ Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

⁹ Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. ¹⁰ And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more, ¹¹ and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, ¹² so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

WATCH TOGETHER



1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 – *The Kids' Spot, Wenty Anglican:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHQTkmVoy48>



1 Thessalonians – *Bible Project:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=No7Nq6IX23c>

We included this video in the pack when we first started looking at Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. You might like to watch it again to remind yourself of the overview of the book or you might like to focus on the section linked with today's passage which starts about 4 minutes into the video.

TALK TOGETHER

- What does it mean to walk with Jesus?

STUDY TOGETHER – *Authentic Lives*



Authentic Christian lives are those that keep walking with Jesus in a way that pleases God. There are a few examples in this short passage of what that will look like in different areas of our life.

- The first is in a private area of our life but Paul says it matters to God. What is it and why does it matter to God? (v3-8)
- The second relates to how we treat fellow Christians. What does Paul say about this? (v9-10)
 - How can we show love for others in our church family?
 - How can we show love for other Christians around our town?
 - How can we show love for other Christians around the world?
- The final thing Paul says God is concerned about is how we go about our daily lives. How does he say we can please God in our day-to-day activities? (v.11-12)
 - As well as pleasing God, what other consequence will come from living this way?
- Paul seems to bookend this passage with the phrase 'more and more'. (v.1, 10)
 - In what ways are you already living authentically?
 - How could you do that more?



PLAY TOGETHER

More and More..... Bubbles!



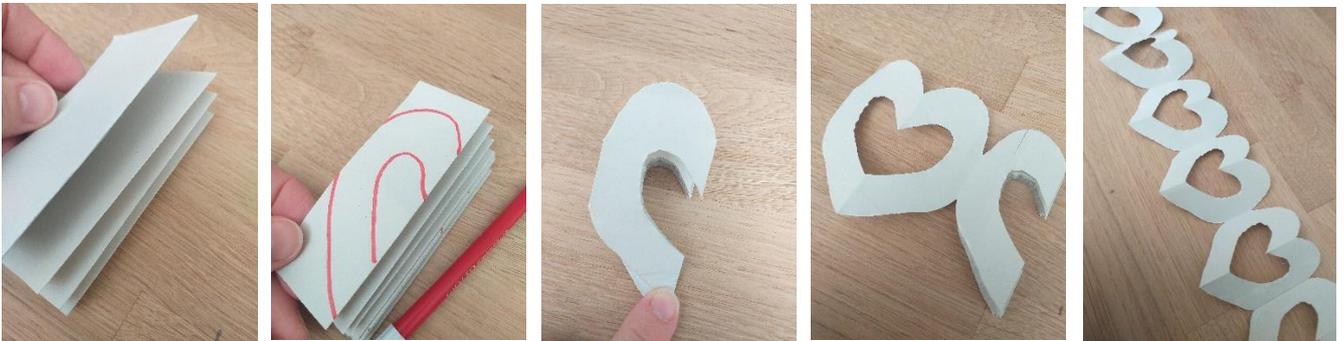
Enjoy blowing bubbles together. As you blow and more and more bubbles appear, think about doing the right things more and more. Think about living the way Jesus wants you to, more and more.

MAKE TOGETHER

More and more love – Paper Chain

v.10... now we encourage you to love them more and more

- Fold some paper back and forth into a concertina. If you want your paper chain to be longer, stick a few sheets of paper together before you start to fold.
- Draw half a heart outline on to the concertina. Cut it out making sure you leave some of the edges joined (if you cut it all the way through it won't stay together)
- As you unfold the chain you get more and more hearts.
- Decorate you chain and add the verse above. Hang it up as a reminder.



SING TOGETHER

Little Life (for you Jesus) – Hillsong Kids (song written by City Kids):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MsqHXLPrGE>

Everybody get walkin' – Jana Alayra: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KcBw06THpn0>

One way – Hillsong: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yAJnHGoo44E>

We seek your kingdom – Noel Robinson, Lou Fellingham, Andy Flannagan, Donna Akodu (Commissioned by LICC and Thy Kingdom Come): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Lp2mMpSa1E>

Purify my heart – LifeGen Worship (song written by Brian Doerksen):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oJ6akShY7Ro>

REFLECT TOGETHER

Keep walking

Paul encourages the Thessalonians to keep doing what they are doing and to keep walking with Jesus.

Take a piece of paper, place it on the floor and draw around your feet. (If you aren't able to do this, place a shoe on the paper and draw around that.)

As you look at your footprint, think about your walk with Jesus. Think about what your next steps might be? Write the question around the outline and as you reflect, write your responses inside the footprint.



PRAY TOGETHER



Barefoot Prayer Walk

Set up a path of different textures. You could do this outdoors or indoors. Take off your shoes and walk along the path barefoot. Walk slowly and notice the textures. As you travel, think about how you can keep walking with Jesus in the rough, bumpy, wobbly, muddy, smooth, soft and comfortable times in your life.

Ask Jesus to help you keep walking with him no matter what the path feels like.



We want to walk God's way (*step forward*)
listen before we speak (*hand to ear, finger on lips*)
think before we act (*tap head, then step forward*)
put others before ourselves (*point to someone else or outside*)
and talk with you (*lift hands in prayer*)
so help us, Lord.
Amen.

DO TOGETHER



Don't just talk the talk, walk the walk

As you set out for a walk on your own or with your family, say out loud, "Don't just talk the talk, walk the walk." Talk together or think about what steps you need to take to "walk the walk" with Jesus this week.

More and more love – Heart biscuits

v.10... now we encourage you to love them more and more

Make some biscuits cut them into heart shapes and top them with icing and 100's and 1000's.

Here's a simple biscuit recipe: <https://recipes.sainsburys.co.uk/recipes/easy-biscuits>

You can use a heart shaped cutter if you have one but if not, cut a heart shape out of card and cut round it with a knife.

Once baked and cooled, make some icing using icing sugar and a little water and mix to form a paste. Spread on to the biscuits and then pack the top with as many sprinkles as you can – more and more!

Share them with family, friends or neighbours!



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