

Primary Years Encouragement – 15.07.2020

Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.

Psalm 95:2

Hello CYM

For many of you, over the course of the next few days, will see the end of an academic year.

These past 17 weeks have been an interesting and difficult time in our history, but it has been a privilege and honour to send you a weekly encouragement that has been a support to you in different ways.

This week will be our last encouragement as we approach the summer holidays. As restrictions continue to ease it is wonderful to hear you all visiting family and friends again in all kinds of safe ways.

Over the summer we have planned a different activity for you all linked to the Sunday Services, which will be delivered to your door by the end of the month.

A lot of you have been asking when will the children's groups be starting again on a Sunday. We have received guidelines from the Baptist Union which our Deacons are working through and once we have an update, Ian will let us all know. In the meantime, we will continue to enjoy our Sunday Services using the current live streaming format.

We have a lot to celebrate right now, so I have put together an encouragement full of hip, hip hoorays.

Activity

Craft

Children's Mask Out Of Old Clothes

Lots of you have been asking me how to make a mask for any children over 5 years old. This was the YouTube video that I was recommended to:-

How to make a children's mask with the tiniest amount of sewing.

Video 1 – how to make the mask – you would be good to watch both videos first as the second video gives you different measurements depending on the ages of your children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0JGQv1hnuH0>

Video 2 – with suggestions of measurements

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQkE-WUEvnU>

Please send me photos of your finished results and hip, hip, hooray you can enjoy going shopping safely.....

Challenge

In 5 minutes, how many words can you make out of the letters from this title “The Three Wise Men”? I got 24... Can you beat that?

Game

Rounders At The Park. This is a great social distancing game for friends and family and it keeps us fit too! Enjoy.....

Story

The Bright Star and Three Visitors (New Testament – Matthew 2:1-12)

When Jesus was born, God put a special star in the sky. Some Wise Men who lived far away saw this star. They knew it was a sign from God that a new king had been born. The Wise Men followed the star. On their way, they stopped in the city of Jerusalem to see King Herod. The Wise Men wanted to ask him about the baby king. Now, Herod was a mean king. He tried to trick the Wise Men. “You must find him for me so I can worship him, too,” he said. The star led the Wise Men to Bethlehem. There they found little Jesus. They worshipped him and gave him gifts fit for a king: gold and sweet-smelling spices. What a celebration.....

Encouragement

There are so many stories of celebration in the Bible. We have a lot to celebrate, which may seem a strange thing to say as COVID-19 is still with us. But we do have a lot to celebrate. We have life, we have family, we have

friends, we have a home, we have clothes and we have food. As you prepare to come to the end of another academic year, may I encourage you as a family to sit together and write down a list of what you would like to do over the summer. One of our families has already compiled their list, with their 8 year old son wanting to milk a cow as something that he would like to do..... I wonder what things your children (and you) would like to try. And when you do them, celebrate....

Prayer

Father God

Thank you for this wonderful story of celebration.

You gave us a new King that Christmas time, a saviour for the world. A hope for those who are lost and sad.

Help us to celebrate the joys of the last academic year, however different they may have been, and may we continue these celebrations over the summer holidays with loved ones.

Help us to continue to stay safe to protect ourselves and others whilst enjoying an ice-cream of two!

In Jesus name

Amen

Worship Song

I'm Gonna Jump Up And Down (Doug Horley)

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

If you need any craft supplies over the summer, food and toiletries, or you fancy meeting up for a walk, please call me on 07969959442.

Enjoy the school holidays.

Every blessing

Denise

