

## Sunday Club – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021

The following is one way of delivering this session with children. This week we explore how what we say or do creates or breaks down community.

### Opening activity: Community collection

See all the places we go as part of a wider family in God

You will need: sticky notes, pens, one large piece of paper.

- Give each child several sticky notes and a pen and ask them to write each group, team, club and community they belong to on separate notes.
- Write 'God's Family' onto the large piece of paper and encourage everyone to stick their notes onto the paper.

### Opening prayer:

In the name of Jesus, we are connected by love.

Jesus, help us to say and do all that helps us to live as your family today.

**Amen.**

### Open the Bible at Mark 3.20-35

Divide the story - You will need: two signs for each child, one saying 'Breaks' and the other 'Makes'.

- As you read the story, invite your child(ren) to hold up a sign saying either 'Breaks' or 'Makes', according to whether they think the words and imagery in the passage encourage the breaking or making of community and relationships.
- Discuss together examples of when this might be more complicated, e.g. when Jesus says, 'Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?' This sounds like his family are not important, but he is making a new community of followers

### [Mark 3.20-35 ICB - People Say Jesus Has a Devil - Then - Bible Gateway](#)

### Stop and share:

- Carefully talk about Beelzebub/Satan: the devil, a personification of evil.

### Talk Together:

- What do you value about being part of a family?
- How does Jesus help you to think differently about who you include?
- What do you think doing the 'will of God' means in everyday life?

### Craft Activity – Paper chain of thoughts

Think about how we should act when we belong to Jesus' family

You will need: strips of coloured paper, pens, glue.

- Encourage your child(ren) to think about how we can live 'according to the will of God' if we are in Jesus' family. Talk about the kinds of things they could do, e.g. help a neighbour, give some pocket money to a charity, be kind to siblings.
- Invite them to write or draw their ideas on the strips of paper, then glue the ends together to make a ring.
- Join the rings together to make a paper chain.

Praise Song:

Build Your Kingdom Here - Rend Collective <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqZX08DDWiA>

Sing and dance along!

Closing Prayer:

Look at the Community collection you made at the beginning.

Jesus, we all belong together as part of your family –  
those of us here and those we will meet outside.  
Send us out, in the power of your Spirit,  
to build up our communities  
in all we do and say. **Amen.**

Other ideas for family worship:

An alternative is provided by Hull minster (1 Samuel 8: 4-20).

<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.