

Sunday Club – 25th July 2021

The following is one way of delivering this session with children. This week we explore bringing what we have and sharing what God makes of it.

Opening activity:

Card recollection - You will need: a pack of playing cards.

- Place a pack of playing cards in the middle of you. Explain that numbers on the cards represent an age; Ace represents happy, Jack represents funny, Queen represents holidays and King represents sad.
- Invite each person to take a card and share a memory of something that happened either when they were that age, or in the situations represented by the picture cards.

Opening prayer:

Lord Jesus,
we have come to be fed by your words,
and to be strengthened by your love.
Be with us, as we come together in your name.
Amen.

Open the Bible at John 6.1-21

You will need: paper, pens, basket/bowl.

- Put the numbers 1-21 on small pieces of paper (for each Bible verse), then fold them up and put them into a basket/bowl.
- Invite your child(ren) to pick a number from the container, until they have all gone. You may need to pick numbers too. Ask each person to read out the corresponding verses, in order or to nominate you to.
- Ask: Who do you relate to in this reading? Are you like Andrew (brave enough to suggest something that might seem insignificant)? Are you like the other disciples (wondering how they will feed such a large crowd)? Are you like the crowd (expectant and hungry!)?

[John 6.1-21 ICB - More Than 5,000 People Fed - After - Bible Gateway](#)

Stop and share:

- Today we would be much better prepared, but in biblical times, people depended on the hospitality of others.
- The word 'sign' here is another word for miracle – something that can only be done by God's power.

Talk Together:

- How does it feel when someone shares something with you?
- The little boy had a very small amount to share. What did Jesus do with this boy's offering?
- What things do you have to share with others?

Craft Activity – Make helping hands

Consider what we have to share

You will need: an A5 piece of card per child, scissors, two wooden pegs per child, colouring pens/pencils.

- Ask your child(ren) to draw round one of their hands on a piece of card and cut out the shape.
- Invite them to draw on their hand shape the things they have that they can share with others; discuss ideas such as friendship, smiles, time, food, games.
- Then invite them to add two pegs to the wrist of their hand shape, to make a pair of legs that enable it to stand up. They can finish by decorating their hand and pegs.

Praise Song:

The Sharing Song – InfinityPointOne: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmygGfeYXBc>

Sing and dance 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.

Decide on something small you have that you could share with someone else, e.g. a smile, your time. Draw it on a loaf of bread image as a reminder (template attached) and find a time to do that this week.

A prayer for others

In our world, many do not have enough to eat.

Loving Lord, unite our small prayer with the prayers of the world:

To make a difference.

Many long for simple things that we take for granted.

Loving Lord, unite our small prayer with the prayers of the world:

To make a difference.

Many do not know the companionship of your love.

Loving Lord, unite our small prayer with the prayers of the world:

To make a difference.

Amen.

Closing Prayer:

Teach the [BSL signs](#) for 'thank you' and 'share' to use in this prayer:

Thank you, Jesus, for everything you give us.

Help us to share what we have with you and with others.

Amen.

Other ideas for family worship:

An alternative is provided by Hull minster (2 Samuel 11: 1-15)

<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.