



## Resource Pack

Children's ministry resources & activities for groups & families exploring this week's theme.

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# Together Forever

**Together** / Ephesians 5:21-33 & Revelation 19:7-9

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a four-week study in Ephesians

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*Ephesians 5:21-33 & Revelation 19:7-9*



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## HOW TO USE THIS RESOURCE

This resource has been written and produced by St Bart's Kids and we're delighted to be able to share this curriculum with you. We pray that it would be an amazing tool to aid teaching and learning occurring either at home or within your children's ministry setting.

This package is part of a series based on **Being in Christ, Together**. The items within this package all pertain to **one session**.

The tabs on this document will help guide the main sections that should be incorporated within a session. Within each section you will find modifications for different age/learning levels - look for the tags Early Childhood, Lower Primary, Middle Primary, and Upper Primary.

All of the items within If you have any questions or would like to know more about St Bart's Kids resources, please contact [hello@stbartskids.org](mailto:hello@stbartskids.org)

## TIMING

Welcome and play	15mins
Teaching Time (includes morning tea for Early Childhood)	15mins
Game (Kindy - Year 6 only)	10mins
Small Groups/Activities	20mins
Worship	10mins
Check-out	

## MATERIALS

- Balloons
- Toy Food and Accessories
- Baby dolls
- Prams
- High chairs
- Doll clothes
- Play dough
- Play dough mats Worksheet #1 laminated
- Wipes for cleaning
- Pipe cleaners
- Beads
- Worksheet #2
- Scissors
- Wrapping paper or newspaper
- Music
- Twister Mat and spinner
- Printout of Worksheet #3
- Scissors
- Bluetac
- List of serving roles
- Paper
- Pencils/pens
- Clipboards
- Balloons
- Music

## ADDITIONAL INFO

This resource is the fourth in a four week series based on Being in Christ, TOGETHER.



## SESSION OUTLINE

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### THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

As God's church, we are joined together in Christ forever! We should love and serve one another in a way that reflects our future.

### SERIES OVERVIEW

In this series, we'll learn that God never meant for us to follow Jesus alone. Because of his great love, Jesus brings us together - to himself, to each other, to his mission, and one day to his forever home.

Each week we'll discover how God's family grows stronger when we love, help, and follow Jesus together.

### MULTIMEDIA

1. [SBK Kids Talk](#)
2. [Rejoice and Give Him Glory! Revelation 19](#)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Here are some resources we recommend for helping teach the Gospel to kids.

1. [God's Story: Books of the Bible - Ephesians](#)
2. [Ephesians Family: Kids Episode 1](#)
3. [Ephesians Family: Kids Episode 2](#)

### SONGS | EARLY CHILDHOOD

1. [Big family of God](#)
2. [Stand Together](#)
3. [We Are Family](#)

### SONGS | PRIMARY

1. [Big family of God](#)
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## FOCUS

As God's church, we are joined together in Christ forever! We should love and serve one another in a way that reflects our future.

## WARM-UPS

- Have you ever been to a wedding? What did you enjoy the most?*
- If someone asked you 'What does it mean to love someone', what would you say?*

## TEACHING TIME

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At a wedding, the people who will become husband and wife promise to love and respect each other.. They are promising to put each other first - even when things get tough.

When Paul writes to the Ephesians, he uses this picture of marriage to show us how much Jesus loves us.

- He put us first.
- He loved us so much that he gave his life for us so that we could be his forever.
- He has promised to be with us every day,
- When things get hard, he will never stop loving us.
- When we do things that disappoint him, he will never leave us. !

One day, in the future, ALL people from EVERY country who have trusted Jesus, will be together with him at a huge celebration. John the apostle, tells us that it will be like a magnificent wedding banquet.

Jesus will be like the husband. And he will be so happy to see his bride - that's us. He's been preparing us for this, ever since he returned to his Father. It's almost impossible to imagine. isn't it? Jesus who died for us will receive us all as much-loved people made clean from all of our sin. And we will all be together: with Jesus and with each other - living in a place where there is no unkindness or sadness or meanness.

The amazing thing is that everyone is invited to this new kingdom. You don't have to be clever, or try really hard to be perfect, or beg for an invitation.

All you have to do is to thank Jesus for dying for you so that your sins can be forgiven. Then you become part of this community that is one-in-Christ and together in his mission of encouraging each other and telling other people this Good News.

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

## 1. Early Childhood

How can we thank Jesus because he loves us so much?

## 2. Lower Primary

How can we say thank you to Jesus for all the ways that he loves us?

## 3. Middle Primary

What can you do this week, as a way of thanking Jesus for loving us so much??

## 4. Upper Primary

How does knowing that we have our future with Jesus forever, affect the way that we live this week?



Early Childhood

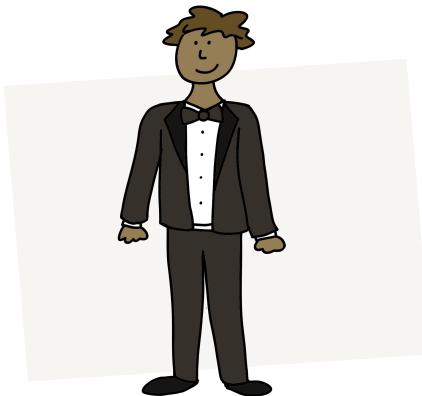


Love one another just as Christ loves you.

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Wives should listen to their husbands and follow Jesus.



Husbands should love their wives just like Jesus loves his people. Jesus loved us so much that he gave his life for us.

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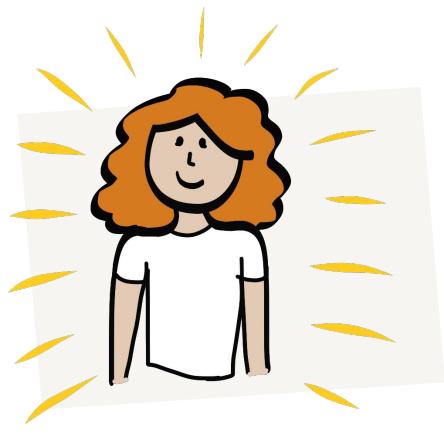
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Husbands and wives must love and respect each other.



Let us be happy and joyful, because Jesus has returned and will be with his people forever.



God's people are ready and dressed in clean, bright clothes.



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Early Childhood



An angel says, “Happy are all the people who are invited to Jesus’ big celebration.”



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Lower Primary

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Ephesians Ch5 v21 Obey one another out of love for Christ.

22-24 Wives should follow their husbands as they follow Jesus.



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25-27 Husbands should love their wives the way Jesus loves the church. Jesus loved us so much that he gave his life for us.



28-33 A husband must love his wife just as he loves himself. And a wife must respect her husband.



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### Lower Primary



Revelation Ch19 v7 Let us rejoice and be glad, and give glory to God, because the wedding of Jesus, the Lamb has come.

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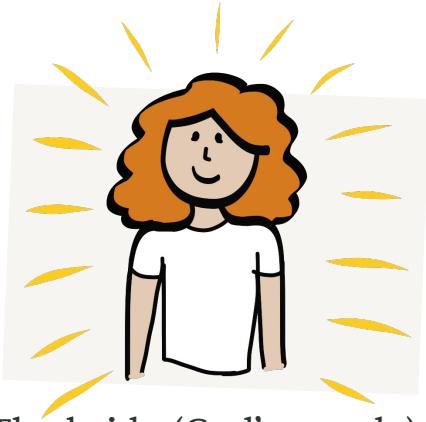
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8 The bride (God's people) has made herself ready and is dressed in clean, bright clothes given to her.



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**Lower Primary**

9 An angel said, “Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb.”

## BIBLE READING

Middle Primary



Ephesians Ch5 v21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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22-24 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.



25-27 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.



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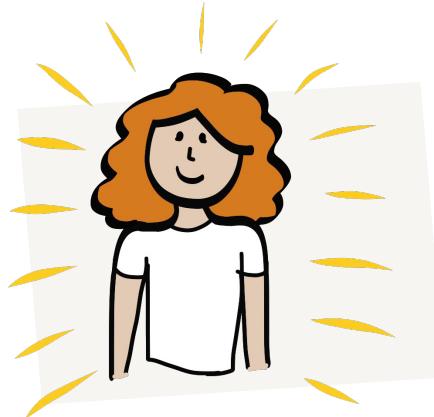
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Revelation Ch19 v7 Let us rejoice and be glad and give God the glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.



8 Fine linen, bright and clean, was given to her to wear.



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9 Then the angel said,  
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are invited to the wedding  
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## SMALL GROUPS

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### FOCUS

As God's church, we are joined together in Christ forever! We should love and serve one another in a way that reflects our future.

### Early Childhood

### PRAYER

Dear God,  
THANK YOU that Jesus loves us.  
THANK YOU that you want to be with us forever.  
HELP US to be kind and loving like Jesus.  
Amen.

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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Listen to SBK ebook (Ephesians 5:21-33 and Revelation 19:7-9 )

- 1. What are some of the rules that your family has so that we can all get along together?** Care for one another; listen well; do our chores, think about the rest of the family instead of trying to get our own way.
- 2. How can we love each other the way Jesus loves us?** We can be kind and helpful - not selfish or always wanting our own way.
- 3. The Church is like God's family. How much does Jesus love his Church?**  
He loves us so much that he gave his life for us.
- 4. Read Revelation 19:7-9**  
**One day in the future we will all live with Jesus and with each other. What will that be like?** Everyone will be so happy and praising God together.
- 5. How will God's people be ready?**  
They will be given clean bright clothes to wear.
- 6. Who is invited to this big celebration in heaven?**  
Everyone who loves Jesus

*For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.*

*Ephesians 5:31-32*



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### Lower Primary

### PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Thank you that Jesus loves us so much that he gave his life for us.  
Thank you for the promise that one day we will celebrate with him forever.  
Help us to love and serve one another humbly and sacrificially, just like Jesus loves us.  
Amen.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read SBK Lower Primary Scripture (Ephesians 5:21-33 and Revelation 19:7-9)

- 1. What are some of the rules that your family has so that we can all get along together?** Care for one another; listen well; do our chores, think about the rest of the family instead of trying to get our own way.
- 2. Ephesians 5:21 says that we should 'obey one another out of love for Christ'. How do we obey one another in our family?** We each do what we have been asked to do - and that means we won't always get our own way. We put others first because we love Jesus.
- 3. How is the Church like a family?** When we love Jesus, we want to be kind and helpful. Not selfish and wanting our own way.
- 4. How much does Jesus love his Church?** He loves us so much that he gave his life for us. When Jesus died, he made it possible for all of us to be part of his family.
- 5. Read Revelation 19:7-9**  
**One day in the future we will all live with Jesus and with each other. What will that be like?** Everyone will be so happy and praising God together. It will be like a big wedding celebration!

#### 7. Who will be the bride at this wedding?

Everyone who has trusted Jesus will be the bride. That means us!

It means that we will belong to Jesus forever

#### 8. How will the bride get ready?

She - all God's people - will wear beautiful clothes that God has given her.

#### 9. Who is invited to this wedding?

Everyone who loves Jesus

#### 10. How can we say thank you to Jesus for all the ways that he loves us?

We can live the way that he wants us to, showing his love to each other. We can tell our friends about Jesus. We can thank him now in prayer.

*'For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.  
Ephesians 5:31-32*



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### Middle Primary

### PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Thank you that Jesus loves us so much that he gave his life for us.  
Thank you for the promise that one day we will celebrate with him forever.

Help us to love and serve one another humbly and sacrificially, just like Jesus loves us.

Amen.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read SBK Middle Primary Scripture (Ephesians 5:21-33 and Revelation 19:7-9)

1. **What are the rules in your family about how you should all behave?** Talk about taking turns, respecting each other, listening to each other, doing the rosters. All these things help us to live together well so that the family is peaceful. .
2. **Read verses Ephesians 5:22-28.**  
**What do you think Paul means when he writes that we should submit to one another (and that wives should submit to their husbands)?** It is not about 'who's the boss'. In our families, husbands and wives serve each other, by putting each other first. One might even make sacrifices so that the other can have a rest or try a new job. They do it because they love each other.
3. **How is the church like a marriage?**  
Jesus puts us first. He loved us so much that he gave up his own life so that we could be part of his Church. When husbands & wives put each other first, that is a picture of how much Jesus loves the church.
4. **How can we love each other in the same way that Christ loves the church?**  
We put others first, instead of being selfish and wanting our own way. We do this in our families - and in the church (God's family).

### 5. Jesus is head of the church. Now and forever.

Read Revelation 19:7-9. Why will we give God glory in the future? Because he will welcome us into heaven/his Kingdom forever - just like a groom welcomes his bride.

### 6. How will we - the church - make ourselves ready for the wedding feast? (Explain that this is a picture).

We will put on special wedding clothes made just for us, his Church. It will be perfectly clean and bright - because Jesus has made us clean.

### 7. Who will be there at the wedding feast?

All of us who have trusted in Christ. We will all be together forever - with Jesus and with each other.

### 8. If Jesus has this wonderful future in store for us, how can we show our thanks to him this week?

Help children to focus on how they can put God first, to share the Good News - and others before themselves.

*For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.*

*Ephesians 5:31-32*



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## Upper Primary

## PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Thank you that Jesus loves us so much that he gave his life for us.  
Thank you for the promise that one day we will celebrate with him forever.  
Help us to love and serve one another humbly and sacrificially, just like Jesus loves us.  
Amen.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Ephesians 5:21-33 and Revelation 19:7-9 in NIV Bible

- What are the rules in your family about how you should all behave?** Talk about taking turns, respecting each other, listening to each other, doing the chores. All these things help us to live together well so that the family is peaceful and fun.
- Read verses Ephesians 22-28. Paul says that husbands should love their wives and wives should follow the lead set by their husband. What do you think he means?** They should put each other first (ahead of themselves). It is not about 'who's boss'. It's about loving each other and building each other up.
- What did Jesus do to show how much he loved the church?** He gave his own life so that we could be a part of his body the Church.. He put us first.
- Why did Jesus do that? V26-27.** To make us holy, (without sin), without any imperfection.
- How is marriage like a picture of the church?** When husbands and wives put each other first, they are reflecting Jesus' love. They are following the example of Jesus, who sacrificed his life for the church.,  
In the Church, we also put others first, not wanting our own way.

- Jesus is with us now and one day in the future, we will live with him forever. Read Revelation 19:7-9.**

**How will we be celebrating with God?** By giving him glory because he will welcome us into his Kingdom forever - just like a groom welcomes his bride. We'll be together forever - with Jesus and with each other.

- How will we - the church - make ourselves ready for Jesus' wedding feast?** (*Explain that this is a picture*). We'll get ready just like a bride gets ready. We will put on a beautiful clean clothes made just for us, his Church (Jesus has made us perfect).

- Who will be there at the wedding feast?**  
All of us who have trusted in Christ.

- If one day we'll be with Jesus forever, how does this affect the way that we live this week?**  
Help children to focus on how they can put God first , to share the Good News - and others before themselves.

*For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.*

*Ephesians 5:31-32*



## FOCUS

As God's church, we are joined together in Christ forever! We should love and serve one another in a way that reflects our future.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD

Dear God,  
THANK YOU that Jesus loves us.  
THANK YOU that you want to be with us forever.  
HELP US to be kind and loving like Jesus.  
Amen.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dear Heavenly Father,  
Thank you that Jesus loves us so much that he gave his life for us.  
Thank you for the promise that one day we will celebrate with him forever.  
Help us to love and serve one another humbly and sacrificially, just like Jesus loves us.  
Amen.

## TIPS



Early Childhood

Dear God,

THANK YOU that Jesus loves us.

THANK YOU that you want to be with us forever.

HELP US to be kind and loving like Jesus.

Amen.

**Sunday School**

Dear Heavenly Father,

Thank you that Jesus loves us so much that he gave his life for us.

Thank you for the promise that one day we will celebrate with him forever.

Help us to love and serve one another humbly and sacrificially, just like Jesus loves us.

Amen.

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*In this section, you'll find activities for Early Childhood and Primary School aged kids. There's a range of crafts, activities and games suitable for both individuals and groups.*

### EARLY CHILDHOOD

- Balloons
- Food Play
- Baby Doll Role Play
- Play Dough (*Kindy*)
- Bracelets (*Kindy*)

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Bracelets (*P*)
- Pass the Parcel (1-2)
- Twister Words (3-4)
- Serving Opportunities (5-6)

### GAMES

- Red light, Green light (*Kindy*)
- Balloon Rally (*P-6*)



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# Balloons

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Balloons

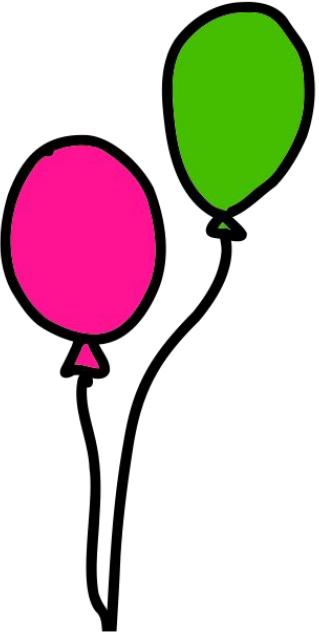
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## STEPS

1. Using a balloon pump, blow up a balloon for each child.
2. Let the children play with the balloons around the room.
3. Play a game of 'uppy' where the children have their own balloon that they have to try and keep hitting up so that it doesn't fall on the floor.
4. Grab some ribbon to attach to the balloons for the children to take home.
5. The Bible tells us that when Jesus comes back, it will be a big celebration. Balloon play helps us remember the joy of being together with Jesus forever.



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Balloons are often used at celebrations and parties, just like the big celebration when Jesus returns.

# Food Play

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Toy Food and Accessories

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## STEPS

1. Set out the toy food - including plates, cups and cutlery. Making it look like a little party/wedding.
2. Talk to the children about parties and if they've ever been to a wedding and what food they ate, etc.



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*Revelation describes being with Jesus like a wedding feast, a joyful meal together.*



## ACTIVITIES

# Baby Doll Role Play

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Baby dolls
- Prams
- High chairs
- Doll clothes

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### STEPS

1. Bring out the baby dolls, prams, high chairs, dolls clothes, etc. Talk about babies and who might have a baby brother or sister in their family.
2. Talk about how caring for the baby dolls is a great way to show love.
3. Have the children play with the dolls and their accessories. Feeding, dressing and taking care of them.



Link

*When we look after others, we are showing what Jesus' love looks like. This is how God wants his church to treat one another as we wait for our forever future.*



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## ACTIVITIES

# Play Dough

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Play dough
- Play dough mats Worksheet #1 laminated
- Wipes for cleaning

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### STEPS

1. Invite the children to use play dough to create/overall of the circles and hearts on the mat.
2. Circles remind us Jesus' love never ends. Children roll play dough into a circle.
3. Hearts remind us to Love one another. Children shape a heart to show love and care.



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*Jesus brings us together, we love one another now, and one day we will celebrate with him forever.*



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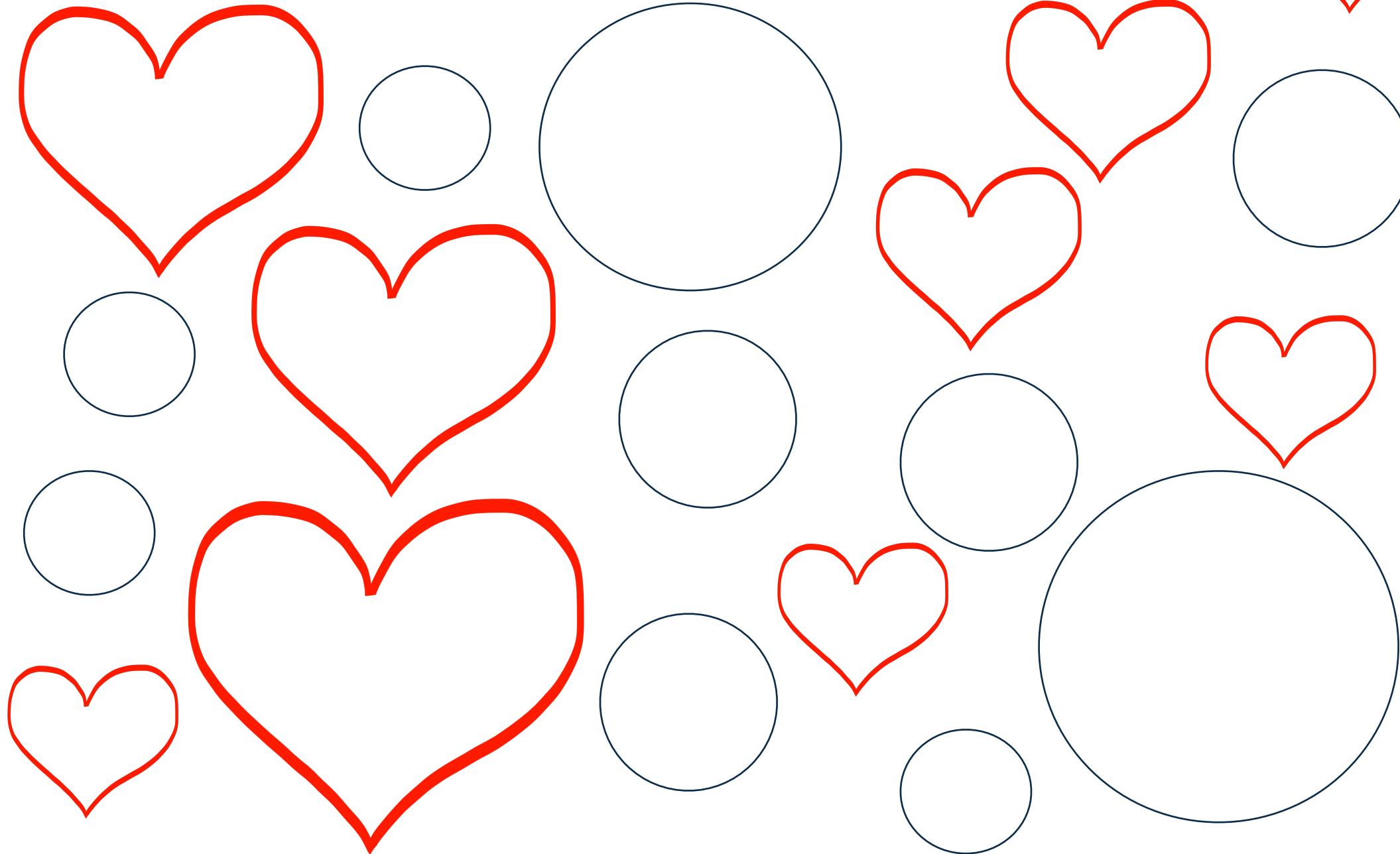
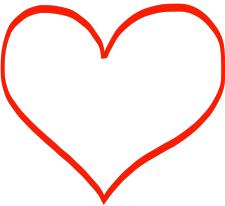
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WORKSHEET #1

The PLAY DOUGH MAT can be found on the following page.



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## ACTIVITIES

# Bracelets

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Pipe cleaners
- Beads

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### STEPS

1. Get the children to thread the beads onto the pipe cleaners to make a bracelet.
2. Talk to the children about how bracelets are circles and circles never end. Which is just like God's love for us and that we can have God's gift of eternal life.



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*A bracelet is a circle - it has no beginning and no end. When we belong to Jesus, we are joined together forever.*



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## ACTIVITIES

# Pass the Parcel

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Worksheet #2
- Scissors
- Wrapping paper or newspaper
- Music

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## STEPS

**PREPARATION:** cut out the Bible verses from Worksheet #2. Wrap up a parcel and include one verse between each layer.

1. Children sit in a circle and pass the parcel around until the music stops. Whoever ends up with the present stops and opens ONE layer.
2. Inside each layer will be a different Bible verse reminding us of the great joy we can have in Jesus. When the music stops, the child unwraps one layer and then reads aloud the Bible verse included within that layer. Pin these verses up on the wall as a reminder of the reasons we can celebrate while we wait for Jesus' return.
3. Continue playing until all the layers have been unwrapped.



## Link

These verses remind us that our future with Jesus is safe and certain. Because of that, we love and serve each other now.



At that time they will say,  
 "He is our God. We trusted in him, and he saved us.  
 He is the Lord. We trusted in him. Let us be filled with joy  
 because he saved us."

*Isaiah 25:9*

He will swallow up death forever. The Lord and King will  
 wipe away the tears from everyone's face.  
 He will remove the shame of his people from the whole earth.  
*Isaiah 25:8*

Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!  
 For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has  
 made herself ready.

*Revelation 19:7*

Teach them to obey everything I have commanded you.  
 And you can be sure that I am always with you, to the very  
 end.

*Matthew 28:20*

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
 The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.  
*2 Corinthians 5:17*

"This is how God showed his love among us:  
 He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might  
 live through him."

*1 John 4:9*

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!  
 In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living  
 hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*1 Peter 1:3*

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live,  
 but Christ who lives in me.

*Galatians 2:20*

See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.  
The former things will not be remembered,  
nor will they come to mind.

*Isaiah 65:17*

What, then, shall we say in response to these things?  
If God is for us, who can be against us?

*Romans 8:31*

He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

*Revelation 21:4*

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

*Revelation 21:5*

I am about to do something new. It is beginning to happen even now. Don't you see it coming? I am going to make a way for you to go through the desert. I will make streams of water in the dry and empty land.

*Isaiah 43:19*

Put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

*Ephesians 4:24*

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

*Romans 6:4*

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

*John 5:24*

# Twister Words

## YOU'LL NEED...

- Twister Mat and spinner
- Printout of Worksheet #3
- Scissors
- Bluetac

## SERIES

Together

## BIBLE FOCUS

Ephesians 5:21-33 &  
Revelation 19:7-9

## TOPIC

Together Forever

## STEPS

1. Set up the Twister mat and spinner.
2. Cut out the individual words from Worksheet #2 and blutac each onto a different twister dot, at random.
3. Play the game as per normal, however the winner is the person to have at least 4 different words selected with different parts of their body.



## Link

These words help us remember what our future with Jesus will be like and how we should live now.



**Jesus Love Together God Celebrate Forever**

## ACTIVITIES

# Serving Opportunities

### YOU'LL NEED...

- List of serving roles
- Paper
- Pencils/pens
- Clipboards

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### STEPS

1. Talk about the various different serving roles that the children know about happening within your church.
2. Where possible, show them a list of all the roles available on both a Sunday and during the week.
3. Ask the children which roles they are surprised by or were not aware of.
4. Allow them to ask questions about the many different ways in which people serve. This would also be a great opportunity to share how you serve at church and how you got involved in this area.
5. Guide them through recording their responses in a Serving Grid - set up the page into 4. Then label each quadrant as displayed in the example to the right.
6. **Gifts** - list the gifts God has given you  
**Interested** - list the role/roles that interest you at the moment  
**High needs** - list the high needs areas at your church (where volunteers are needed)  
**Prayer** - write a prayer to commit the need for volunteers and how to best use your gifts for God's Kingdom



### GIFTS

### INTERESTED

### HIGH NEEDS

### PRAYER

*We serve others now because we are already part of God's forever family and we will be together forever in Jesus, so we practise loving and serving each other now.*

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## ACTIVITIES

# GAME: Red light, Green light

## YOU'LL NEED...

- N/A

## SERIES

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## BIBLE FOCUS

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Revelation 19:7-9

## TOPIC

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## STEPS

1. Have a starting line at one end of your playing area and a finishing line at the other end.
2. Line up the children along the starting line.
3. When you say 'Green Light' everyone will move towards the finish line.
4. When you say 'Red Light' everyone must immediately stop.
5. If players are still moving when you call 'Red Light', they must go back to the starting line.
6. Start a new round when everyone gets across the finish line.



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God's love never stops. His love goes on forever.



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## ACTIVITIES

# GAME: Balloon Rally

### YOU'LL NEED...

- Balloons
- Music

### SERIES

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### BIBLE FOCUS

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Revelation 19:7-9

### TOPIC

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WEEK

4

OVERVIEW

GATHER

READ

CHAT

DO

PLAY

### STEPS

1. Split children into 2 teams.
2. Each child is to have a partner. Children are to sit in a line in their team, facing their partner, sitting opposite, with teams approximately 1m apart.
3. Each team is to hit the balloon OVER the heads of the opposing team in order to score a point. Their bottoms must NOT be raised off the floor, (or that person comes out for 30 seconds). They must not stand, kneel, slide across chairs, etc. But they CAN wave their arms and stretch to try and defend their own goal.
4. This game works best with a maximum of 8-10 pairs on a team. Once the players are familiar with how to play the game, add extra balloons (simultaneous play) along the line for a challenge.



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*The Bible tells us that when Jesus comes back, it will be a big celebration. Balloon play helps us remember the joy of being together with Jesus forever.*



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