

This Week's Worship: Jesus calms the storm

Opening

Wherever we come together,

God is with us.

God is here.

We come together to say sorry

We come together to say Thank you

We come together to ask for God's help

We come together to hear God's story

We come together to celebrate God's love.

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Saying Sorry

Hold onto a stone and think about things that you have done this week you would like to say sorry for.

God loves us and forgives us when we are sorry for wrong things we have done.

For times this week when we have made others sad.

We are sorry.

For times this week when we have not helped others

We are sorry.

For times this week when we have not looked after your creation,

We are sorry

For times this week when we have been selfish

We are sorry

Put the stone in a bowl of water

As we leave these things behind, may God forgive us and give us a new, clean start today.

Amen

Saying thank you

To join in you will need: some slips of paper, some pens and an empty jam jar (you can join in without this for the first few weeks but can then join in when you have had the time to put some things in the jar!)

Ask each person to draw or write down on one of the slips something they would like to say thank you for and put it in the jar. As we pray, pull a slip out of the jar and say thank you for what is written on it.

Continue to fill the jar during the week.

God, you are amazing and you have given us good things. We thank you for all your gifts to us.

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...
Amen

Continue until everyone has had a chance to say something.

Story and response

Listen to this week's story or read a story from the Bible. This week we are looking at a story from Mark 4.

I wonder which part of this story you liked the most?

I wonder what surprised you about this story?

I wonder what this story makes you feel?

I wonder where you are in this story?

Do you wonder anything about this story?

Prayers

In the story Jesus shows the disciples that, whatever dangers they are facing, they are not alone. He is with them and he can do amazing things. Sometimes when we are afraid it can be really hard to remember that there are people who will help us. Who helps you when you feel afraid? Have you ever asked Jesus to help you?

You will need: Playdough mat (see below), playdough.

Use playdough to make waves on the mat. As you make the waves, ask Jesus to help you with the things that you are afraid of and also ask him to help those people you know who are also afraid.

Dear Jesus, thank you that you can do amazing things and that you are with us even in the most scary things we face. Thank you for the people who help us when we are afraid. Help us to trust them and you to keep us safe. Amen.

Close

Wherever we come together,

God is with us.

God is here.

May God bless us.

May we know that we are loved

May we know that we are cared for.

May we know God's hope.

God is with us

God is here

Amen.

Extinguish the candle.

Calming the storm

Jesus spoke to
the storm and
it stopped.

The disciples
were
amazed!



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Use playdough to make waves in the sea.
Ask Jesus to help you next time you are afraid.