

## Sunday Club – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The following is one way of delivering this session with children. This week we explore Jesus' prayer for his friends in uncertain times.

### Opening activity:

"They don't belong to the world, just as I don't belong to the world." Jesus knew that his disciples were in the world but not 'of' the world, they were children of God called to live differently and promised eternity with Him.

Play a 'what doesn't belong here' game.

Pick a room in the house, everybody closes their eyes while one person goes and collects an object from another room and brings it in. Once the object is hidden in plain sight everybody should open their eyes. Who can be the first person to spot the item that doesn't belong in the room!

### Opening prayer:

Jesus, you returned to heaven  
promising to send your Spirit.  
As we wait, help us to pray  
with your friends around the world:  
come, Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

### Open the Bible at John 17.6-19

[John 17: 6-19 ICB - "You gave me some men from the world. - Bible Gateway](#)

As the passage is read, count the number of times that the word 'pray' in any form is mentioned.

### Stop and share:

- Where is Jesus leaving and where is he going to?
- Jesus keeps asking for protection for the disciples. Discuss with the group why they need this protection: the evil one means Satan or the devil, a personification of evil.

### Talk Together:

- What does it feel like when you don't know how things will turn out?
- The disciples were facing a very uncertain future. How do you think they felt about the prayer Jesus prayed for them?
- Has anyone ever prayed like that for you?

### Prayer chant

- Use the call and response chant with your child(ren). Everyone says the 'Pray, pray, pray' refrain after every line with the leader reading all the other lines.
- Discuss how Jesus' prayer shows us that we can pray to God in all different circumstances.

If you're lonely, if you're sad: **Pray, pray, pray.**

If you've been good or if you've been bad: **Pray, pray, pray.**

If you need help or if you're ok: **Pray, pray, pray.**

If it's sunny or a rainy day: **Pray, pray, pray.**

If it's a holiday or a weekend: **Pray, pray, pray.**

If you've just had a fight with a friend: **Pray, pray, pray.**

If you're feel anxious, starting to worry: **Pray, pray, pray.**

If you need something done in a hurry: **Pray, pray, pray.**

If there's something happening, a special day: **Pray, pray, pray.**

If there's nothing going on, it's normal in every way: **Pray, pray, pray.**

If you just want to talk to the Lord: **Pray, pray, pray.**

Be sure he listens to your every word so: **Pray, pray, pray.**

### Craft Activity – Prayer windows

Make a prompt to pray during the week.

**You will need:** A4 pieces of sticky-backed plastic, cut out prayer hands ([template](#)), coloured tissue paper cut into small pieces.

- Give each child a piece of sticky-backed plastic and remove the backing paper.
- Invite them to place the prayer hands in the centre of the sticky sheet.
- Next, ask them to stick lots of different coloured pieces of tissue paper around the hands, covering all of the sticky sheet.
- Encourage the children to stick their prayer window onto a window at home to remind them to pray.

NB, if you don't have sticky back plastic, they can stick the tissue paper around the printed prayer hands instead or decorate it with felt tips/crayons/colouring pencils.

### Praise Song:

Way Maker, Leeland on Way Maker

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV\\_2H9xD0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJCV_2H9xD0)

Sing/hum and dance along!

### Closing Prayer:

We believe in the name of Jesus.

We believe Jesus is the Word of God...

We believe Jesus is the Son of God...

We believe that Jesus answers prayer...

Go in the name of God;

go in the power of God; go in the strength of God.

Amen.

### Other ideas for family worship:

An alternative is provided by Hull minster (John 17.6-19)

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

Kid's Church (Ascension Day special)

This is great fun and very interactive.

[Thy Kingdom Come! High Energy Church Special - YouTube](#)

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