

What have we done that we shouldn't have done today, or what things should we have done and we couldn't be bothered?..... and say sorry to God and one another.

Who are the people and places for whom you are concerned today? These may be a relative who is ill, a person you are finding difficult or something in the wider world... and ask God to help.

Meeting with others

At baptism we are welcomed into a world wide family of faith. Living a life of trusting God and following the life of Jesus can be difficult and we need the help and encouragement of Jesus to persevere at times. Find other people with whom you can worship, at a church or through school.

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Welcome to Baptism

Baptism is a gift from God, a declaration of God's love for your child and your expression of wanting your child to grow up knowing God's love, through Jesus, for themselves.

Baptism is the beginning of a journey of getting to know God and growing in love and trust for God that goes on for the whole of our lives.

This leaflet has a few suggestions for ways in which you can help your child to grow in understanding God's amazing love for them, and your family.

Bedtime stories can be a lovely time with young children and books which assume God's love as part of life can help your child know more about God, here are a few suggestions:

Board type books

God knows all about me by Kate Toms
Lost sheep story by Christina Goodings
Beautiful Oops by Barney Saltzberg

ISBN-13: 978-1860246951
ISBN-13: 978-0745960876
ISBN-13: 978-0761157281

By Susie Poole

You are very special
Whatever is lovely
Always near me
My baby is loved
All these things

ISBN-13: 978-0745963006
ISBN-13: 978-1904637264
ISBN-13: 978-1904637202
ISBN-13: 978-1904637523
ISBN-13: 978-1904637271

By Henning & Chapman

Animal Tales: Noisy noses
Animal Tales: Twitching tails
Animal Tales: Cosy coats
When God made the animals
By Jill Roman Lord

ISBN-13: 978-1859996539
ISBN-13: 978-1859996522
ISBN-13: 978-1859996508
ISBN-13: 978-1590527146

Others for when they want more story:

The Beginner's Bible:

By Nick Butterworth & Mick Inkpen

Stories Jesus Told:
Wonderful Earth

By Claire Freedman

Benjamin Bear says thank you
Benjamin Bear says sorry

Also:

Who Taught Frogs to Hop? -Robert Ingram
Who Loves You, Little Beetle? By Carla Diji
Loaves and Fishes (Usborne Bible Tales)
Hug time by Patrick McDonnell
Lift the flap: lost sheep by Juliet David

ISBN-13: 978-1859855546
ISBN-13: 978-1859855881
ISBN-13: 978-1856080057
ISBN-13: 978-1859856734
ISBN-13: 978-1859858301

For older children there are some great books including ones by Russell Stannard which explore science and faith well.

Wow!

Children are born with a sense of wonder. They are amazed at things we take for granted. In the busyness of life we sometimes are in too much of a rush, and so hurry them on through and past things they want to stand and stare at.

But the world we live in is an amazing place, full of things to “wow” about. Try to find times for “wow” moments each day, and you will be amazed at how wonderful the world is and somehow it can give you a sense of peace and calm.

Talking to God

Talking to God is something many people do, even if only when in moments of desperation. Encourage your child to talk to God everyday, remembering they learn most from what YOU do. What have you enjoyed about today?..... and say Thank You to God for those things.