

# Ministry @Home



**These resources are to help equip & enable worship together as "family". They are intentionally intergenerational to allow space, conversation, activity & response together as the family of God. We encourage all ages to be participative & open, being responsive to God and each other.**

## Gather.....

- As you gather find a place that is comfortable and have the resources ready for the activities, prayer or response times ready.
- Choose 3 members to light the 3 candles (engage all ages)

### Opening words of praise with lighting of 3 candles -

I will light a light  
in the name of the Maker,  
who lit the world  
and gave everything life.

I will light a light  
in the name of the Son,  
who saved the world  
and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light  
in the name of the Spirit,  
who is present everywhere in the  
world  
and gives me strength.

**Together:**  
**We will light three lights  
for the trinity of love:**  
**God above us,**  
**God beside us,**  
**God beneath us;**  
**The beginning,**  
**The end**  
**and the Everlasting one.**

## Welcome.....

### Song: **Every Move I Make**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dgf1YzscBIE>

**(can be sung or listened to)**

**Reflection time:** Create an Obstacle Course, it can include:

- Blanket/chair tunnel they must crawl through
- Children's puzzle they must put together
- Bean bags they have to toss in a bucket
- Find a penny hidden in rice
- Balance beam tape line
- Limbo
- Move balloon from one bucket to the next

Those you gather with each pull a slip of paper out of a bowl to see what kind of "soil" they are going to play, prepare the choices so there is a good sampling of 'soil types'

- Hard path (no arms)
- Rocky (no legs)
- Weed/Thorns (blindfolded)
- Good (using everything no inability)

Run the game several times so people get the chance at being different types of soil. Share that Jesus doesn't want us to just listen to God's Word or know the stories, Jesus wants us to stick to God's Word and grow. He wants us to have an amazing faith, a faith that shares God's Word with others. Let's discover how we can do that.

**Bible passage: **Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23****

AND/OR watch

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9IOhGPrRvY> OR

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bJvzmBn5NcA>

Jesus knew the importance of the condition of our hearts choosing to be like the good soil, hearing and taking Jesus' message to heart and living by it.

## Interactive Learning.....

### DIRT CUP DESSERTS:

Decorate a small cup with words from the Bible lesson today. Put a small amount of chocolate pudding in the bottom, then layer with chocolate mousse adding crushed cookies to look like the soil. Gummy Worms or sunflower seeds could be added to their snack! Enjoy together chatting through the questions below



### SEED PLANTING:

Plant some seeds and watch them grow in GOOD SOIL for the next few weeks! Take a picture of those who you are gathered with in front of the NEW pots and then a picture of you all once again in front of the pots of flowers after they have grown. Discuss how the seeds will grow in GOOD soil and what are the lessons for us to be planted in good soil? Seed markers can also be made with the name of the seeds and key words from the bible reading.



### SEED ART:

Collect as many different types of seeds as you can and create a picture gluing the seeds on a piece of coloured paper or board to form "GOD'S WORD"! As you are creating it chat about the seeds in the story and how the seeds represent GOD'S WORD.



### CARTOON STORY BOARD:

Create a cartoon story board of the Parable of the Sower. It could be set in a modern day setting or traditional setting. Discuss and include the key messages and themes of the parable. Chat about how Jesus used parables to teach people important lessons and share what are the important messages in this parable.



### Flowers or Weeds:

Take a walk around the garden, local woods or park together, as you pass the plants guess **Flower** or **Weed**? Some may surprise you and you may have to use technology to help.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/advice/comm-on-weeds>

Talk about the WEEDS in our story and the effect they have on the SEEDS!



### Whilst creating chat about the following questions & share stories.....

1. Our hearts are like the soil- I wonder where you feel at the moment in relation to the story, the path, the rocky soil, feeling choked or the good soil.....
2. What kind of things do you want to see grow in your life?
3. I wonder how we can respond to God's word in our hearts.....

## Reflection & Prayer Time.....

**Song: My Jesus, My Saviour**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mqSQvoinDE4>

**(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)**

**Song: Jesus all for Jesus**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1Wa2msOq9c>

**(can be sung/read aloud or listened to)**

Encourage members to read silently or aloud their prayers. Other prayers can be said at this time, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

### **The 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.**



## Celebration....

**If any of your members celebrate a birthday within the next week – sing**

Happy birthday to you  
To Jesus be true  
May God's richest blessings  
Be showered on you.



## Closing.....

### **The Grace (with "Messy" actions)**

**May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all,  
now and evermore. Amen.**

## Closing Responses.....

**Song: Tell the World**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0UQ7yn2WAFo>

**(can be sung / read aloud or listened to)**

From where we are  
to where you need us.

**Jesus, now lead on!**

From the security of what we know  
to the adventure of what you reveal.

**Jesus, now lead on!**

To make this world  
look more like your kingdom,

**Jesus, now lead on!**

**Ask different members to blow out the candles.....until you meet again**

## Extra Ideas

- Activity Sheet  
[https://media.mywonderstudio.com/files/en/level-1/001-100/pdf/BibleSpaceTrekSower\\_en.pdf](https://media.mywonderstudio.com/files/en/level-1/001-100/pdf/BibleSpaceTrekSower_en.pdf)
- Watch a Godly Play story of the parable together  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ogbEmhltCM>
- Print and use these images to tell the story  
<http://www.freebibleimages.org/illustrations/parable-sower/>