

## For families – 6th September 2020

**Gather** - *Use this prayer as you begin your time of worship together*

Dear Lord Jesus, we don't have to see you to know you are with us. You bring us all together, as a community, in your love. Thank you, Jesus. **Amen.**

Perhaps try this action prayer... **God loves me**  
From the top of my head (Touch head)  
to the tips of my toes; (Touch toes)  
from the lobes of my ears (Touch ear lobes)  
to the end of my nose; (Touch nose)  
from my back, to my front (Turn round)  
to my wiggly fingers, (stretch out arms and wiggle fingers)  
God loves me! (jump up and down)

**Read** - *Share the Bible story using the idea below to help you explore it together.*

Open the Bible at Matthew 18.15-20

Jesus teaches us how to deal with someone who upsets us.

Perhaps try this interactive way of telling the story...

Whenever the phrase 'don't listen' or 'won't listen' occurs in the story, ask all the children to cover their ears and make a 'la la la la la' noise. Read the story a second time and invite them to invent sounds and actions for the rest of the story.

**Talk together** (Connect faith with everyday life) ... use or adapt these questions to chat together about the Bible reading and how it helps us today.

- Why do you think Jesus tells us that the whole church should be involved if two people can't sort a problem out?
- Have you ever fallen out with a friend? What did you do about it?
- What things can we do to help everyone get along with one another?

**Storytelling from the Bible for Younger children**

... ask everyone gathered to copy your actions as you tell the story:

Jesus was talking to his friends.

He said, 'If anyone does anything that makes you feel sad (*make sad face*)

ask them to stop. (*hold up hand*)

If they don't listen (*cup ear with hand*)

then ask some other people to come and talk to them (*beckon to someone else*)  
and make things right again.' (*shake hands*)  
Jesus said that this helps make the church work:  
'If two or three people come together to share my love (*hold hands around circle*)  
then I will be there.' (*place candle in centre*)

## Play

Using whatever play figures and buildings you have at home, including a toy or model church (just a cereal box will do). Talk about how we can share God's love at church, and Jesus will be there, but also that we can meet in many other places and still share God's love.

## Create

Invite each child to decorate a strip of paper using art materials. Then make them into a paper chain to represent those gathered in Jesus' name in your group today.

**Activities** - *You may wish to use the attached activity sheets to aid your worship together.... especially the Family Time section. It's a really good conversation to have with one another in your family, AND it leads to a great daily action you could try.*

**YOUTH CHURCH** online for this month and next....



The graphic features a row of six colorful stars (yellow, blue, purple, yellow, green, blue) at the top. Below them is the text 'SSS Youth Church' in large bold letters, followed by 'Saturdays on Zoom: September' in blue. A note in parentheses says '(Meeting ID's listed, password stays the same)'. There are three entries for Zoom meetings, each with a red star icon, the date, meeting ID, and host name in parentheses. Each entry includes a 'click the link:' followed by a blue underlined link. The text 'PASSCODE = YChurch' is listed below. At the bottom, it says 'See you at 9am!' in blue, '(approx. 30-40 minutes)' in grey, and 'We Follow Jesus!' in blue. To the right of this text is a small black and white logo of a church building with the text 'St Stephens Soundwell' below it.

**SSS Youth Church**  
Saturdays on Zoom: September  
(Meeting ID's listed, password stays the same)

★ **5th Sept:** 739 8735 2919 (Teresa)  
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★ **12th Sept:** 724 4261 7817 (Peter)  
click the link: [12TH SEPTEMBER](#)

★ **19th Sept:** 739 8735 2919 (Teresa)  
click the link: [19TH SEPTEMBER](#)

★ **26th Sept:** 728 5566 3916 (Lisa)  
click the link: [26 SEPTEMBER](#)

PASSCODE = YChurch

**See you at 9am!**  
(approx. 30-40 minutes)

**We Follow Jesus!**

St Stephens  
Soundwell

The Lord be with you.... & also with you.....

We Follow Jesus!!

Lisa xxx

Name .....

# Activity time

6-12 September 2020

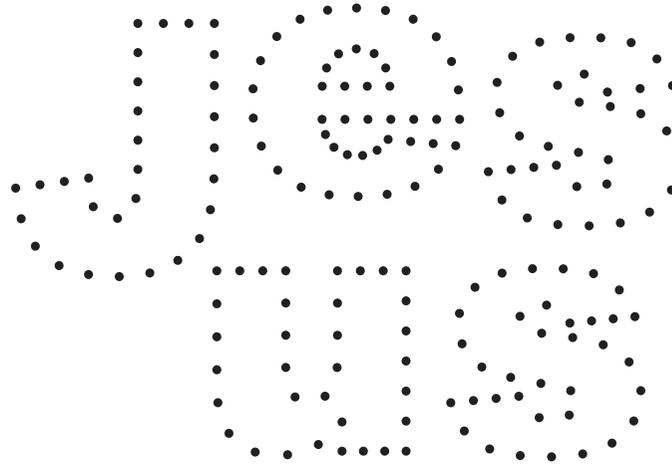
## Matthew 18.15-20

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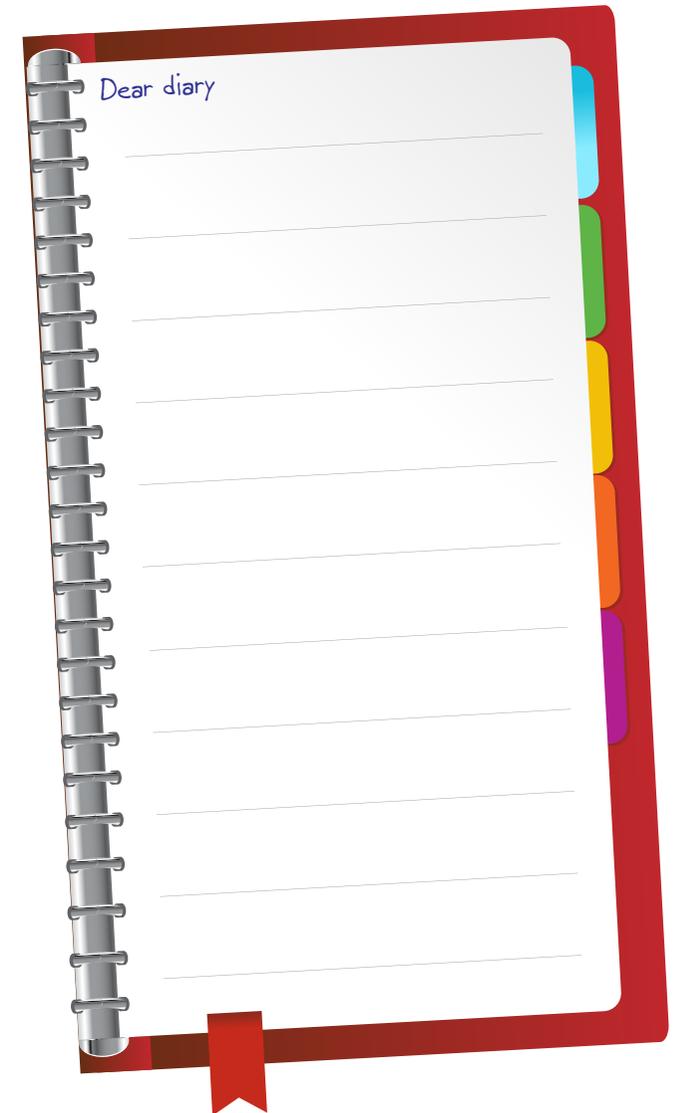
## Draw

Join the dots to discover who has promised to be with us, even if just two or three are gathered.



## Write

Write a diary entry about a time you made up with a friend you'd fallen out with.



## Family time

**Talk** Why is it best to deal with issues rather than 'sweep them under the carpet'?

**Do** Watch *Toy Story* [PG] and think about the way Woody confronts Buzz with the things he is not happy about.

**Pray** Thank you, God, for all the people in our lives. Sorry for the times we upset one another. If something is wrong, help us not to bottle it up, but to deal with it and put things right.

**Amen.**

## Puzzle

Help this boy to find his friend so they can talk and 'make up'.



Name .....

## Colouring time

If someone upsets you, tell them so that you can become friends again.

