

Together with God.



When we can't get to Church here is a suggestion for a short time with God around your table at home. This is a way that we can be part of Church together, while in our own homes.

Title #9: Zacchaeus.

1. Say: We are going to be a little part of Church at home today.
2. Light a candle and pray: We light this candle of hope, to remind us of the light of God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God is with us now and also with our friends and family in their homes today. Especially we remember... *(add your own friends and family here)*
3. Listen to this song: King of Me by Rend Collective.
<https://youtu.be/ks6zl2hL2Uk>
4. During this time of Covid 19, we know some people are finding it hard to be in isolation. Who do you miss? Who might be feeling lonely?
5. The first Christians loved being together. They called it 'koinonia' or 'fellowship', something like friendship but depending more on being linked together by Jesus than on whether they liked each other. They knew it was something they had to work hard at! The Bible says, 'They devoted themselves to... fellowship' (Acts 2:47). Some of the early Christians were as difficult to get on with as some Christians are today! But Jesus wanted a church where everyone was welcome.
6. Take a handful of Lego figures, Playmobil figures or soft toys – anything to represent people – and arrange all but one in a tight group. Put the other one a little way away. Ask what everyone thinks might be going on in this scene. How does it feel to be one of the group? How does it feel to be the one on their own?
7. Watch the story of Zacchaeus, retold here <https://youtu.be/fUJV3Jm8ej0>
8. Read the story of Zacchaeus from Luke 19:1-10 and ask everyone to stop you during the story any time they notice someone being cut off from fellowship and any time they notice someone being brought into fellowship.

Listen to 'We all stand together', sung by frogs:

<https://youtu.be/PcDVH8DiBnM>

10. Talk/ think: How can we help to support and encourage one another, and 'all stand together' even while we are apart?
11. Make a paper chain of people and write the names on of people that you want to think about and pray for this week. Say a short prayer asking God to help them this week. Put your paper chain where you will see it and be reminded every day to keep them in your prayers.



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