



Together

How do I help my group to come together and get started with the theme?

Gathering prayer

Jesus, our friend

(use alternate index fingers to point and tap the middle of opposite palms)

Be with us today

(two hands, palms up in front of you, move up and down twice)

As we share together,

(two hands, palms up in front of you, move one forward and one back and alternate twice)

Pray together,

(hands together, palm against palm, as though praying)

Play together,

(hands to each side, palms up, make two small circles outwards)

And get to know you better,

(point up with one hand)

As children together in your family

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(children of three different heights)

AMEN



Sometimes we get ourselves in a knot and forget that Jesus is still here, and nothing can separate us from his love, not even the tangles we get ourselves in.

Online game



A set of play people to act out the story or random shapes/bits you can move around to make pictures from the story as you tell it (e.g. stones, felt, twigs etc). A set of play people to act out the story or random shapes/bits you can move around to make pictures from the story as you tell it (eg stones, felt, twigs etc)

Express

Praying together: how can you involve the children actively in prayer?

Woven cross prayers

You will need:

pinboard or cork mat

Push pins or drawing pins,

Wool (three colours)

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Make a cross shape on the board with the pins and cut some lengths of wool in three different colours. Think about something that you would like to bring to God: a sorry, thank you, or please prayer. Using the different colours of wool to represent your prayers, tie the wool around a pin and weave your prayer into the cross shape. As you weave the wool, think about bringing your prayer to Jesus and putting it on the cross

Spoken prayer

Say the words in bold together while doing the actions which are written in italics.

Nothing, nothing, nothing



Hunger cloth collage

Before you start the activity follow this link for inspiration:

<https://www.resourcescentreonline.co.uk/the-miseroer-hunger-cloth-from-haiti-image/>

You will need:

A3 piece of paper/ card if doing one as a group or an A4 for each person if making their own (Could use the side of a cardboard box)

Scissors

Glue

Magazines/ newspapers

Coloured pens and pencils



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... us today

as we share together

Right middle finger touches centre of other palm, repeat

Alternate hands



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