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Collective Worship at home resources (1)

In Rochester Diocese, we know that there will be much good local practice and sharing of ideas about how to ensure that there are creative opportunities to continue to give children an experience of collective worship, even though they are not in school. Here is what one of our parishes is offering for its school. Thank you to St Margaret's at Rainham who post a video by 9am each day - use the password: assembly
<https://rainhamchurch.co.uk/collective-worship/>

Below are some more ideas and links to resources that could be put on your website or sent home to families to support them with collective worship at home.

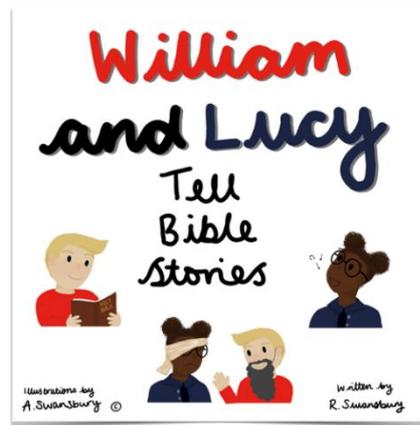
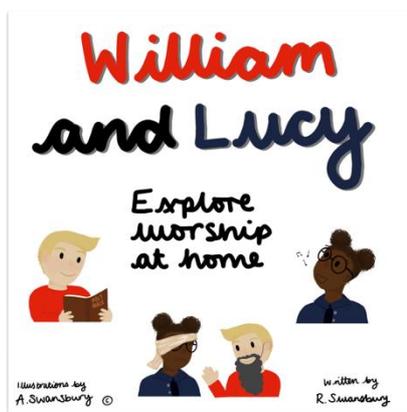
William and Lucy explore worship at home and William and Lucy tell Bible stories

Rebecca Swansbury, who leads regular training sessions in Rochester Diocese, has written two new books, which are freely available on the Canterbury Diocesan website, to support families in exploring worship at home.

They have been written to help families understand the structure of worship, whilst providing them with prayer activities, Bible stories and questions to reflect on.

You can download both books via this link.

<https://www.canterburydiocese.org/childrenandyoungpeople/our-schools/collective-worship/collective-worship-at-home.php>



Fischy Music Assembly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GcPYmV-2DY4>

Fischy Music have recorded an 'assembly at home'. If you love to sing songs and dance, this is for you!

Dave the Dog is worried about Coronavirus

https://nursedottybooks.com/dave-the-dog-is-worried-about-coronavirus-2/?fbclid=IwAR3BMVSveHL82MDx3U2NV0uUjxz_ITMtPesKQ6hIV44ouXRsyh9-T1dEI2c

A book for children about coronavirus that aims to give information without fear.

With everything that is going on at the moment - big changes to children's routines and lots of stories on the news it can be a really scary time for children. This book aims to open up the

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conversation about coronavirus and some of the things they might be hearing about it and provide truthful information in a reassuring and child friendly manner.

Find your Carrots podcast

A brand new podcast from a father and son, hoping to bring a bit of silliness and fun into the world when it might need it most. This is not worship based, but encourages children to find kindness, find the best in each situation and spread positivity. Find it on all podcast platforms.



FIND YOUR CARROTS

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KIDS & FAMILY - 2020 ★★★★★ 5.0, 24 RATINGS

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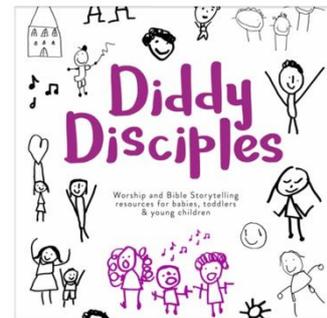
[listinctiveness/collective-sources](#)

They have produced some super acts of worship that have been written especially for families to work through together at home.

Diddy disciples – On Soundcloud podcast

Worship and Bible storytelling resources for babies, toddlers and young children. There are several episodes that are about 8 minutes long each.

<https://soundcloud.com/diddydisciples>



Prayer Spaces at Home

These are some examples of prayer activities from prayer spaces at home. They are posting them on twitter.

<https://twitter.com/hashtag/prayerspacesathome>



Keep Me Safe



- **Equipment**

Water, soap

- **Set Up**

You could do this simple activity every time you wash your hands in a sink.

- **Instructions**

Using soap and water, thoroughly wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. As you wash your hands, think about how you feel about the coronavirus disease.

If you want to, you can say a hope or a prayer for safety.

Psalms 46:1 'God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.'

Help the Helpers



- **Equipment**

Hand sanitiser

- **Set Up**

You could do this activity whenever you use a hand sanitiser, perhaps whenever you come in or out of your house.

- **Instructions**

Squirt a bit of the sanitiser onto one of your hands and rub it in until it's all gone.

As you do this, think about the nurses, doctors and other health professionals who are trying to help people who are sick to get better.

If you want to, you can say a hope or a prayer for their safety and protection.

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30 day Lego Bible Challenge

	Something to read and build each day - imagine, build, reflect and have fun!	Genesis 1:1-2:3 God created the universe. Build some stars and planets	Genesis 6:9-7:4 Noah builds an ark Build some pairs of animals	Genesis 9:8-17 The flood ends Build a rainbow.	Genesis 37:1-11 Joseph's colourful coat Build Joseph with his colourful coat	
Genesis 41:1-36 Joseph explains the king's dreams Build some healthy and skinny cows	Genesis 44:1-34 Joseph tricks his brother Build a silver cup	Exodus 2:1-10 Baby Moses Build a basket, like the one Moses' mother put him in.	Exodus 3:1-14 Moses meets God Build a bush with flames.	Exodus 14:5-31 Moses leads the Israelites to safety Build a parted sea to walk through.	Exodus 20:1-19 Moses tells the people God's rules Build the holy mountain where Moses spoke to God	Jonah Jonah and the Big Fish Build a big fish with Jonah inside
1 Samuel 17:1-58 David and Goliath Build Goliath and David as a minifigure	Psalms 23 God cares for us Build a peaceful scene with some sheep.	Luke 1:39-45 Mary visits Elizabeth Build Mary and Elizabeth in Elizabeth and Zechariah's house.	Luke 2:1-10 Jesus is born Build a stable with animals, Mary, Joseph, Jesus and shepherds	Matthew 2:1-12 Visitors from the East Build a the visitors and/or their gifts.	Matthew 3:13-17 Jesus is Baptised Build the River Jordan with John the Baptist and Jesus	Mark 4:35-41 Jesus calms the storm Build a boat and a stormy sea
Luke 9:10-17 Jesus feeds the crowd Build some fish and loaves	Mark 6:45-56 Walking on water Build some waves for Jesus and Peter to walk on.	Luke 10:25-37 The kind stranger Build the street with the wounded man, horse and the stranger	Luke 15:1-7 The lost sheep Build a flock of sheep and a shepherd	Luke 15:11-32 Two sons Build a welcome home party	Matthew 6:7-15 The Lord's Prayer Build God in heaven	Matthew 6:7-15 The Lord's Prayer Build some palm leaves and a donkey.
	Matthew 26:26-29 Supper with friends Build a cup of wine and some bread.	Matthew 26:47-50 Jesus is arrested Build the soldiers, Jesus and Judas.	Matthew 27:32-44 Jesus is killed Build the three crosses of Jesus and the robbers	Mark 16:1-8 Easter! Build the empty tomb	Acts 2:1-4 The Holy Spirit Build the room and the disciples with flames on their head	

I can pray a rainbow...

Genesis 9 v 13

"I am putting my rainbow in the clouds as the sign of the agreement between me and the earth"



God placed a rainbow in the sky as a symbol of his promise to never again send a flood like the one that Noah had survived in the ark. Today the rainbow is a symbol of hope for us, a reminder that God keeps his promises. Here are some rainbow inspired activities for you and your family to explore together.

Rainbow prayer hunt

Go on a search around your house and try to find something of each of the colours below. Here is a prayer you can say for each colour as you find them.



RED

Thank you, God, that you love us and that you are always with us.



ORANGE

Dear God, please help us to be patient, to wait and listen to you and to be obedient while we wait for this crisis to end.



YELLOW

Dear God, please help all those who are scared. May they know your perfect peace that takes away all fear.

GREEN

Dear God, please look after all those who are sick, give them the treatment and help they need to recover, send your healing power into all the world.



BLUE

Dear God, please protect all those who are working for the NHS, thank you for all they are doing to protect us.



PURPLE

Thank you, God, that we are children of the King of Kings. Thank you that even though we are in difficult times we can trust in you and pray your Kingdom come.



PINK

Thank you, God, that we know you will bring us through this crisis to safety on the other side just as you protected Noah and brought him and his family through the flood.



Make an encouragement rainbow

You will need: Paper and pens or any other craft materials you have around the house

All around the country people are putting rainbows in their windows to encourage people in their street.

Use whatever craft materials you have in your house to decorate a rainbow and put it in your window where your neighbours can see it.



Some promises to share

Here are some more of God's promises from the Bible. Ask God who needs encouraging today and then send them a promise verse.

Joshua 1:9 - Be strong and brave. Don't be afraid because the LORD your God will be with you everywhere you go.

Jeremiah 29:11 - "I say this because I know what I am planning for you," says the LORD, "I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future."

Mark 11:24 - So I tell you to believe that you have received the things you ask for in prayer, and God will give them to you.

Romans 8:28 - We know that in everything God works for the good of those who love him.

