

Sunday Club – 11th July 2021

The following is one way of delivering this session with children. This week we explore *who and what rules our actions*.

Opening activity:

Discuss with your child(ren) things in the world that are helpful to listen to and guide us and things that are not. You could use the puzzle in this week's activity sheet and circle the people/things which are helpful to listen to or follow. Cross out the ones they think are less helpful.



Opening prayer:

In your name, Lord Jesus:

we have come.

Of our own free will:

we have come.

Together with each other and with you, Lord Jesus:

we have come.

Amen.

Open the Bible at Mark 6.14-29

Sound effects: Ask your child(ren) to make the following sound effects when they hear the key words in the story:

John – cheer

Herod – boo

Head – 'oh no'

Jesus – 'ah-ah-ah' (*like a heavenly choir*)

Read the story. If the children miss sound effects, pause and go back.

You can also vary your speed to try and catch them out!

[Mark 6.14-29 ICB - How John the Baptist Was Killed - King - Bible Gateway](#)

Stop and share:

- Remind your child(ren) that John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin.
- Explore the power Herod would have had as king.
- Explain some context here – this passage comes as Jesus is becoming known in the area.

Talk Together:

- How easy do you find doing the right thing?
- John the Baptist told Herod what was right. How did John know the right thing?
- What can help us decide whether something is right or wrong?

Craft Activity – Superhero masks

Create masks as a reminder to be heroes of faith

You will need: *masks printed on card ([template](#)), elastic/wool, pencils, felt tips.*

- Give your child(ren) a superhero mask to decorate. Attach elastic/wool so they can wear them.
- Talk together about John, a superhero in the Christian faith. Superheroes risk their lives to do what is right. John stood up to Herod and said and did the right thing.
- Ask them whether everyone is called to be a superhero of faith. How can they do what is right and not give in to bad temptations?

Praise Song:

Part of Your Plan by Fischy Music at Kirkton Church

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bjMs9NS7E-w>

Reflect on the words and sway along!

Go with God

Consider together what you have explored, what that means for each of you and how it might influence your daily lives.

- Watch an episode of *Newsround* https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/news/watch_newsround to find out some things that are happening in the world right now.
- Give you child(ren) a pen and some paper and ask them to write down one thing from the programme that they think is wrong and needs change.
- Discuss that one of the ways of helping with important things is to tell the people in charge what is going on, and what you think should be done about it. Ask the children to find out who their local MP is, and work with parents/carers to write to them about what changes they wish to see.

Closing Prayer:

Send us out in your power, God,
to be strong for you,
to speak up for you,
and to do what is right.

Amen.

Other ideas for family worship:

An alternative is provided by Hull minster (2 Samuel 6: 1-5, 12b-19)

<https://hullminster.org/family-resources>

Kid's Church – There is not a service scheduled for this week, but you might want to look back at a previous one. They are great fun and very interactive.

[Rev Chris Lee - YouTube](#)

Please note that the Rochester Diocese's Ministry at Home has now ceased.