

Do, Make, Pray and Sing activities based on John 14.15-21

Choose from these ideas to help the children make connections between the Bible reading and their lives

Do

Partner! 10 mins

Explore working together

You will need: something to tie hands together.

- Ask the children to find a partner and stand side by side. Tie the couples' inside hands together and then ask them to put their other hand in a pocket or behind their back.
- Challenge the pairs to follow a number of instructions or challenges using their shared hand, e.g. doing a puzzle, tying a shoelace.
- Discuss together what each task was like, then talk about the Holy Spirit working with us as we seek to do the things Jesus asks us to.

Do what? 10 mins

Think about what Jesus asks us to do

You will need: flip chart, marker pens.

- Begin by asking the group to come up with some of Jesus' commandments – things he asks us to do – and making a list on the flip chart.
- In pairs or small groups, ask the children to choose two or three ideas from the list and create a freeze-frame to demonstrate the idea.
- Let the groups show their freeze-frames and see if the rest of the children can guess which commandment they are sharing.

Make

Just love 10 mins

Create a reminder to keep Jesus' great commandment

You will need: red card, white card, [heart template](#), scissors, pens, glue, safety pins, sticky tape.

- Talk to the children about Jesus' big instruction to us – to love one another. If we love one another, it can show what Jesus is like.
- Explain that they are each going to make a badge as a reminder that loving Jesus means loving others.
- Provide each child with a red heart and a white heart of exactly the same size (they can cut these out or you might find it simpler to pre-prepare for the group). Ask everyone to write 'love' in the middle of their white heart. Now cut the red heart in half vertically

and glue the outer curved parts to the top of the white heart so that they fold open like doors to reveal the word 'love' on the inside.

- Tape a safety pin to the back of the white heart to make a badge.

Pray

Also loved 15 mins

Pray that others would love and know Jesus

You will need: A4 paper, coloured pens/pencils.

- Cut A4 paper in half lengthways so that you get two long strips. Give a strip to each child.
- Ask the children to fold their strip of paper in half, short end to short end, and then in half again, short end to short end.
- Then invite the children to draw a person shape on the top of the folded paper – making sure the arms and legs meet the sides. Help the children to cut out the person shape and unfold the paper – you should have a string of four.
- Ask the children to think about four people who they would like to know Jesus. As they decorate the figures, they can pray that these people would know that they are loved and in turn would love Jesus and obey him by loving others. They can take the figures home to continue to pray for those people.

Round and round 10 mins

Sing a song to think about how we are connected

- Before the session, you will need to become familiar with the song '[Round and round](#)'.

Round and round we go, we hold each other's hand

take four steps round clockwise

and weave our lives in the circle

transfer the weight from foot to foot

Our love is strong

take two steps in

the dance goes on

take two steps out.

[Alternative actions](#)

- Gather the children in a circle and teach them the song.
- Once you have learned the song, add the actions too.
- Sing the song several times over so that you create a peaceful sense of prayer and being united in love by the Spirit.