

This Week's Worship: Water from the Rock

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 Exodus 17

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

The people of God were thirsty and wondered if God was with them or not. They tested God to see if He would give them water. Sometimes it's hard to know if God is with us, especially because we can't see him. Have you ever wondered where God is? Have you ever had the sense that God was near to you? What did it feel like?

You will need: a magnet, some paper clips, some paint, a paper plate or some card.

Put some very small blobs of paint on the paper plate and put a couple of paper clips on the plate too. Put the magnet under the paper plate and move it around. The magnet will move the paper clips through the paint on the top of the plate to create an artwork. Even though we can't see Him, just like the magnet is hidden, God is still with us and will help us on our journey through life.

Pray: God, thank you that you want the best for us and are always there with us. Even when we can't see you, help us to know your love and see your help. 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.