

**This Week's Worship: The Sheep and the Goats**

**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 Matthew 25

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 told the people on his right hand side that when they helped people in need, they were also helping him. Where do you see people who need help at the moment? Who in your community or this country could do with food or clothes or visits or love? How could you and your family help them?

You will need: Post it noted, pens

In lockdown, three things that Jesus talks about are especially important to remember- **loneliness** (because we can't see our friends and family as much as we would like), **hunger** (because some people have lost their jobs and don't have as much money to buy food) and **illness** (not just the Coronavirus, but all sorts of illness). Choose one of these three areas and write it on a post it note. Put the post-it somewhere you will see it everyday to remind you to pray about that group of people. Also, think of one things you could do to help those people in a practical way- could you phone someone who is lonely, send a get well card or take some food to a food bank?

**Pray: Jesus, thank you that you love and care for everyone, no matter who or where they are. Open our eyes to see people who need help and help us to show your love to them. Amen.**

### **Close**

Wherever we come together,  
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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.*