



Diocese of Bristol

Families growing faith at home

Church@Home is a fantastic all-age resource that has been created to encourage and help families enjoy a time of worship, explore the Bible, pray together and grow in their faith in the comfort of their own homes.

Church@Home provides a fun, engaging and easy-to-follow session every Sunday using a Bible reading selected from the Church of England Lectionary. Each session lasts approximately twenty minutes and provides age-related material for toddlers to teenagers to accommodate everyone in the family. Thought-provoking questions, fun activities and crafts bring the Bible story to life as well as creative prayer ideas to help families focus, learn and grow in their faith together. Additional teaching and craft suggestions are also provided for families with very young children.

Church@Home can also be used as a fun way to help families connect with other families on Sunday mornings too during this time of distancing. Invite everyone to begin **Church@Home** at the same time and perhaps set up a WhatsApp group where families can share what they have done, or discuss the topic further together.

If your family or families in your church are using **Church@Home** please let us know. We would like to keep in contact, find out how you are doing as well as hear how **Church@Home** is helping families grow in their faith, so that we can share and inspire others during this time of distancing.

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Thank you 



Sunday 17 May 2020
6th Sunday of Easter

I am the way John 14:1-21

Time to focus...

Find a place where the family can all sit comfortably - around the table, on the lounge floor etc. As you gather, if possible, light a candle to mark the beginning of your worship time. Quietly stare at the candle, watching the flames flicker and glow.

Set the scene...

Have you seen the TV programme 'Would I lie to you?'. Enjoy watching this [special](#) 'Children in Need' episode with children on the panel, and explore these questions...

- Have you ever been told a lie that was believable?
- Is it easier to tell the truth or a lie?

Watch the story...

This animated video helps explain - "I am the way - [John 14:6](#)"

This video beautifully illustrates "[John 14:1-12](#)"

Explore the story...

Have you ever got lost? What about on a journey? What happened - were you given wrong directions or did the GPS lead you the wrong way?

Do you know that there is only one way to Heaven? Just like there are some places on earth that only have one route to find the destination, Heaven has only one access point. Read John 14:6 - it will reveal to you what Jesus answered.

The Bible tells us that the only way to heaven is through Jesus Christ. Some people think being good can get them to Heaven but the Bible says that only Jesus can get us there. A lot of people have tried to create a better way to God. There are some people who say there are many different roads to God and a relationship with Him.

But the Bible says there's only one way to God, and that's through Jesus Christ, his son. In the bible reading today Jesus said that He is the way and the truth and the life. And no one can come to God the Father except through him (John 14:6). Jesus made becoming a Christian very simple; he simply said "come to me."

Let's make sure people hear the truth and follow the right way to God, and not get lost trying to find their own ways to heaven.

End with a prayer...

Loving God, thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives. Thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. We pray for all those we love at this time and that your Spirit comforts those who are worried, anxious and poorly. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times. Thank you that you are the Way the Truth and the Life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Creative ideas / toddlers to teenagers

0-5s...

Teaching activity: Play the popular game of "follow the leader" or have fun creating an obstacle course - take turns wearing a blindfold as a family member guides / safely shows you the way around the course. As you play, remind everyone that Jesus is the only One to follow that can lead us to God the Father (John 14:6).

5-11s...

Worship: Dance along to this high-energy song; "[One Way](#)"

Craft idea: Road Map Collage...

Cut out squares from old road maps and make a collage. Or design/create your own map of your village, town or city. Decorate them and write "'I am the way, the truth, and the life.' John 14:6" at the bottom. You can also add crosses, arrows (pointing the way) and other Christian symbols too.

Creative prayer: Make a [compass](#) using a bowl of water and a magnetized needle, design a compass or use a compass App on your phone. Stand and look north, south, east and west - think of those in your line of sight - your neighbours, church, local shops, fields/animals/farmers etc. Pray for all those people and places, ending with... "we ask these prayers in the name of Jesus. Amen."

11-18s...

- 1) Have you ever been lost? How did you find the way?
2) According to verse 6, what is Jesus talking about?
3) How would you answer someone who asked you, "How can I get to heaven?"?

+ Lord Jesus, thank you that you are the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through you. Amen

➔ Look up: Acts 4:12, Matthew 7:13, John 3:16-18, Romans 6:23

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