Xtra! 16th July 2020

Today we are gathering together for the first time in 15 weeks! We’ll light a candle and make our space as we hum:

Gathering Song: *Their Choice*

*(Be Still, Come into His presence)*

During which the table is set (green cloth) and candle is lit.

Greeting

Peace be with you **And also with you**

Kyrie Confession

Introduce confession. Then:

Father God, we are sorry for the times when we have thought things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have said things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Christ have mercy **Christ have mercy**

We are sorry for the times when we have done things that do not please you. [*pause*]

Lord have mercy **Lord have mercy**

Absolution

May the God of love bring us back to himself,

forgive us our sins, and assure us of his eternal love

in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria: *Their Choice*

*(Peruvian Gloria, Anderson Gloria, Gloria round)*

Reading *The Great Escape (Lion Storyteller Bible)*

*This story is from the Old Testament. It happened when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. Pharaoh was troubled because there were so many of them, so he made them work extra hard and treated them badly. Moses had run away because he had killed one of the slave drivers but God called to him and sent him back, with his brother Aaron, to ask Pharaoh to let His people go. This is the story…*

Wondering questions

I wonder which part of the story you like the best?

I wonder if you have ever been worried when you had to say something important. I wonder who gave you the right words.

I wonder why Pharaoh kept changing his mind.

I wonder what you think about God killing the first born of the Egyptians and their animals?

I wonder what happens next in the story.

Activity

Frog tiddlywinks in small groups

Song *I’m Gonna Trust in God*

*URL:* <https://youtu.be/GATtJkr-IQY>

I’m gonna trust in God, I’m gonna trust in Jesus,

Without shame and without fear.

I’m gonna fix my eyes on the hope of glory

For His day is drawing near.

*How great is the love of God.*

*How steady is His hand*

*To guide me through this world,*

*And though I am weak in Him I stand,*

*And you will hear me say, today, in faith,*

I’m gonna trust in God. I’m gonna trust in Jesus,

Without shame and without fear.

I’m gonna fix my eyes on the hope of glory

For His day is drawing near.

*How great is the love of God…*

Now when the cares of life seem overwhelming

And my heart is sinking down,

I’m gonna lift my hands to the One who’ll help me,

To the One who holds my crown.

*How great is the love of God…*

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you that you are always with us in tough times; help us to know your presence.

Thank you that you will give us the words to speak when we need them; help us to listen to your voice.

Thank you that you will give us confidence when we need it; help us to feel your spirit in our hearts.

**Amen**

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your Kingdom come, your will be done,

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

As we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

**May the lightness of God go with you**

**May the brightness of God go with you**

**May he shine on all you do. May God bless you.**

Messy Grace

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Be with us all evermore, Amen.

Resources:

Refreshments

Green cloth, candle, matches

Lion Storyteller Bible

Frog hoppers