

This Week's Worship: Choosing What to Wear

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 Colossian 3: 12-17

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 way we behave shows that we know God loves us and that we love other people. The story tells us to wear qualities like kindness, patience, gentleness, love for others just like we wear clothes for everyone to see. When we do this, it helps everyone to live together well as a big family. Which quality here is especially for you? What would you choose to wear? How will the people around you see that quality in action?

You will need: A T- shirt shaped piece of paper, felt tips, a peg or a magnet or some blue tack.

Write the quality you would most like to 'wear' this week on the t shirt shape and decorate the paper. Attach the shape to a mirror, a window, a door or a fridge so that you will see it at least once a day to remind yourself of what you want to show others as we all try to live together as a community.

Pray: God, thank you that you love us and that we have people to love. Help us to wear some of those special qualities this week so that others can see your love and our love and so we can all live together in a good and helpful way. 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.