

God is Here



LET'S BEGIN: We have a commission: A commission is not an easy thing — and we can do this. But first: we **WASH OUR HANDS!**



Let's Pray: Help us, God, to keep noticing the signs all around us that you are in this place with us. Amen



LET'S CHECK IN: We can each share what has been the hardest part — so far in our stay at home and what has been the most helpful.



BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 28:15-16. Read it, or tell it like this: Jacob was on a long trip and slept under the stars, a stone for his pillow. A dream surprised him: God was in this place! And Jacob did not even know it! To mark this place, Jacob poured oil on the stone pillow.

WONDERING TOGETHER: What would we say is the difference between expecting God to “fix it” and trusting that God is in this with us? What are some ways we can help each other trust that God is in this with us?



LET'S CHOOSE: We can choose which activity we want to do — and when we will make the time to do it.

DREAM STORIES: We can share with each other dreams we have had — that we can remember. We may not have had a dream as obvious as the one that Jacob had. Sometimes our dreams don't seem to make any sense as we are trying to figure out things in our sleep. And sometimes our dreams are really funny.

GOOD NEWS SCOUTS: Adults or older children can take turns checking on the news for stories of people helping each other and doing caring things. They can share what they find with the rest of us.

SCAVENGER HUNT: One of us can make a list of things around the house — in plain sight — and the rest of us can see how many things on the list we can find, leaving them in place for the next person to find. (It could be a certain book in a bookcase, a sock on the floor, whatever.) We can take turns making the list and the rest of us listing what we found.

SORT, SHARE, TOSS: We can go through closets, drawers, and cupboards looking for things we no longer need. Some things one of us will want to keep, some things can go in a box to share (later) with people who could use them, and some things will simply go to trash.

A CALMING TIME: Using this portion of Psalm 46: “Be still and know that I am God” we can sit in a circle, eyes closed, and one of us says the words, each time leaving off one word at the end (Be still and Know That I am God — Be still and know that I am. Be still and know. Continuing).

CLOSING CIRCLE PRAYER. Creating our circle prayer, we “draw” a large circle above our heads while saying our prayer: Circle us as we trust that you are right here with us and those we love, and those who are doing caring things for each other. We give you thanks. Amen.



Some Things That Might Help:

Bible

paper

pencils

or

crayons

or

markers



To Go

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