

# End of Year Prizegiving Service

## Theme: 'God With Us'

LEADER:

### Welcome & Introduction

This morning the theme of our service is 'God with us.'

In this year's All Aboard children's programme, there have been many examples of bible stories showing how God is with his people in all the various circumstances of life.

- When trouble came to Jeremiah God rescued him from the bottom of a well.
- When sickness came to King Hezekiah, God answered his prayer and healed him.
- When great loss came to Ruth and Naomi, God walked with them through their bereavement and gave them a new family and a future.

God is with us in every circumstance of life.

We learned that God is with us even when we don't deserve it.

- He was with Adam and Eve when they broke his rules and ate from the tree of life.
- He was with Jonah when he disobeyed and ran in the opposite direction of Nineveh.
- He was even with Saul when he was persecuting the followers of Jesus.

God is with us even when we do the wrong thing.

The bible stories also showed us that God notices the things we do for him, even the little things.

- Jesus noticed the widow who gave 2 tiny coins into the temple.
- He noticed the tax collector's great sorrow for his sins.
- He noticed the thank you that one leper gave who was healed.

God is with us. God is close by.

CONGREGATION SING:

Suggestion: 'Hallelujah (Your love is Amazing)' by Brenton Brown/Brian Doerksen

TIME OF CONFESSION:

(from 'All Age Everything' by Nick Harding published by Kevin Mayhew)

We come to a time of confession when we say sorry to God for the wrong things we have done and for the times we have failed to live lives that are pleasing to Him. Throughout this time of saying sorry we are going to respond by saying together: **'In our lives of faith we have let you down.'**

When we have thought bad things about others,  
avoided the needy,  
and failed to help.

**In our lives of faith we have let you down.**

In the way we are at home,  
the things we do at school,  
the actions we take at work.

**In our lives of faith we have let you down.**

When we could have shared about you  
or offered to pray for others,  
or spoken of our faith.

**In our lives of faith we have let you down.**

Help us to be committed to you today and every day,  
and take every opportunity to serve you **AMEN!**

#### POWERPOINT

The Big Quiz of the Year (see digital resources)

Suggestion – Play this quiz children against adults and big it up with the children  
Can the children beat the adults? Have they remembered the bible stories they learned this year?

#### BIBLE READING 1:

Jonah chapter 2

#### CONGREGATION SING:

Suggestion: 'You Never Let Go' by Beth Redman/Matt Redman

#### DRAMA and SONG:

Younger Age Group

Drama: Jonah the Groaner (see resources)

Song Suggestion: '**Always with me**' *From the Album 'Big Family of God'* OR '**Every Step**' *From the Album 'Newsongs for Kids- God Suit on' from Spring Harvest.* (*Both are available to download from Amazon Music and iTunes*)

#### LEADER:

Short Talk 1 (see resources)

#### DRAMA and SONG:

Older Age Group

Drama: The Lord is with you Mighty Warrior

Song Suggestion: '**Be Strong and Courageous**' -by Becky Frith *from the Album Newsongs for Kids Spring Harvest 2015* OR '**Strong and Brave**' by Steve Squires *from the album 'Welcome to the Big Academy'*  
(*Both are available to download from Amazon Music and iTunes*)

#### BIBLE READING 2:

Judges 1: 1-7

#### CONGREGATION SING:

Suggestion: Be Bold Be Strong - Morris Chapman

#### LEADER:

Short Talk 2 (see resources)

#### PRAYERS:

Week Prayers (see PowerPoint in Digital resources and Postcards in resources)  
Give everyone time to think about the week ahead and all the things they will be doing in that week, whether at work, at school, at home, or out and about. Use the postcards to write down some of the things that are happening each day.  
Leader can then lead the congregation in prayer by reading the first part of each line 'On Monday when....' and leaving a short pause so everyone can pray about their own activities and ending each line with 'You are with me God.'

PRIZE GIVING:

Leaders distribute prizes

LEADER:

Blessing

May God, who is all around you

*beginning at the bottom of the circle, make a large circle with your hands.*

Slowly pour his love upon you.

*finish by bringing your hands down and wiggling the fingers to resemble rain.*

And Jesus, his life a sacrifice,

*slowly make a large sign of the cross.*

Walk right there beside you.

*move your hands out to the sides.*

And may God's Holy Spirit, the one who lives inside you,

*Cross your hands over the heart*

keep you strong

*move to a "strong man" position*

comfort, lead and guide you!

*cross your arms with the hands on corresponding upper arms to communicate*

*comfort. Bring one hand forward with "lead" and the other with "guide" to*

*complete the blessing.*