***Sunday school materials 24/05/2020***

***WATCH, WAIT AND PRAY!***

***Paw Prints.***

We are waiting for so much at the moment. We are wondering what life might be like when the Corona virus is over and we can see friends and family. I have heard the phrase a 'new normal' quite a lot recently. I think this explains what the Disciples were waiting for as they waited for Pentecost. Jesus' death, resurrection and ascension had changed everything for them. They wondered how they could return to normal. Of course, once the Holy Spirit came, that new normal of living life with His power became obvious. As you prepare to spend this Sunday with your children why don't you spend some time praying about the new normal you want for your family after this strange time with corona virus.

Jesus had gone up into Heaven and his followers were left waiting and praying for this helper that Jesus promised. Jesus had taught them how to pray - so we’re going to have a look at that prayer so we can pray while we wait!

***BIBLE VERSE: Acts 1:8, 12-14. Matt 6 :9-15***

***NO-BAKE SWEET HEARTS CRAFT/BAKING***

2 no-bake recipes for making heart sweets - to remind us of God’s heart for the world around us. Make whichever you prefer (or both?!)

***Almond cream Sweet Heart recipe***

For 60 small hearts you will need:

* 50g icing sugar
* 50g caster sugar
* 100g ground almonds
* 100g full-fat sweetened condensed milk
* Red food dye

Sift the icing sugar. Mix in the sugar and ground almonds.

Add the condensed milk and mix until everything is combined.

Now add the food dye and knead the colour well in.

The dough is now ready. If you want to roll it, it can go into the fridge for 20 minutes at this time; if you are happy to let the children squidge it into shapes it can be used as it is.

Either roll out the dough and cut heart shapes with it, or make your own heart shapes with it.

Place the shapes on baking paper to dry and harden.

***Peppermint cream recipe:***

* 250g icing sugar
* Half an egg white (or use 2 ½ teaspoons of made up dried egg powder)
* 1 teaspoon of mint or strawberry flavouring
* 2 teaspoons lemon juice
* 2 drops of food colouring.

Sift the icing sugar and add the wet ingredients, mixing well. Be prepared to add more icing sugar if the mixture is too wet. This mixture can be rolled out straight away, no need for refrigerating. If using a rolling pin, make sure that you put icing sugar on the rolling pin to prevent the mixture from sticking.

***THE LORD’S PRAYER***

The disciples were stuck, waiting for God to send this “mysterious helper” Jesus had promised. They just had to wait and pray - Jesus taught them how to pray so let's start there!

Make a small notebook for each child (folded paper) . felt tips.

Read, ‘The Lord's Prayer' on page 323 of The Beginner's Bible. Or a similar children’s Bible if you have one. Or read it from Matthew 6:9-15.

Give each child a notebook and pens. Explain that you are going to talk about each bit of the prayer and they can draw something to help them remember what it means. They should start a new page for each new section of the prayer.

Give them between 2 and 3 minutes to draw each time – depending on their concentration levels. There are six sections so don't make each one too long or they will lose interest before the end!

Ask the children for their opinions on the meaning of each bit before you explain it each time.

*Our Father in heaven,*

*hallowed be your name*

This means that God is our heavenly Father – He made us in the first place and we want to recognise that He is amazing – the ruler of the whole universe.

*Your kingdom come,*

*your will be done*

*on earth as it is in heaven*

This means that we want the whole earth to be as perfect as the day when God created it. We don't want it to be spoiled and we don't want people to be ill or hurt or sad – we want people to know God and act in the way He wants them to. We want earth to be as amazing as heaven is.

*Give us today our daily bread.*

We don't want to be greedy about things or worry about things – we want to trust that God will give us what we really need.

*Forgive us our debts,*

*as we have forgiven our debtors.*

Debt is another word for sin or wrong things. We all do wrong things every day, but God promises to forgive us if we are truly sorry. However, if we want Him to forgive us, we also need to forgive the people who hurt or upset us.

*And lead us not into temptation,*

*but deliver us from the evil one.*

Sometimes we all feel tempted to do the wrong thing but we can ask God to make us strong so that we won't do what the devil suggests to us.

*Amen.*

This just means, ‘I agree' and we can say it at the end of any prayer if we agree with what was said.

**WAITING AND PRAYING**

#### ***Equipment***

Cushions, rug, paper, crayons and drapes. Children’s prayer books (optional).

If you have space create a quiet corner using drapes/sheets for this week. Lay out a rug and a few cushions and have crayons and paper in a tray ready to use.

Explain to the children that this is a special quiet place where they can go to talk and listen to God. If they want to they can look at one of the prayer books or they can write or draw their prayers.

The Point: To give the children an area where they can talk and listen to God, slightly separate from the rest of the busy room.

#### ***HOLY SPIRIT CROWNS - to make ready for next week, when we’ll celebrate Pentecost but there won’t be any sunday school activities.***

#### ***Equipment***

Tissue paper in red, yellow and orange, sellotape, scissors, bands of card that will fit around a head, smaller bits of card. Stapler.

The children are going to make a head dress with a flame on it to remind them of the holy Spirit coming at Pentecost.

Give each child a band of card. Stick a rectangle of card to the centre of the card so that it sticks up – about 15 by 8 cm will do fine. This will be the flame. Let the children stick coloured tissue or crepe paper to the rectangle so that it looks like a flame.

When they are ready with their flame, fit the long piece of card around their heads to judge the right size and staple the crown into a circle.

Then decorate the crown itself. SAVE THIS FOR NEXT WEEK!

The Point: To create a reminder of the Holy Spirit’s coming.

***WORSHIP: REND COLLECTIVE - BUILD YOUR KINGDOM HERE.***

What might God’s Kingdom look like?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sbdJXKqVgtg>

Dance, sing and play instruments!