# Faith Adventures for Children Together

Committed to URC Children Together: enabling everyone to grow more like Jesus together in the home, church and beyond. For guidance on the purpose of the resource and how to use it as a launch pad for your engagement with children and families, please use this link: <u>https://urc.org.uk/wp-</u> content/uploads/2023/01/FACT-how-to-sheet.pdf

# John 14: 1-2

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# Introduction: What would be helpful to know in my planning?



# **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

#### AMEN

(Two thumbs up, and bring fists slowly together to meet in front of you)

#### OR

Thank you, God, for bringing us together today. Help us to grow closer to you in all we do. Help us to speak and to listen, to learn and to grow together, Adventuring together with you wherever we may go. Amen

## **In-person Game Room pairs**

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Make pairs of cards with items that go together in different rooms of a house, ensuring you have enough for your group. For example: Fridge and saucepan . kitchen; armchair and lamp . sitting room or toothbrush and sink . bathroom. Give each person a card from the well shuffled selection.

When you give the signal to start, each person must say the name of their object quietly or act it out as they walk around the room.

The aim is to listen carefully and to find the other person who has an object from the same room as you.

For younger groups, use pictures rather than words to make the game easier to join in with. To make things more challenging for older groups you could add objects that could fit into

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# Spoken prayer

Dear God In your house there are many rooms:

A room to be still and to listen;

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