

This Week's Worship: I am doing a new thing

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's story is from Isaiah 43.

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

God says that he is about to do something new and exciting. Whatever has happened in the past- even the bad things- God can make something new and strong and beautiful in our lives. Sometimes when we are facing something new about to happen it can be a bit scary, so it's great to know we aren't on our own and that God is with us.

You will need: crayons (old broken bits are really good for this), a silicone ice cube mould (that is oven safe) or cake cases and a cupcake tin.

Preheat the oven to about 120°C. Take the paper wrappers off of the crayons and break or cut the crayons into small pieces. Mix up the colours you have and share them out between the holes in the mould or between the cupcake cases. Put the crayons into the oven and leave them to melt. When they have melted, take the crayons out of the oven and leave them to cool. When they have cooled, pop the newly made crayons out of their cases.

Pray: God, thank you that you give us hope of new life and new starts even when we feel that things are sad and broken. Help us to move forward into the future and all the new things you have in store, knowing that we are never alone and that you will give us what we need. 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.