

Sunday Club – 30th May 2021

The following is one way of delivering this session with children. This week we explore experiencing God in mystery and closeness.

Opening activity: Exploring the Holy Trinity

The concept of the Holy Trinity can be a confusing one, how can God be three and one at the same time? Why not use yourself as an example for your family. Children might know an adult in their family as “mum” or “dad” but to a work colleague you will be known by your name or by a title, to a friend or wider family member something else. What words would different people use to describe what you are like? What words can your family come up with to describe what the different persons of God are like?

Opening prayer:

Be present, Father God,
as we bring you our praise.
Be present, Lord Jesus,
our Saviour and friend.
Be present, Holy Spirit,
as we declare our faith,
Trinity in unity, God Almighty,
Father, Son and Spirit.
Amen.

Open the Bible at John 3.1-17

Act out the story: depending on the number in your family unit, you may need to double up or share the roles! You could swap around and repeat so that everyone has a turn at each part.

You will need: copies of the Bible passage highlighted for narrator, Jesus and Nicodemus; basic costumes (dressing gowns, tea towels for headaddresses).

[John 3.1-17 ICB - Jesus and Nicodemus - There was a man - Bible Gateway](#)

Stop and share:

- Explain here that Pharisees were people who tried to keep every part of the Jewish law very strictly.
- Ask your child(ren) if they know what a miracle is – a wonderful sign or event that can only be done by God’s power.

Talk Together:

- How do you feel when you experience something you can’t easily explain?
- What further questions would you ask Jesus if you were Nicodemus?
- What might being a ‘child of God’ mean for you?

Craft Activity – Wax Resist Painting

You will need: thick white paper, a white wax crayon or small candle, diluted watercolour paints, a brush.

Explore how the image of God is sometimes clear and sometimes obscure, by doing a wax resist painting. Use your white crayon or candle to draw an image that you feel represents God, or God in your life. It will be hard to see! Now paint the paper with any colours you choose and



watch the 'hidden' image reveal itself. You could do this in pairs, drawing an image for each other to paint and reveal; then talk together about what the images you each drew mean to you.



Praise Song:

Father, Spirit, Jesus, Casting Crowns on *Lifesong* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtLtgA4BwCk>

Sing and dance along!

Closing Prayer:

Lord God, when life is hard,
when we are struggling,
hear our prayer, give us faith,
and help our unbelief.
We go in the name of God,
creator, redeemer and sustainer.

Amen.

Other ideas for family worship:

An alternative is provided by Hull minster (John 3.1-17).

<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.