

This Week's Worship: Jesus has compassion

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 6.

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 today we are told that Jesus stops to help the people because he has compassion for them and wants to help them. What is compassion? Very often compassion is something we feel when we see suffering and want to do something to help make it better. Having compassion is not just about thinking and feeling- it's also about doing something that real that shows love for the person or animal that is suffering. Jesus sees that the people need someone to help them and teach them, so this is what he does. Some people see people around them going hungry so they give them food and donate to the food bank. Some people see someone who is lonely and upset and go and speak to them and put their arms around them. Have you ever felt compassion for someone? Has someone ever felt compassion for you?

You will need: Card, paper, fabric, wool, paint, pens, foil, scissors, glue

Watch or read the news or think about the people you know in your own family or community. Who do you feel compassion for? Who do you want to help? What could you do to help? Create a heart with any of the materials you want to. As you make the heart, think and pray about the people or situation you have compassion for

Dear Jesus, thank you for your compassion. Thank you that you love us and want to help us. Help us to feel compassion to others and show us what to do so that we can show them they are loved and cared for. 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.