

St Martin's

Junior Church at Home

You will need:

- † Masking tape/Washi tape
- † Plastic bottle
- † Twine
- † Sharp scissors/craft knife
- † Non-toxic paint

Introductory Prayers

God, who is with us wherever we go, protect us in our daily lives and travels

All: Surround us with your loving care

Say the parts in blue
all together

God who gave us the stars to bring light to the dark of the world,
help us to remember that darkness doesn't extinguish the light

All: Guide us to peace

Loving God, you are with us in the good times and the bad, when it
feels like life is moving too slow or too fast

All: Grant us the patience of Jesus

When we are tired, when we are in need of calmness and rest

All: Grant us wisdom to stop and rest

Dear parent God

All: We are glad to meet you here

Saying Sorry

Heavenly God, thank you for calling us into your family where we
belong to one another and to you.

We are sorry for when we haven't shown love to each other

All: Lord, forgive us and help us to change

We are sorry for the wrong things we have said to each other

All: Lord, forgive us and help us to change

We are sorry for the wrong things we have done and thought

All: Lord, forgive us and help us to change

Help us to live how you want us to

All: Amen

Forgiveness

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his son to be our saviour, forgive us our sins and make us holy to serve him in the world

All: Amen

Bible Reading

But that night the Lord said to Nathan, ⁵“Go and tell my servant David that I say to him, ‘You are not the one to build a temple for me to live in.’ ⁶From the time I rescued the people of Israel from Egypt until now, I have never lived in a temple; I have travelled around living in a tent. ⁷In all my traveling with the people of Israel I never asked any of the leaders that I appointed why they had not built me a temple made of cedar.’



⁸“So tell my servant David that I, the Lord Almighty, say to him, ‘I took you from looking after sheep in the fields and made you the ruler of my people Israel. ⁹I have been with you wherever you have gone, and I have defeated all your enemies as you advanced. I will make you as famous as the greatest leaders in the world. ¹⁰⁻¹¹I have

chosen a place for my people Israel and have settled them there, where they will live without being oppressed any more. Ever since they entered this land, they have been attacked by violent people, but this will not happen again. I promise to keep you safe from all your enemies and to give you descendants.

Teaching

Today's reading is from 2 Samuel, which is a book from the Old Testament about King David's life.

In this reading, David has settled into his palace and has said to Nathan the prophet "how can I go on living in such a beautiful place while the ark of the covenant is living in a tent?" (which is sometimes called a tabernacle) – so he wanted to build a house for God

If you were to build a house for God, what would it look like?
What would be inside?

But God replies "All the years I've been travelling with you and I've never asked anybody to build me a house, I've been in a tent so I could be close to my people. But I'm going to establish my people here and they're going to know peace, and I'm going to bless David greatly and make promises to him"

So God promises to David that there will be a house for him, that his Son (Solomon) will build a house in God's name and that one of his descendants would always be on Israel's throne- Jesus is actually David's great great great great great great grandson!

God made a big change to David's plan and he responded by thanking God and worshipping him

How do you respond to a change in plans?

Prayers



Dear God, sometimes we forget to look so we don't see. We don't see all the ways you show your presence, all the ways you look after us. Help us look for rainbows, you put them there for us to see.

Help us not to miss them.

All: Amen

God of the whole human family, who is loving and welcoming to all. Help us to see Christ in everyone we meet, especially those in need. Be near to them in spirit when we can't find the words.

All: Amen

Today we particularly pray for.....

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Peace

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Activity Time!

To symbolise building a house to honour God we're going to be building a house to honour his creations! We're going to take a plastic bottle and turn it into a bird house to hang on a tree, balcony or window so they've always got somewhere to eat and nest!

Take your plastic bottle and carefully cut a hole in it so birds can get in and out of your birdhouse. Carefully cover any sharp bits of plastic with your masking tape.

Tie a piece of string or twine around the bottle neck so it can safely hang from somewhere.

Decorate your birdhouse with non-toxic paint, leaves, bark, flowers. Anything you can think of that would be safe for birds! Be sure to use PVA glue that's non-toxic!



It doesn't have to be a bottle you use- here's some examples of other things to turn into bird houses!

