

'Gather around the table is spread'



'Thinking about Communion'

**North Blackwater
Parishes**



Name:

'A course that can be used as preparation for Communion before Confirmation'

Aims:

We will all try our best
focus on the purpose of our meeting
to listen to whoever is talking
and to be kind to each other,

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Opening prayer:

God made us a family
We need each other
We love one another
We forgive one another
We work together
We play together
Together we use God's word
Together we grow in Christ
Together we love all people
Together we serve our God
Together we hope for heaven
through Christ our Lord, amen

Session 1: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Christians follow Jesus. They do the things Jesus did and the things He would do today. What things did Jesus do?



My Church is

When I go to Church I usually see



My favourite pets names are:

When I was baptised the Vicar used my name. He said:

"..... I baptise you in the name of Father the Son and the Holy Spirit"

Others things used in my baptism were:

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r	t	b	v	o	i	m	p
e	m	h	w	y	o	h	h
y	j	w	a	c	f	e	w
a	w	o	l	n	l	s	a
r	r	e	s	p	k	q	t
p	w	y	v	c	f	s	e
a	f	c	r	o	s	s	r

God says: 'I will not forget! See, I have engraved your on the palms of my hands....
Isaiah 49:16

Jesus was baptised by John: (see Booklet).



Baptism and water

Our church is full of symbols. Can you list some symbols we find in the church?

Whenever a baptism happens we use water. Water is a symbol. What do you think water is a symbol for?

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Session 2:



Confession

The Old Testament tells us the story of how Sin started. (Genesis chapter 3)

What is Sin?

When we come to Church we ask God to forgive our Sins. We might use words like:

or

Let us return to the Lord
our God and say to him:
Father,
**we have sinned against
heaven and against you.**
**We are not worthy to be
called your children.**
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us,
bring us back to yourself
as those who once were
dead
but now have life
through Christ our

We are often slow to
follow the example of
Christ.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
We often fail to be known
as Christ's disciples.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
We often fail to walk the
way of the cross.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord. Amen.

See if you can complete this sentences that John wrote:

If we confess our he is faithful and just and will us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1 verse 9)

The Vicar reminds us that God forgives us with words like:

or

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins
and assure us of his eternal
love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

May the God of love and
power
forgive *you* and free *you*
from your sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by
his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in
Christ our Lord.
All Amen.

Jesus our Friends and Brother

Just like us Jesus had a Birthday

I celebrate my Birthday on:

I was born in

We celebrate Jesus' birthday on

He was born in

My family came to see me the first people were

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Read part of this story from Luke's Gospel
(Chapter 2 verses 1 to 15)

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was governor of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register.



4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David.

5 He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son.

She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night.

9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them,

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”



13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

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“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

People came to see Jesus born. These included:

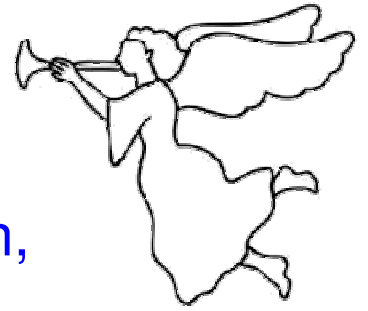
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The Angels Sang to him:



“Glory to in the highest heaven,

and on earth to those on whom his favour rests.”

In a communion service we sometimes sing a very similar song: OR

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the
Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus
Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

PERUVIAN GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Father.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen, alleluia ame—n.

Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God,
Son of the Father.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen, alleluia ame—n

Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit.
Glory to God, glory to God,
Glory to the Spirit.
To him be glory forever.
To him be glory forever.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia amen, alleluia ame—n.

Tell the story

In my life lots of things happen. One of the fun things that happened was:

We like to hear stories about people. When we hear stories we learn about our friends. Christians like to hear stories about Jesus and Jesus' family. In a communion service we have some of those stories read to us:

See if you can match the two parts of the story together

Someone was baptised by John •

The gave Jesus 3 types of gift •

Jesus was in a boat •

The story of the lost •

Peters Mother in law was very sick •

• Sheep

• Jesus made her well

• Jesus

• He calmed the storm

• The wise me

Our Church services often has space for pieces of the Bible to be read.

These come from:

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**The story of God and people
before Jesus**

Worship Songs

The stories of Jesus' life

The stories of the early church

My favourite bible stories are:

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2.
3.

Many of the stories in the Bible tell us how God calls us to follow him.

The story of Samuel being born and being called by God is one of them. (1 Samuel Chapters 1 to 3).

Make up the small book that tells the story and read it together.

When we read the Bible stories in the Church. The reader often says:

“This is the word of the Lord”

and we say

“ ”

When the stories of the life of Jesus are read in a Communion Service :

“This is the gospel of our Lord”

is said and we say

“ ”

Talking to God

When I get home after school I talk with my family about the day. Today I might tell them about:

In church we talk to God about lots of things. These might include:

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Some of these are things that we hope will change.

When we meet together and pray about these things we call these prayers '**Intercessions**'.

These **intercessions** might include things about:

Creation,
Human society,
The Queen
Those in authority
The local community
Those who suffer
The communion of saints

See if you can find these words in the square below (not the underlined words).

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Closing prayer Week 1:

Father, in this week;

Help us to know that you love us.

Help us to remember that you know each of our names.

Help us to do good things.

Help us to remember to ask for forgiveness.

Help us to be people who forgive others. Amen

Closing prayer week 2:

Father, in this week;

Help us to remember that Jesus was like us.

Help us to learn more about our friends and about Jesus.

Help us to listen to each others stories and to listen to Jesus Story.

Amen

Closing prayer week 3:

Father, in this week

Help us to celebrate each other's stories

Help us to celebrate our story

Help us celebrate your story

Amen

Communion before confirmation: A plan of the sessions

What is Communion? What makes it different from other services?

Why do we do it?

What are the things we do in a communion service?

Session 1: In the name of the Father :

We think about the church that we are part of.

We remember that God knows us intimately, by name and that our name is written on his hands.

Jesus was baptised and because we follow Jesus we were baptised to

Question answers

Session 1: Word search

Solution

SCANDLEE
RT++++M+
E+H++O+H
Y++AC+EW
A++LNL+A
R+E+PK+T
PW++++SE
++CROSSR

(Over,Down,Direction)

CANDLE(2,1,E)
HELP(8,3,SW)
PRAYERS(1,7,N)
THANKS(2,2,SE)
WATER(8,4,S)
WELCOME(2,7,NE)
CROSS (8,2,E)

Session 2 Saying sorry to God and Telling the Story

Confession: We remember the start of sin in the world using the account in the Lion Beginners bible.

We remember that God loves us and wants to forgive us, but that we need to ask him for that forgiveness.

We think about how forgiveness links in with the communion service. We come saying sorry. The Priest reminds us that if we truly mean we are sorry then God forgives us and restores us.

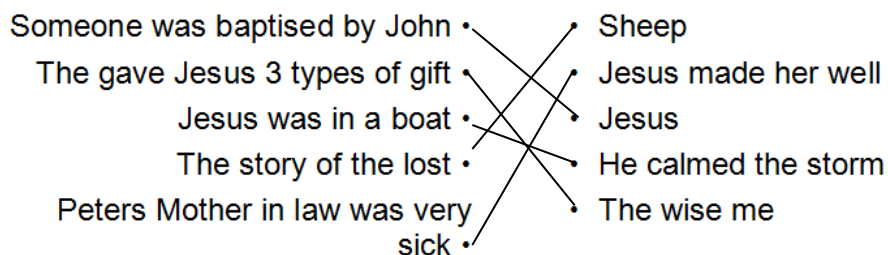
Jesus brother and friend: We read the story of Jesus' birth in Luke's Gospel

We think about our own birth and how it was in many ways like Jesus' birth.

We think about the celebration in heaven when Jesus was born and how that links in with the Gloria which can be said/sung in the communion service.

Telling the story: We think about how knowing people's story is important if we want to understand them.

We think about our own story and how Jesus/God's story is told in the communion service



The Old Testament

The story of God and people before Jesus

The Psalms

Worship Songs

The Gospels

The stories of Jesus' life

The Epistles (or letters)

The stories of the early church

When we read the Bible stories in the Church. The reader often says:
"This is the word of the Lord"

and we say

"Thank be to God"

When the stories of Jesus are read in a communion service :
"This is the gospel of our Lord"

and we say

"Praise to you, O Christ"

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Solution

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- COMMUNIONOFSAINTS (17, 14, W)
- CREATION (17, 1, S)
- HUMANSOCIETY (4, 1, SE)
- LOCALCOMMUNITY (14, 3, W)
- THEQUEEN (17, 5, SW)
- THOSEINAUTHORITY (1, 13, E)
- THOSEWHOSUFFER (3, 7, E)